

Open CV color detector

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The image is first extracted from the command line as it is passed in from the user, first the program checks to see if the user had added an argument to the calling of the program, if not it shows a message and returns -1, shown in listing 1.

```
1  if(argc < 2){
2      cout << "Could not open or find the image!\n" << endl;
3      cout << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " <Input image>" << endl;
4      return -1;
5  }
```

Listing 1: argument check

The inputted image is then stored as a matrix using open cv, this image is then cropped to only display the center of the image. This is done because in all of the sample images the object required to detect is in the center. The crop is done using ROI (Region of interest) calculations. first the box which we want to crop is defined, the top corner of the ROI is defined to be $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of the image from the top corner of the image, the height and width is defined as half the size of the image. A new matrix is created to store the cropped image, shown in listing 4.

```
1  /* Set Region of Interest */
2
3  cv::Rect roi;
4  roi.x = src.size().width / 4;
5  roi.y = src.size().height / 4 + 20;
6  roi.width = src.size().width / 2 ;
7  roi.height = src.size().height / 2 ;
8
9  /* Crop the original image to the defined ROI */
10
11  Mat crop = src(roi);
```

Listing 2: pixel count example

A function was created to calculate the most common color whose definition is shown below:

```
1  string mostCommonColor(Mat picture, int sat_tol, int val_tol);
```

Listing 3: most common color definition

This function goes cycles between colors, and calls a function, shown in listing ?? which will return the number of pixels within the range of the specified color, as shown in listing 4. Once all colors have been counted, an algorithm is used to determine which color has the greatest number of pixels, shown in listing 5. the function returns the name of the color with the greatest number of pixels which is then displayed to the console.

```
1  //blue 100 - 130
2  int blue_pix = numPixels(src, 101, 130, sat_tol, val_tol);
3
4  printf("Blue: %d\n", blue_pix);
5  pix[5] = blue_pix;
```

Listing 4: pixel count example

```
1  int max_pix = 0, max_index = 0;
2
3  for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++)
4  {
5      if(pix[i] > max_pix){
6          printf("value of %d is bigger than value of %d:\t", i, max_index);
7          printf("%d is bigger than %d\n", pix[i], max_pix);
8          max_pix = pix[i];
9          max_index = i;
10     }
11 }
```

Listing 5: get max algorithm

```

1  int numPixels(Mat img, int low_hue, int high_hue, int sat_tol, int val_tol){
2
3  Mat frameHSV;           // Convert the frame to HSV and apply the limits
4  cvtColor(frame, frameHSV, COLOR_BGR2HSV);
5  inRange(frameHSV, Scalar(low_hue, sat_tol, val_tol), Scalar(high_hue, (255-sat_tol), (255-val_tol) ),
6  frameHSV);
7
8  int pixels = 0;
9  pixels = countNonZero(frameHSV);
10 return pixels;
11 }

```

Listing 6: get number of pixels in range function

listing 6 shows a function to find the number of pixels within a range of hue values. This is done by first converting the image to HSV format, then masking the image not within the range of the hue values specified using the `inRange` function, a non zero value for saturation and value must be used when specifying the range of colors to mask so black and white pixels are not counted by the function. Once the image is masked the function `countNonZero` can be used to find the number of pixels.

