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Display Hardware

- Video Display Devices
 - Cathode Ray Tube (CRT)
 - Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)
 - Light-emitting diodes (LED)
- Hard-Copy Devices
 - Ink-jet printer
 - Laser printer
 - Film recorder
 - Electrostatic printer
 - Pen plotter



Review

- Vector vs. Raster
 - Another place we see this... web-based graphics
 - Macromedia flash is vector based
 - JPG images are raster based
 - CRTs
 - Vector based
 - Raster based



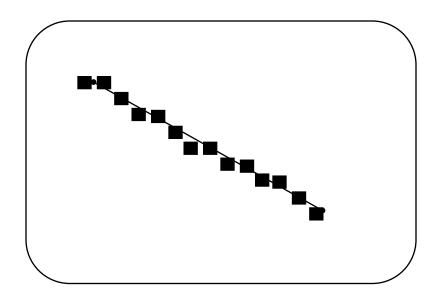
Raster Graphics

- A raster image is defined by pixels.
- A pixel is the smallest display element that makes up the images seen on a computer monitor or television.
- In raster images, the more pixels an image contains, the higher its resolution.
 - For example, in a raster image a square is drawn as a grid of pixels (dots) and each of those pixels will have a specific color value.
- Programs such as Photoshop, PaintShop, and PhotoPaint all work with pixels (raster images).



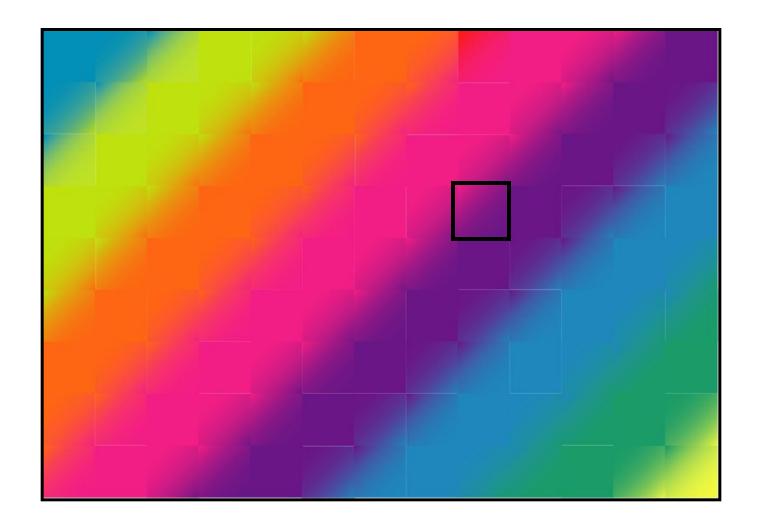
Raster Graphics

- How to generate a line using rasters
 - A line is represented by assigning some pixels a value of 1
 - The entire line is specified by the pixel values

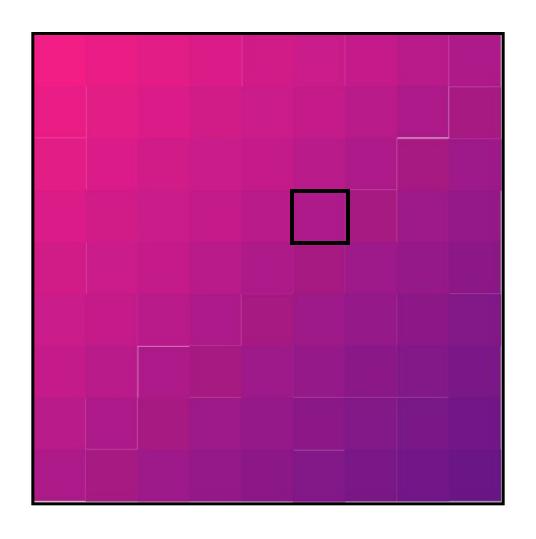




"Maps" of Dots



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Bitmap Examples

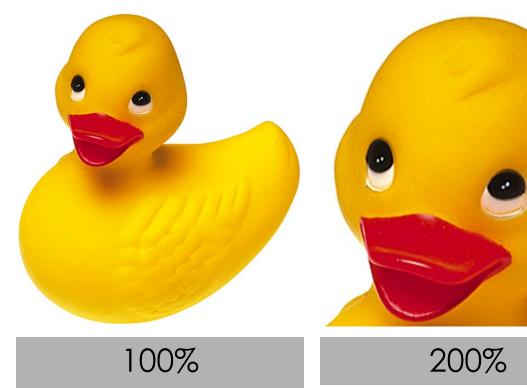


Problems

- A raster image is resolution-dependant because it contains a fixed number of pixels that are used to create the image.
 - 160 x 120, 800 x 600, 1400 x 1050
- Since there is a fixed and limited number of pixels, a raster image will lose quality if enlarged beyond that number of pixels as the computer will have to 'make up' the missing information.



Making Bigger





(900 x 983 dpi)



Warning! Warning!

- DPI is critical!
- Printers: 300 dpi, 600 dpi
- Monitors: 72 dpi (Internet pictures)
- If you download a picture from the Internet to print out, make sure it's BIG!



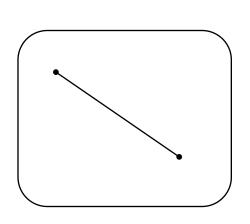
Vector Graphics

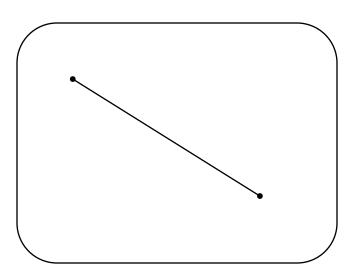
- Vector graphics are created from mathematical formulas used to define lines, shapes and curves.
- Vectors can have various attributes such as line thickness, length and color.
 - For example, in a vector image, a square is drawn as four lines connected at the corners.
- Vector graphics are resolution-independent because the vector objects are drawn mathematically in the computer.



Vector Graphics

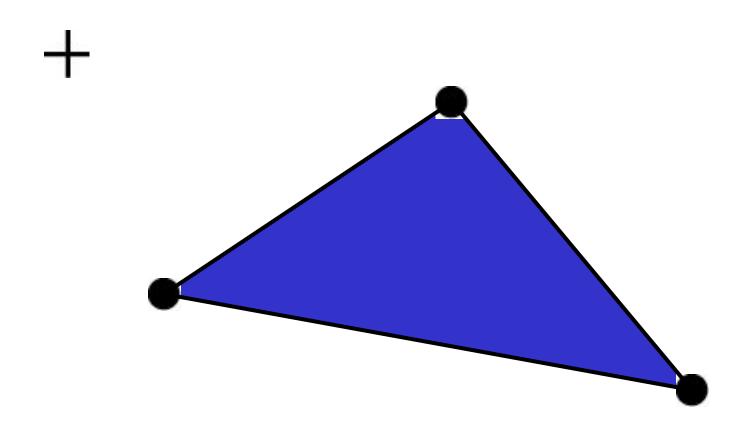
- How to generate an image using vectors
 - A line is represented by endpoints (10,10) to (90,90)
 - The points along the line are computed using a line equation
 - y = mx + b
 - If you want the image larger, no problem...





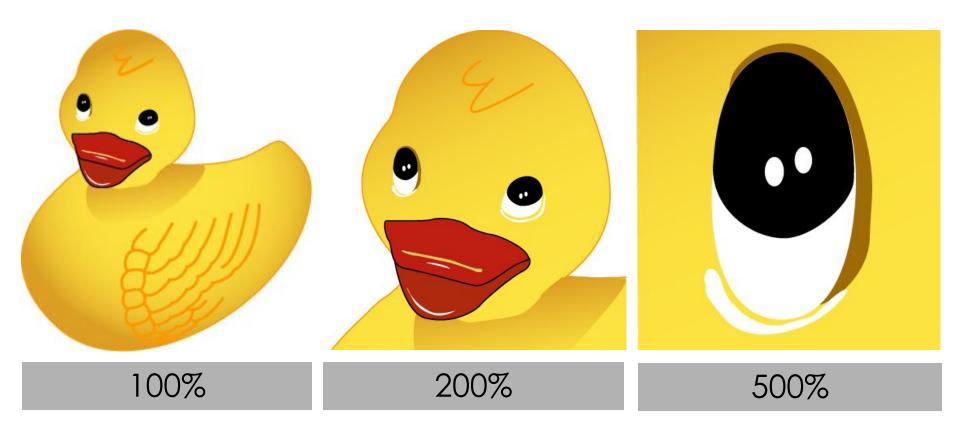


Points, Lines and Fill





Vector Image





Advantages of Vectors

- Resolution Independent
 - Regardless of how much the image is enlarged or reduced, the image definition and quality remain the same.
- Small File Sizes
 - Easily transferred over the Internet.

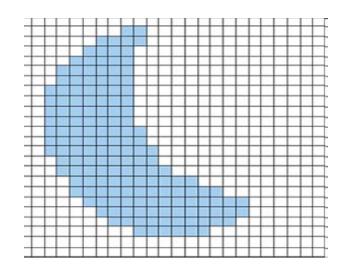


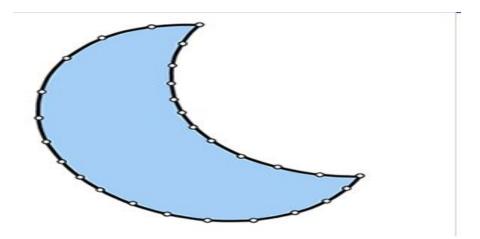
Disadvantages of Vectors

- Lower color quality than raster images.
 - They do not support as many colors.
- Not good for photographic images.



Raster vs Vector Images







Raster vs Vector

Raster and Vector Graphics

Raster	Vector
Made up of a <u>grid</u> of pixels	Geometric shapes and lines that are defined mathematically
Resolution dependent	Resolution <u>independent</u>
When scaled, visual quality and sharpness is degraded	When scaled, visual quality and sharpness is unaffected
File size is relatively <u>large</u>	File size is relatively <u>small</u>
File Formats: GIF, TIF, BMP, PSD	File Formats: <u>EPS, WMF, AI</u>
Pixel-oriented	Object -oriented



