

# 23. Colors, Images, and Animation

CPSC 120: Introduction to Programming  
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# Agenda

0. Remind
  - a. Notes Check 3 (random numbers) due Dec 3 (next Sun)
  - b. 120L Portfolio due Dec 6 (next Wed)
  - c. 120A Exam, Dec 11 and 13 (finals week)
  - d. Student Opinion Questionnaires
1. Technical Q&A
2. Socially Responsible Computing Focus Group
3. Colors
4. Images
5. Animation

# **1. Technical Q&A**

# Technical Q&A

Let's hear your noted questions about...

- This week's Lab
- Linux
- Any other technical issues

Reminder: write these questions in your notebook during lab

## **2. Socially Responsible Computing Focus Group**

# Socially Responsible Computing Focus Group

- If you participate in the focus group, you will receive a \$25 gift card
- [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRC\\_student\\_focusgroup](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRC_student_focusgroup)



## 2. Colors

# Electromagnetic Radiation

- Electromagnetic radiation: waves of energy that travel through space
  - Radio waves (wifi, Bluetooth)
  - Microwaves (microwave oven)
  - Infrared light (remote controls)
  - Ultraviolet (UV) light (sunburn)
  - Visible light (vision)
  - X-rays (medical imaging)
  - Gamma rays (radioactive decay)
- See *PHYS 226 - Fundamental Physics: Electricity and Magnetism*

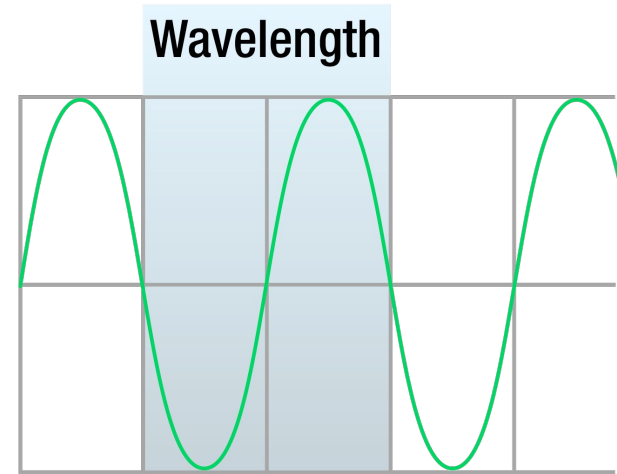


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# Electromagnetic Waves

- EM radiation forms a **wave**
- Oscillates over time
- Analogy to water wave
- **Shape** of wave dictates what kind of phenomenon it is
  - Visible light, microwaves etc.

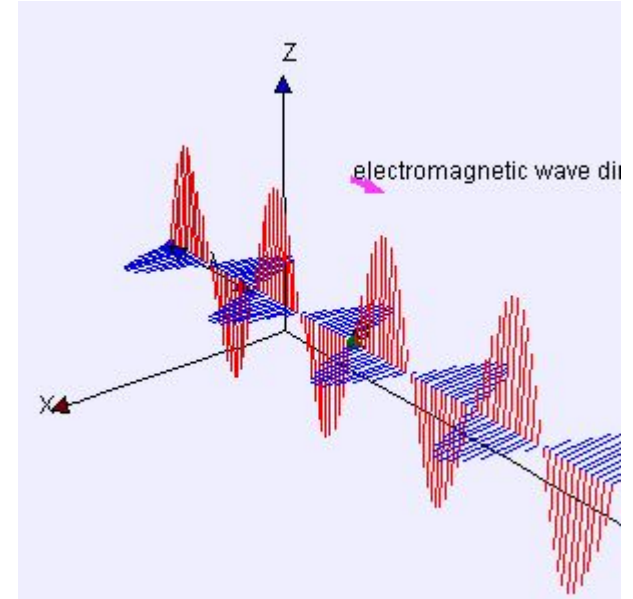


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# Amplitude

- **Amplitude:** height of wave
- Determines **energy** (strength) of wave
- Higher amplitude = more energy
- Explore amplitude: [EMANIM](#)
- *Audio amplifier:* increase amplitude, leave other aspects unchanged

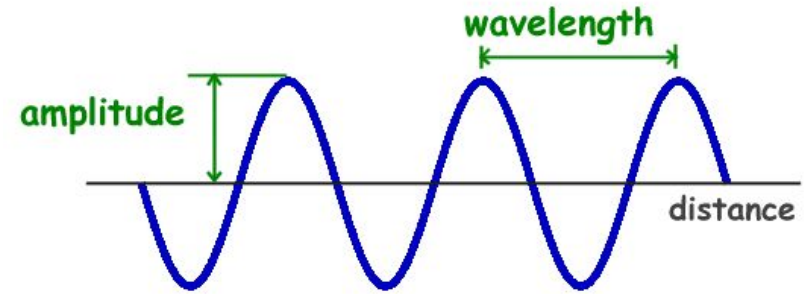


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# Wavelength

- **Wavelength:** length of wave, before it repeats
- Unit of length
  - Inch, meter
- Explore wavelength: [EMANIM](#)
- Determines type of radiation (light, microwave, etc.)

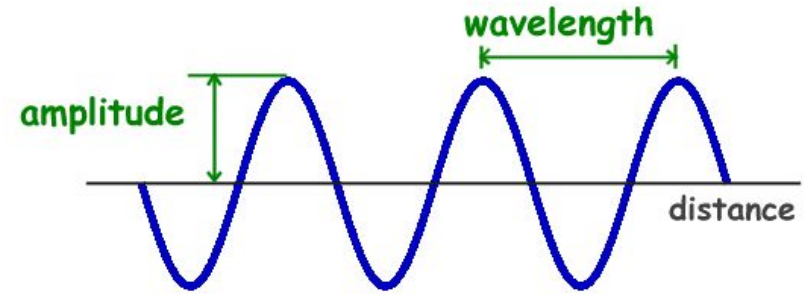


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# The Electromagnetic (EM) Spectrum

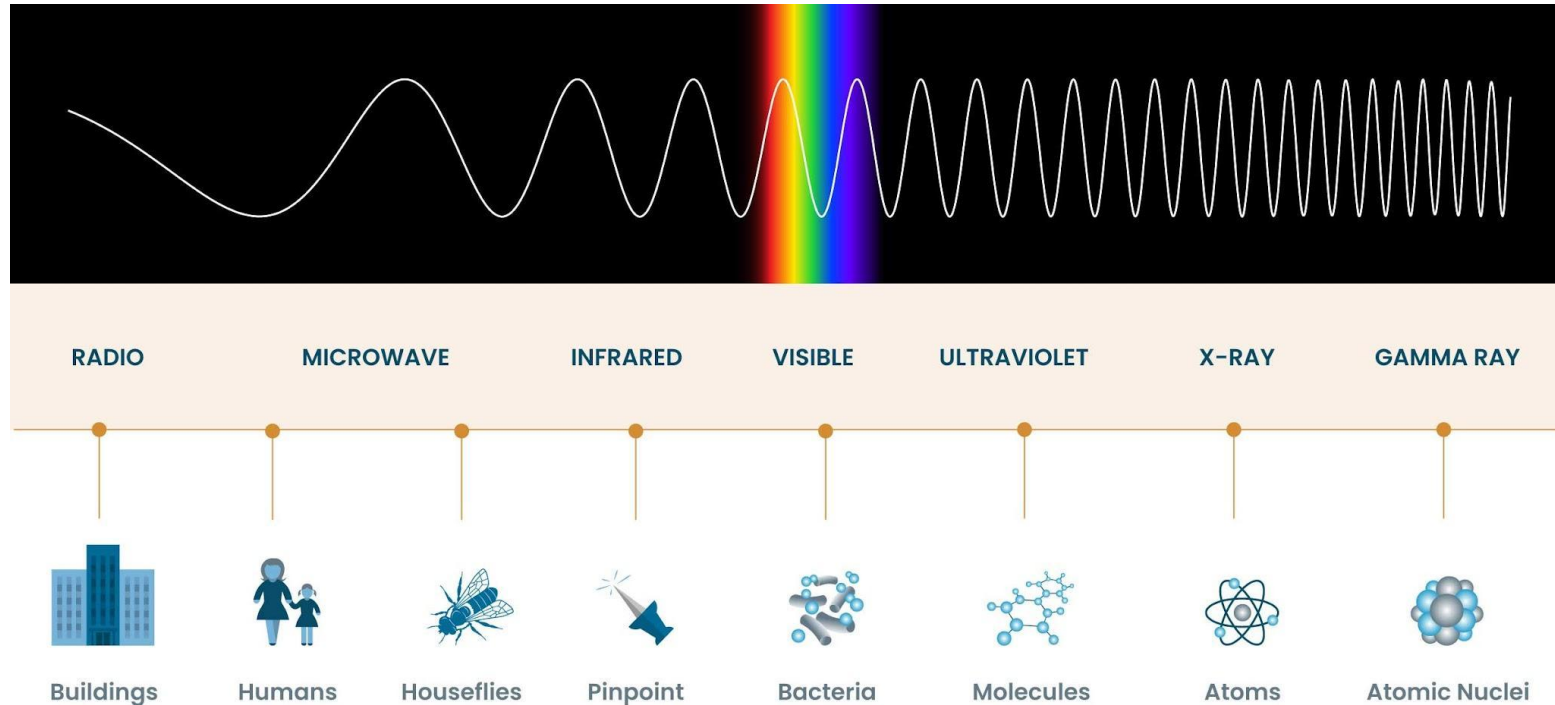
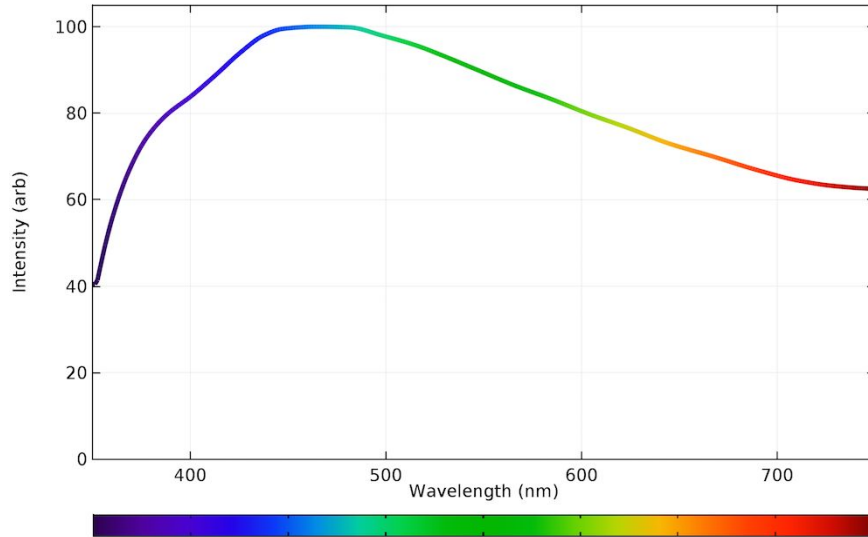


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# A Light Source Contains Many Wavelengths

Sunlight



Fluorescent Bulb

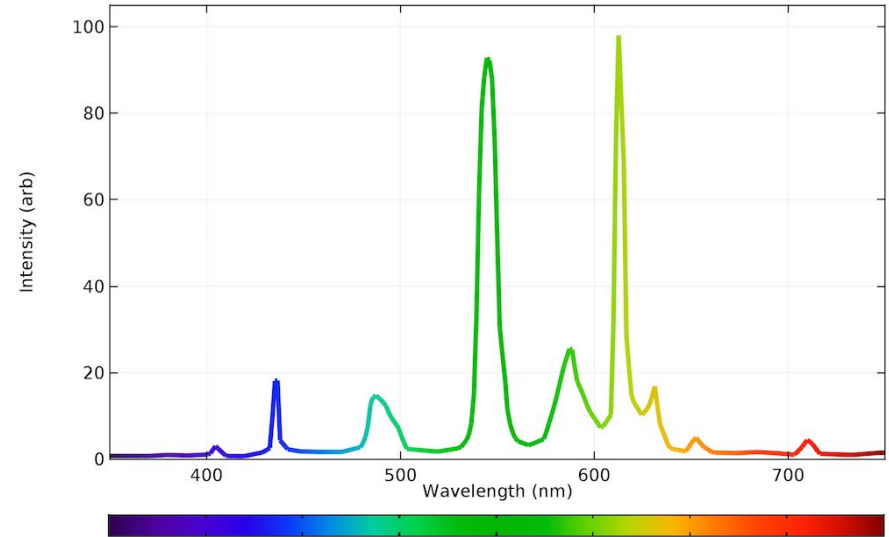


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# The Human Eye

- Anatomy focuses light on the **retina**
- **Photoreceptors:** neurons that convert light waves to electrical signals
- Two kinds of photoreceptors
  - **Rods**
  - **Cones**
- Nerves carry electrical signals to brain

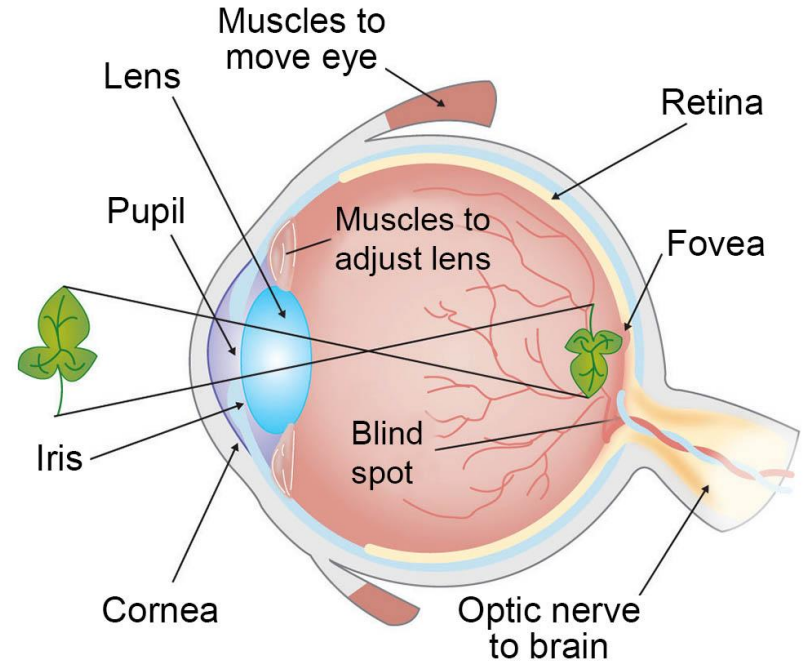


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# Rods and Cones

- **Cones**

- Three kinds
- Create perception of **color**
- Require bright light (high amplitude)

- **Rods**

- One kind
- Work in low light (low amplitude)
- No perception of color
- Why we see black-and-white at night

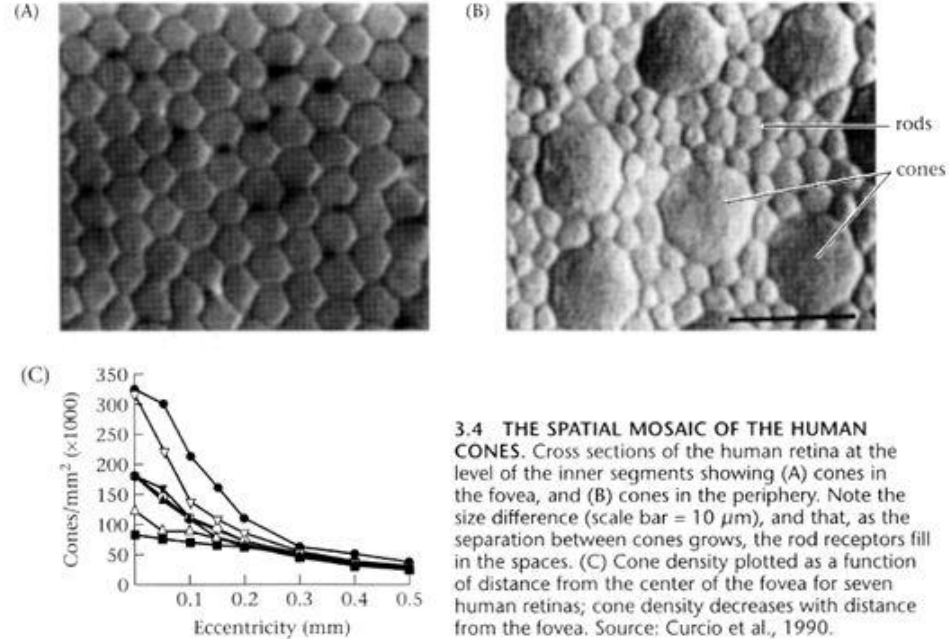


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# Three Kinds of Cones

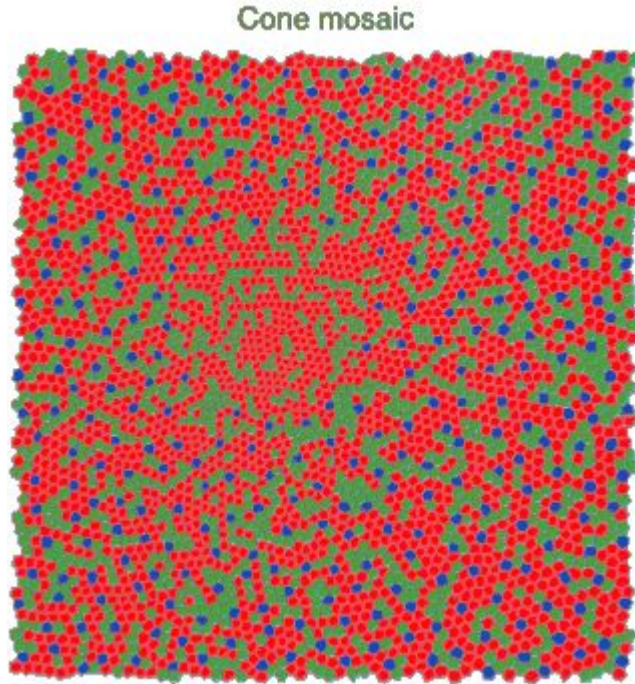


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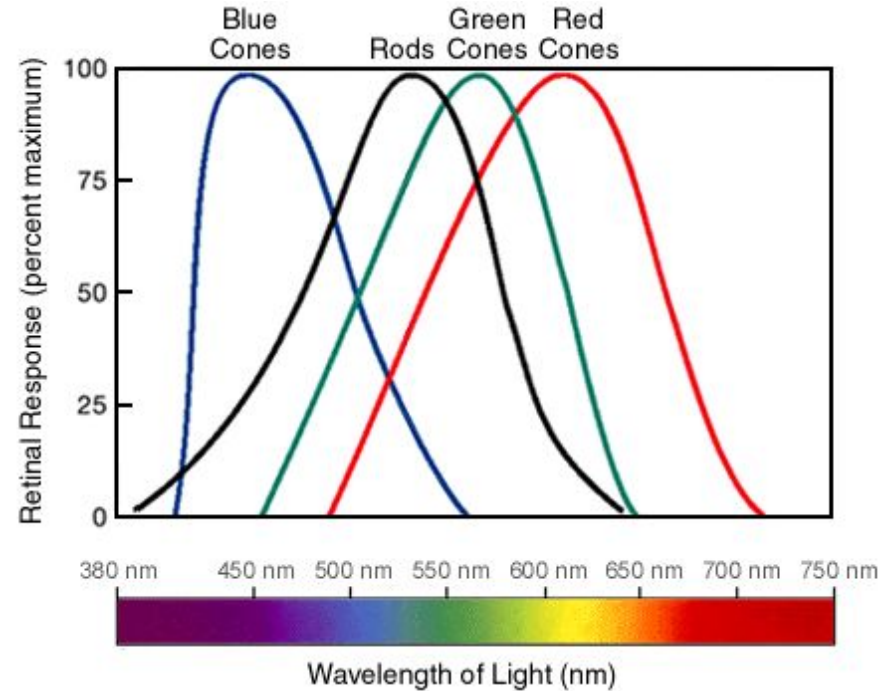


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# Modeling a Color as Three Numbers

- EM radiation in the visible spectrum is made up of many waves of differing wavelengths
- Human eye **summarizes** this as just three things
- How much the...
  - blue cones are activated,
  - green cones are activated, and
  - red cones are activated

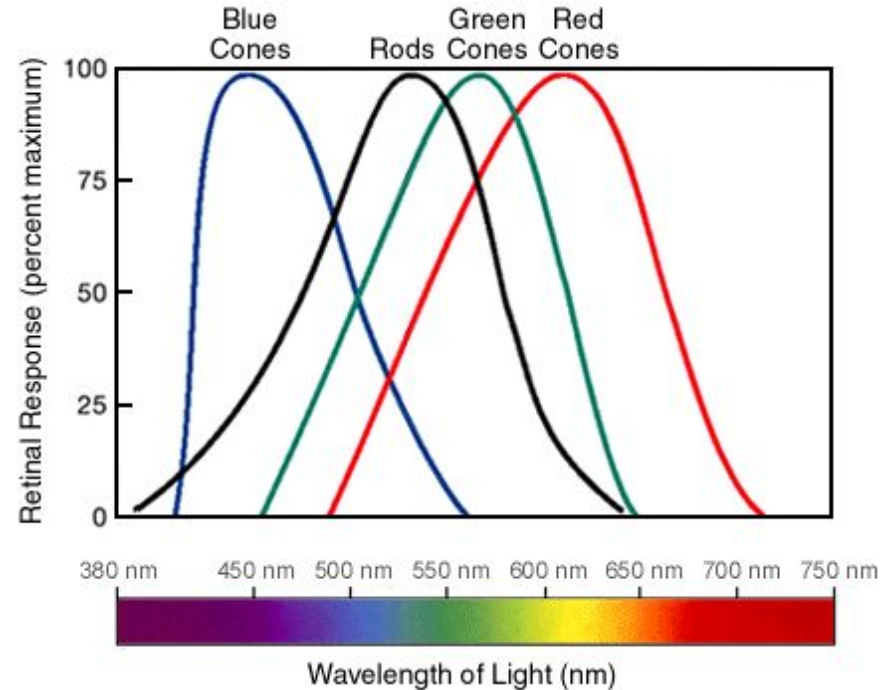


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# RGB Color Model

- [Color model](#): approach to representing a color as three numbers
- [RGB color model](#): represent a specific color as...
  - amplitude of **red** (R)
  - amplitude of **green** (G)
  - amplitude of **blue** (B)
- **Component**: one of the R, G, B parts
- Can represent any visible color
- Explore: [RapidTables RGB Color Codes Chart](#)

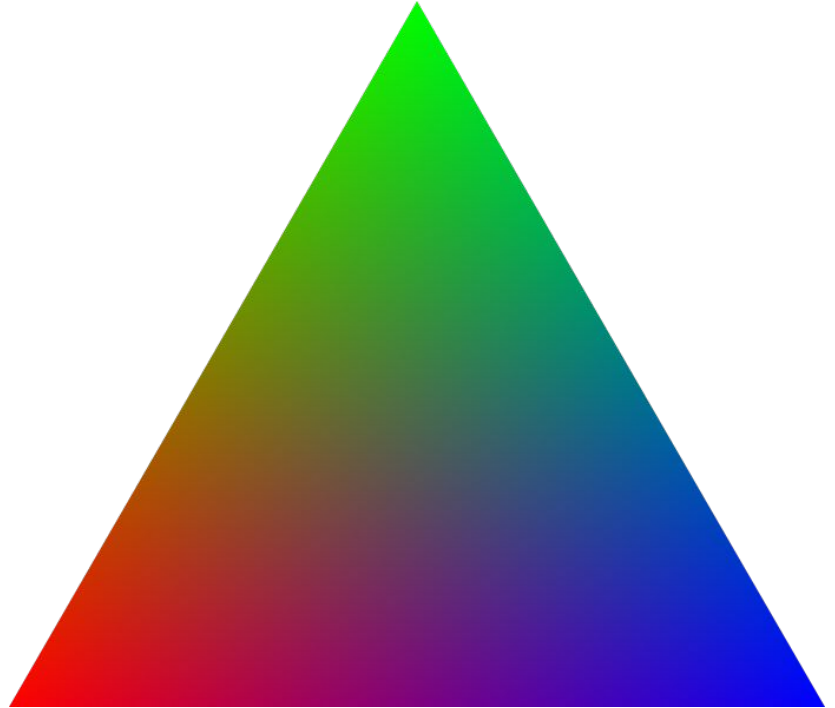


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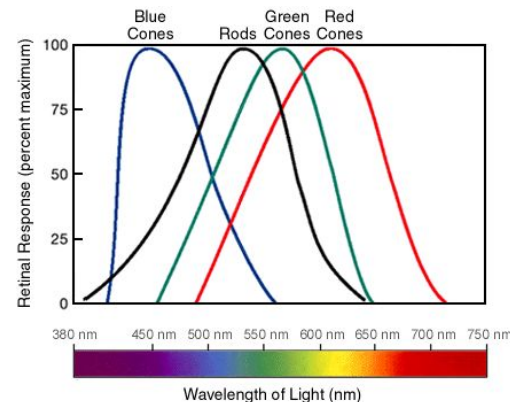
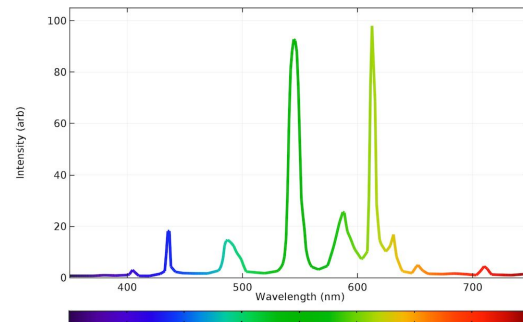
# Representing Each Color Component

- Need: data type to model components in code
- Two common alternatives

Data Type	Minimum (dark)	Maximum (bright)	White	Black	Red
int	0	255	255, 255, 255	0, 0, 0	255, 0, 0
double	0.0	1.0	1.0, 1.0, 1.0	0.0, 0.0, 0.0	1.0, 0.0, 0.0

# Light is Not Actually Three-Dimensional

- Reminder
- Light is made up of many (e.g. millions) of different waves
- Human eye is limited to measuring three kinds of waves
- RGB color model is a “hack” that suffices for human beings
- Astronomy, other animals, aliens, would use a different model
  - Ex. dogs have only two kinds of cones



# GraphicsMagick

- API = Application Programming Interface
  - Headers, functions, classes
- GraphicsMagick: C library for colors, images, animations
- Magick++: C++ API in `<Magick++.h>`
- Used in lab
- Reuse: we use Magick++ instead of writing our own image code from scratch

# GraphicsMagick Initialization

- **Initialize** (v): prepare for use
- Program must initialize GraphicsMagick before using any GraphicsMagick functions or classes
- **Boilerplate**: at start of main,

```
Magick::InitializeMagick(*argv);
```

```
#include <Magick++.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {  
    Magick::InitializeMagick(*argv);
```

```
    ...
```

# GraphicsMagick ColorRGB

- [Magick::Color](#) API documentation
- [ColorRGB class](#)
- *“Representation of an RGB color in floating point. All color arguments have a valid range of 0.0 - 1.0.”*
- Observe
  - constructor
  - accessors, mutators: red, green, blue

```
class ColorRGB : public Color
{
public:
    ColorRGB ( double red_, double green_, double blue_ );
    ColorRGB ( void );
    ColorRGB ( const Color & color_ );
    /* virtual */ ~ColorRGB ( void );

    void          red ( double red_ );
    double        red ( void ) const;

    void          green ( double green_ );
    double        green ( void ) const;

    void          blue ( double blue_ );
    double        blue ( void ) const;

    // Assignment operator from base class
    ColorRGB& operator= ( const Color& color_ );

protected:
    // Constructor to construct with PixelPacket*
    ColorRGB ( PixelPacket* rep_, PixelType pixelType_ );
};
```

# Example: Construct ColorRGB objects

```
#include <Magick++.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    Magick::InitializeMagick(*argv);

    Magick::ColorRGB white(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);

    Magick::ColorRGB black(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);

    Magick::ColorRGB pure_red(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);

    Magick::ColorRGB pure_green(0.0, 1.0, 0.0);

    Magick::ColorRGB pure_blue(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);

    Magick::ColorRGB purple(0.8, 0.0, 0.8);

    return 0;
}
```

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# 3. Images

# Image

- **Image** (n): appearance of a flat rectangle
- Photo, picture, painting, ...
- Corresponds to light entering our eye
- Different wavelengths of light create different colors



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# Human Visual Acuity

- Visual acuity: ability to tell two nearby shapes apart
- Limited
- Every person is different
- “Normal” acuity: “...discriminate two contours separated by 1 arc minute – 1.75 mm at 6 meters”
- Details smaller than this blend together

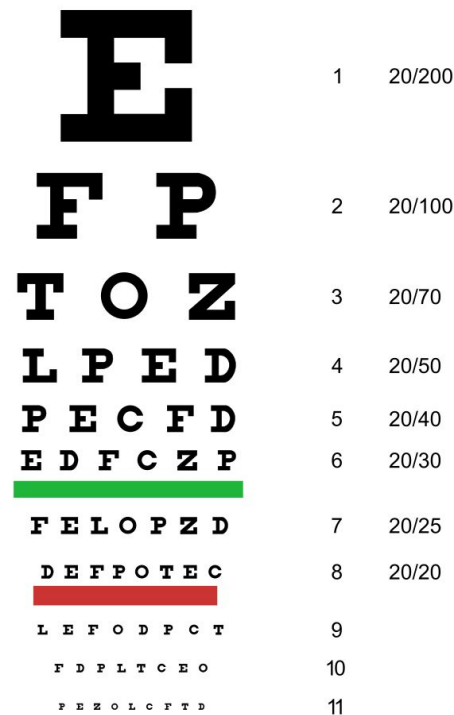


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# Raster Image

- [Raster image](#): image represented by a rectangular grid of pixels
- **Pixel**
  - “picture element”
  - small rectangle of a single color

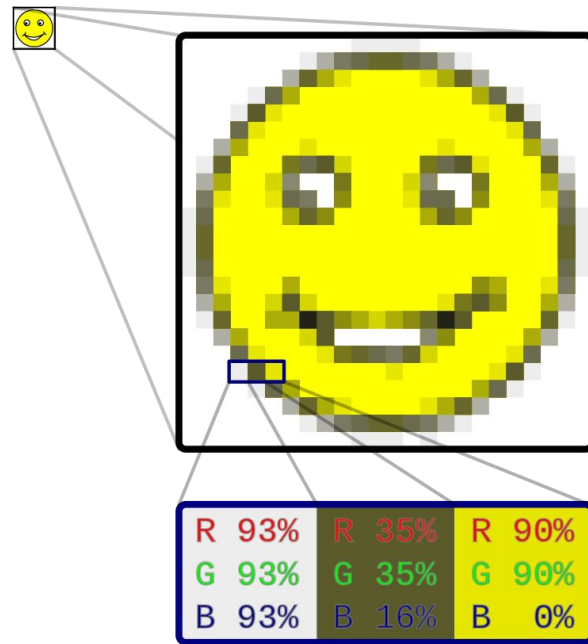


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# Resolution

- **Resolution:** dimensions of grid
  - width
  - height
- Low resolution: individual pixels are visible
  - blocky
- High resolution: pixels are smaller than human visual acuity
  - appears realistic
- Another “hack” based on human limitations

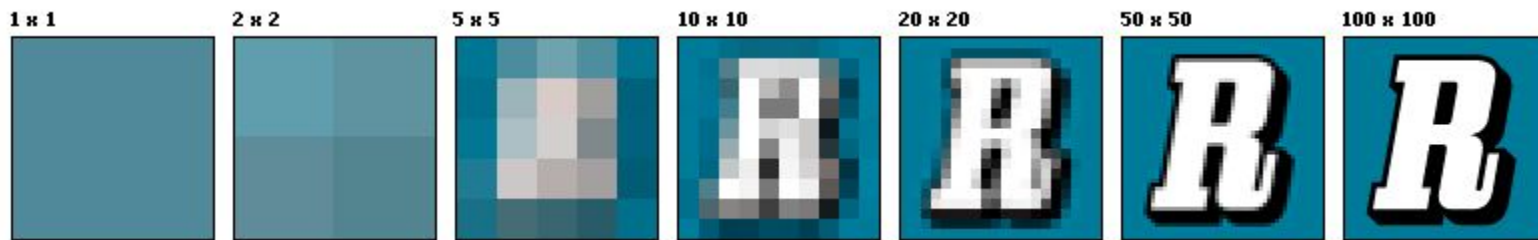
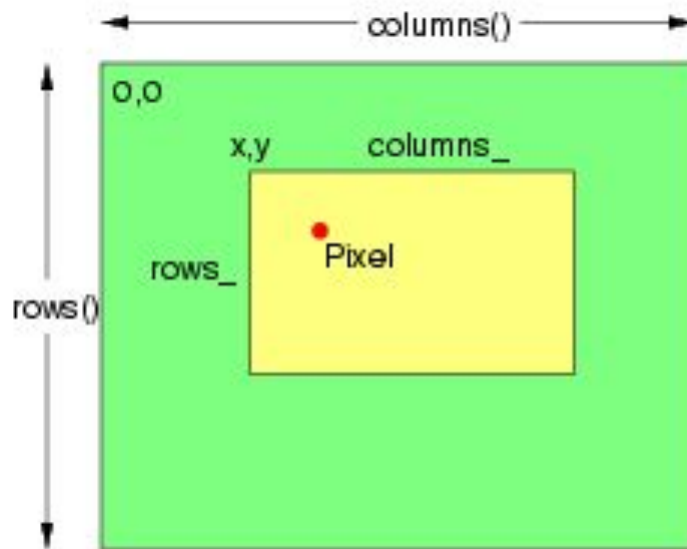


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# Image Coordinates

- Same convention as 2D vector
- Width = # columns
- Height = # rows
- (0, 0) is **top-left corner**
- x-coordinates increase toward right
- y-coordinates increase toward bottom



# Procedural Image Generation

Procedural generation: program creates an image from scratch

Algorithm:

1. Create blank image (ex. all black pixels)
2. Loop for each pixel that needs to change:
  - a. Compute RGB color for that pixel
  - b. Change the image pixel to that color

# GraphicsMagick Image

- [Magick::Image](#) API documentation
- Image object represents a raster image
- Can
  - Create
  - Read/write image file (JPEG, PNG, GIF)
  - Get pixel color
  - Set pixel color
  - Image processing operations (crop, flip, scale, etc.)



# Constructing an Image

- [Construct an Image](#) API documentation

Construct a blank image canvas of specified size and [color](#):

```
Image( const Geometry &size_, const Color &color_ )
```

# GraphicsMagick Geometry

- [Magick::Geometry](#) API documentation
- Geometry object represents the **resolution** of an image
  - width
  - height

```
class Geometry
{
public:

    Geometry ( unsigned int width_,
               unsigned int height_,
               unsigned int xOff_ = 0,
               unsigned int yOff_ = 0,
               bool xNegative_ = false,
               bool yNegative_ = false );
```

# Setting the Color of a Pixel

- [GraphicsMagick::Image::pixelColor](#) API documentation
- pixelColor is an accessor/mutator function

## pixelColor

Get/set pixel [color](#) at location x & y:

```
void          pixelColor ( const unsigned int x_,  
                           const unsigned int y_,  
                           const Color &color_ )  
  
Color         pixelColor ( const unsigned int x_,  
                           const unsigned int y_ ) const
```

# Example: Generating an Image

```
#include <Magick++.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    Magick::InitializeMagick(*argv);

    Magick::Geometry resolution{32, 24};
    Magick::ColorRGB blue{0.0, 0.0, 1.0};
    Magick::Image image{resolution, blue};

    Magick::ColorRGB white{1.0, 1.0, 1.0};
    image.pixelColor(10, 10, white);

    image.write("white_dot.png");

    return 0;
}
```

white\_dot.png



# 4. Animation

# Animation

- **Animation** (n): moving image
  - Movie, video
- Made up of many individual images



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# Persistence of Vision and Frames

- Persistence of vision: optical illusion where a person continues to see an image even after it disappears
- **Frame**: one individual image in an animation
- **Frame rate**: frequency of changing frames
- Images persist for approximately 1/24 second
- Frame rate > 24 frames/second appears smooth
- Often use 30 or 60 frames/second to be safe
- Another “hack” based on human limitations



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# GIF File

- **Graphics Interchange Format (GIF):** legacy file format for images
- Controversial pronunciation
  - “g” as in “geometry” versus “gift”
- Limited to 256 colors
- Supports animation
  - Otherwise obsolete



# GraphicsMagick Animation

- [Magick::writeImages](#) API documentation
- Function prototype:

```
void Magick::writeImages(  
    InputIterator first,  
    InputIterator last,  
    const std::string& filename)
```

- So
  - Create a std::vector of Magick::Image objects
  - [Build a Vector algorithm](#) fills vector
  - writeImages to write GIF file

# Example: Generating an Animation

```
#include <Magick++.h>

#include <vector>

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    Magick::InitializeMagick(*argv);

    Magick::Geometry resolution{320, 240};
    Magick::ColorRGB blue{0.0, 0.0, 1.0};
    Magick::ColorRGB white{1.0, 1.0, 1.0};

    std::vector<Magick::Image> frames;
    for (int i = 0; i < 320; ++i) {
        Magick::Image frame{resolution, blue};
        for (int y = 0; y < 240; ++y) {
            frame.pixelColor(i, y, white);
        }
        frames.push_back(frame);
    }

    Magick::writeImages(frames.begin(), frames.end(), "wipe.gif");

    return 0;
}
```

