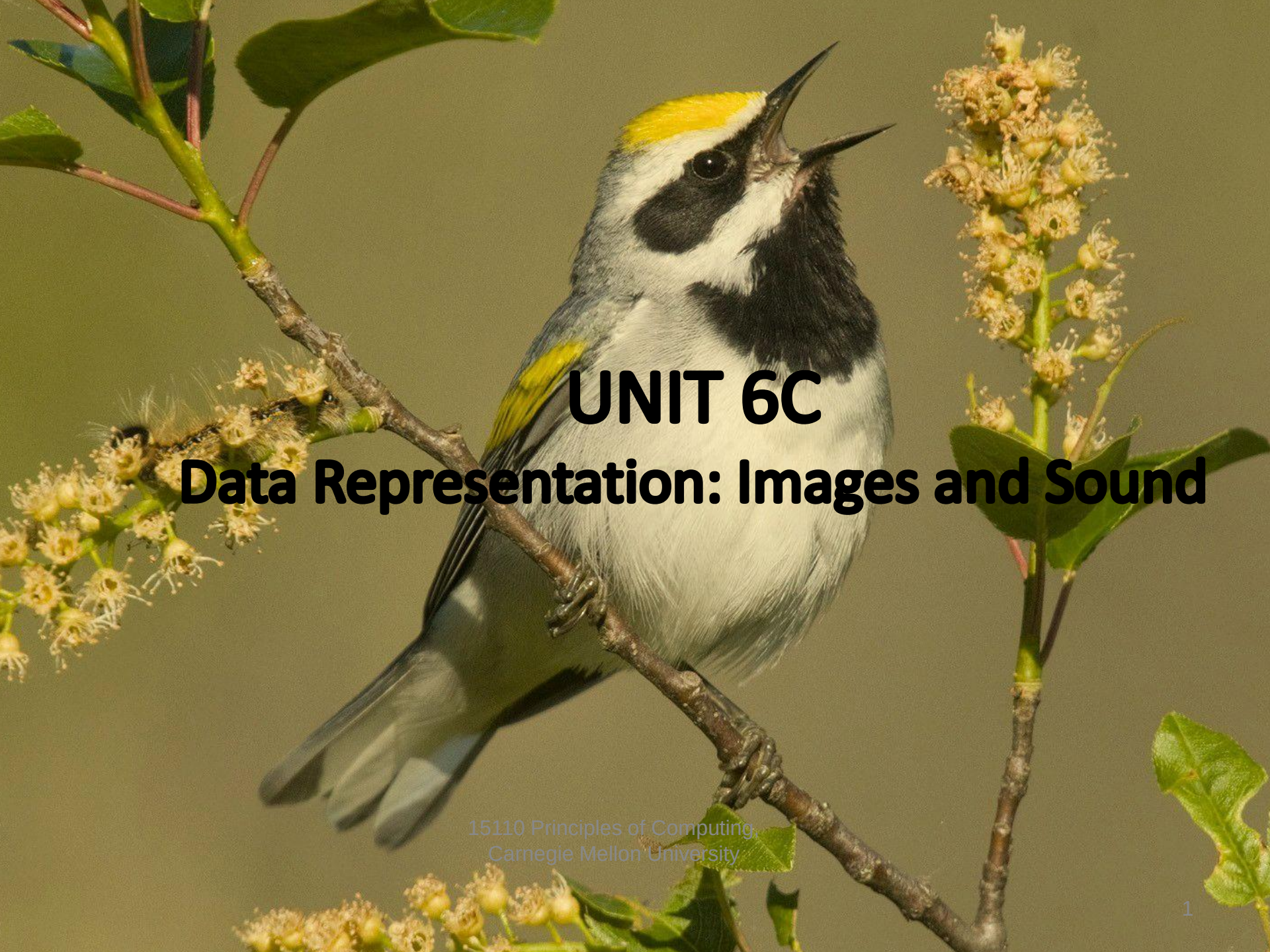

UNIT 6C
Data Representation: Images and Sound

Overview

- Human sensory systems and digital representations

- Digitizing images
- Digitizing sounds
- Video

HUMAN SENSORY SYSTEMS

Human limitations

- Range
  - only certain pitches and loudnesses can be heard
  - only certain kinds of light are visible, and there must be enough / not too much light
- Discrimination
  - pitches, loudnesses, colors, intensities can’t be distinguished unless they are different enough
- Coding
  - nervous systems “encode” experience, e.g. rods and cones in the eye

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IMAGES

Encoding Images:
Vector vs. Raster / Bit-map

- There are two major ways to store images:
  - Vector graphics:
    a series of lines or curves. Expensive to compute but smoothly rescales.
  - Raster or Bit-map graphics:
    an array of pixels. Cheap to compute, but scales poorly.

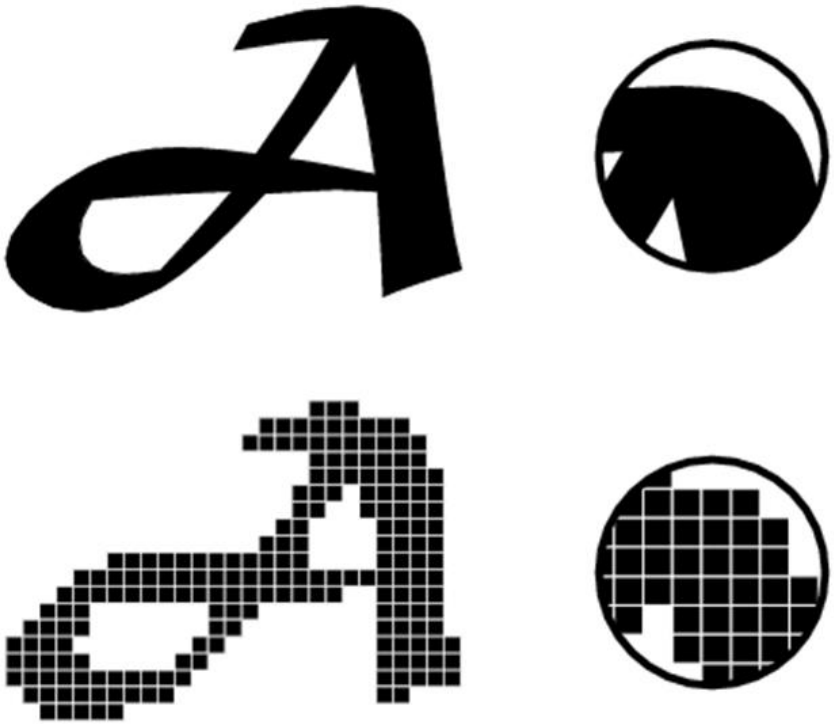


image source: ian.umces.edu

“Raw” bit-mapped images

- Array of pixels
  - one pixel = three numbers (RGB)
- What other information do we need to display the image?
  - look at TIFF file
  - image is just a bunch of numbers
  - we need to know how wide/high it is to make sense of it

Common Standards

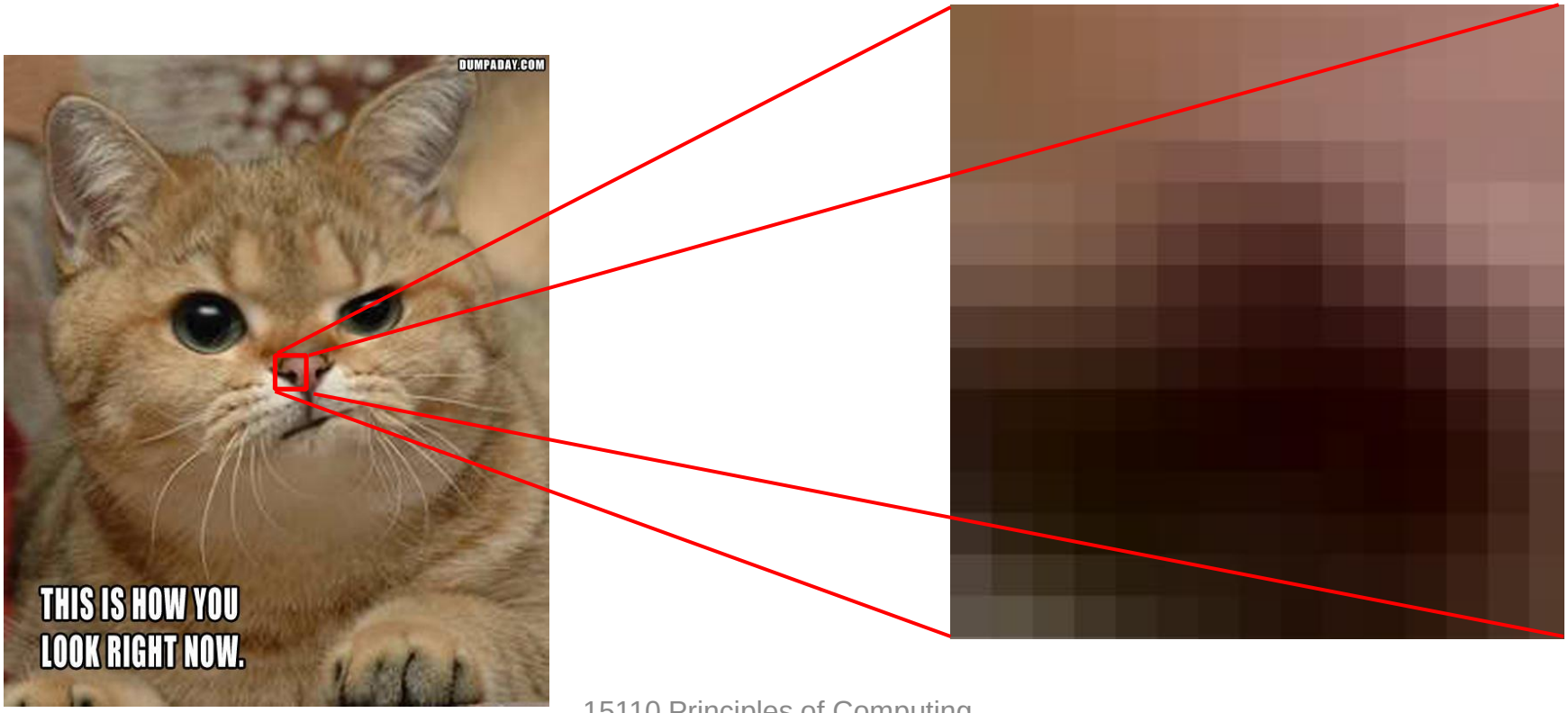
- Vector: SVG, EPS, AI, CDR.
  - Special-purpose: commonly used for high-quality illustrations, graphics, etc.
- Raster: JPEG (compression), GIF (compression, transparency), PNG (web portability), TIFF (printing, huge), BMP (huge)
  - Commonly used for photos and pretty much everything

a closer look at

BIT MAPPED IMAGES

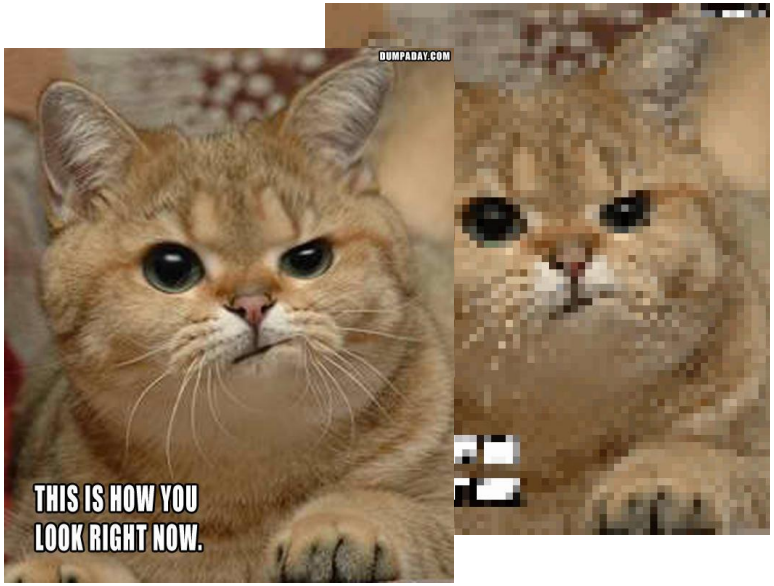
Pixels

- A bit-mapped image is stored in a computer as a sequence of *pixels*, picture elements.



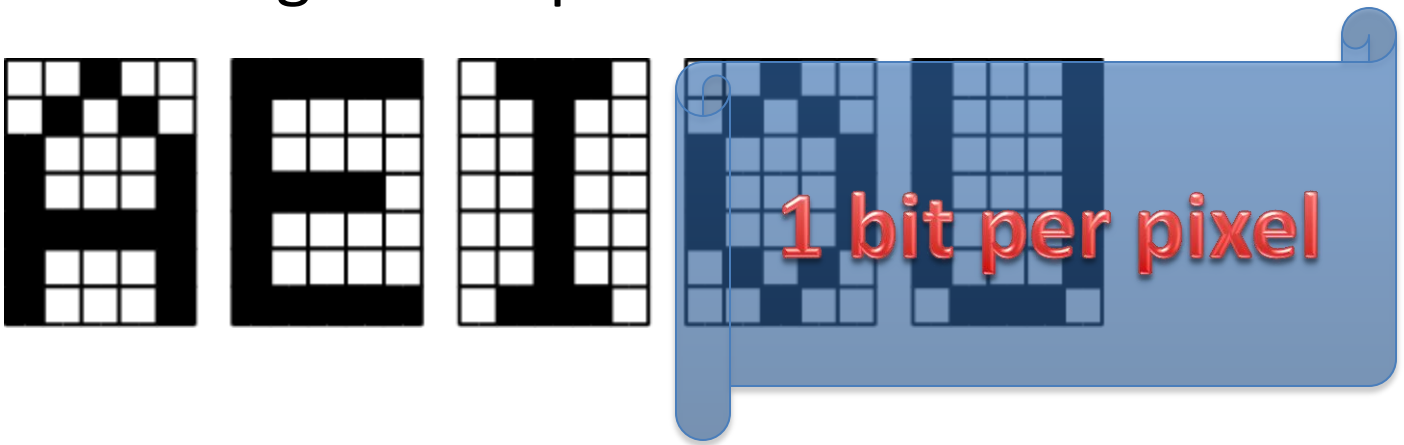
Resolution

- The resolution of an image is the number of pixels used to represent the image (e.g. 1024 X 768).
- Each pixel represents the average color in that region.
- The more pixels per area, the higher the resolution, and the more accurate the image will appear.



Storing Bitmap Images

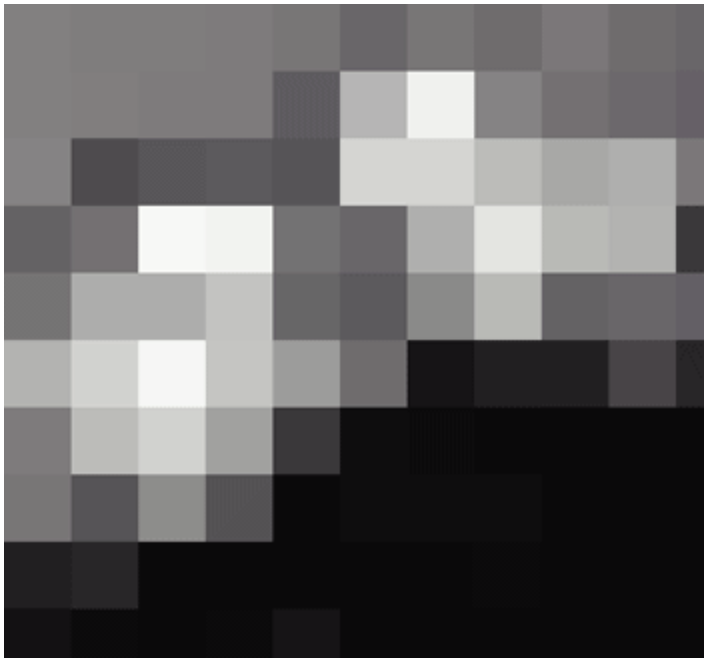
- In bitmapped images, each pixel is represented in computer memory in binary, just like other data types.
- If pixels of an image are black or white only, then we only need 1 bit per pixel to store the image, e.g. 00100 might be top row of “A”.



Grayscale Images

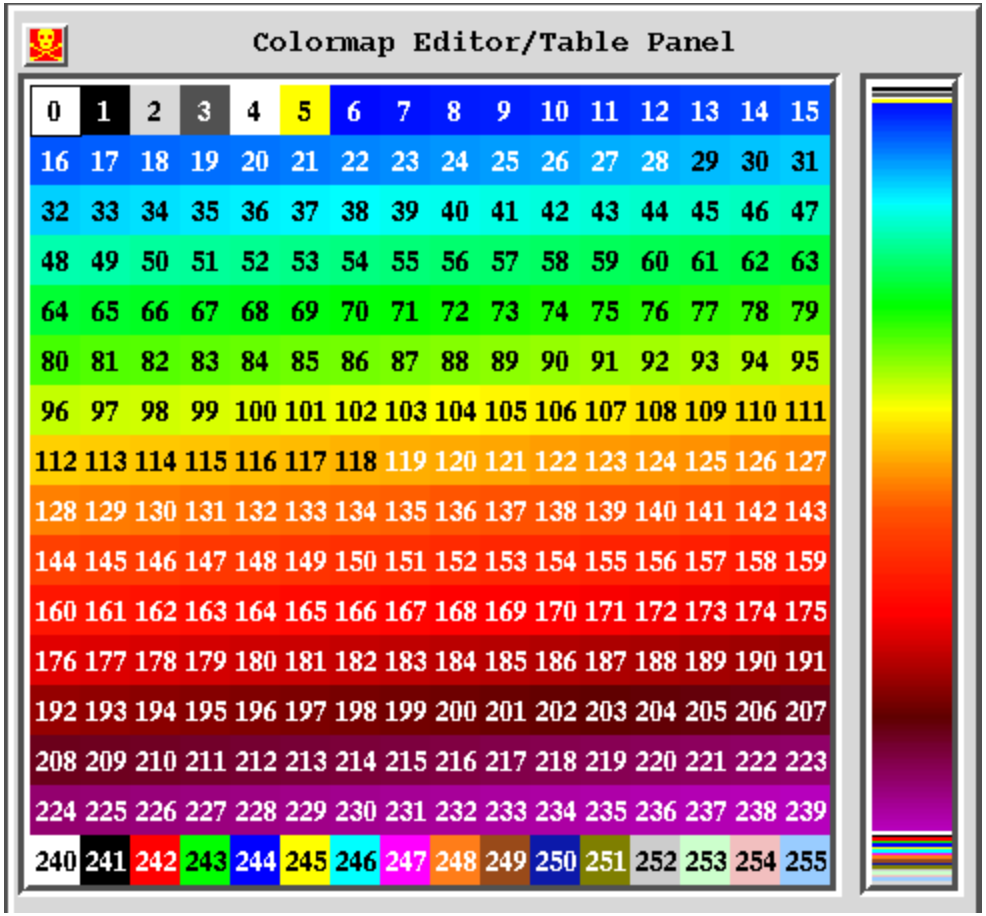
- Grayscale images contain pixels that are various shades of gray, from black (maximum gray) to white (minimum gray).
- If there are 256 levels of gray for pixels, we can represent each pixel using 8 bits.
  11111111 = white
  … (shades of gray)
  00000000 = black

8 bits per pixel



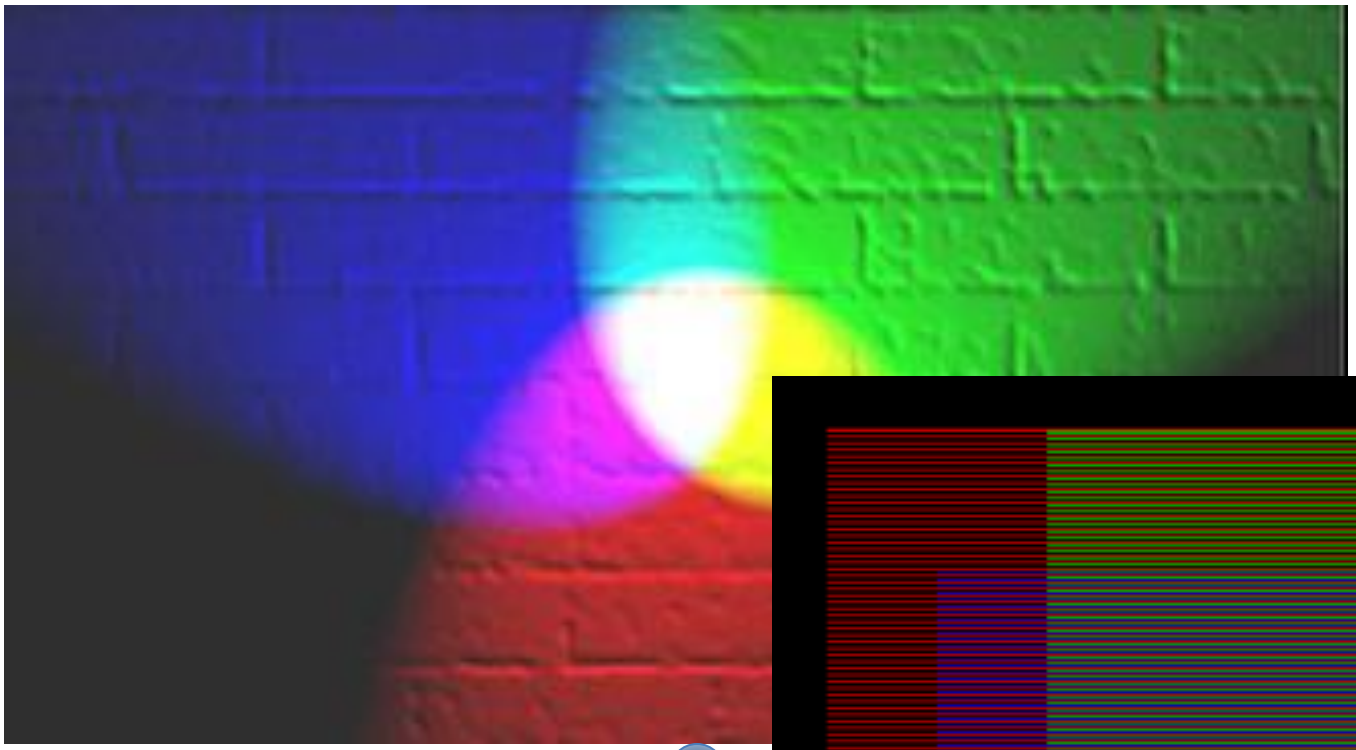
256-color images (8-bit color)

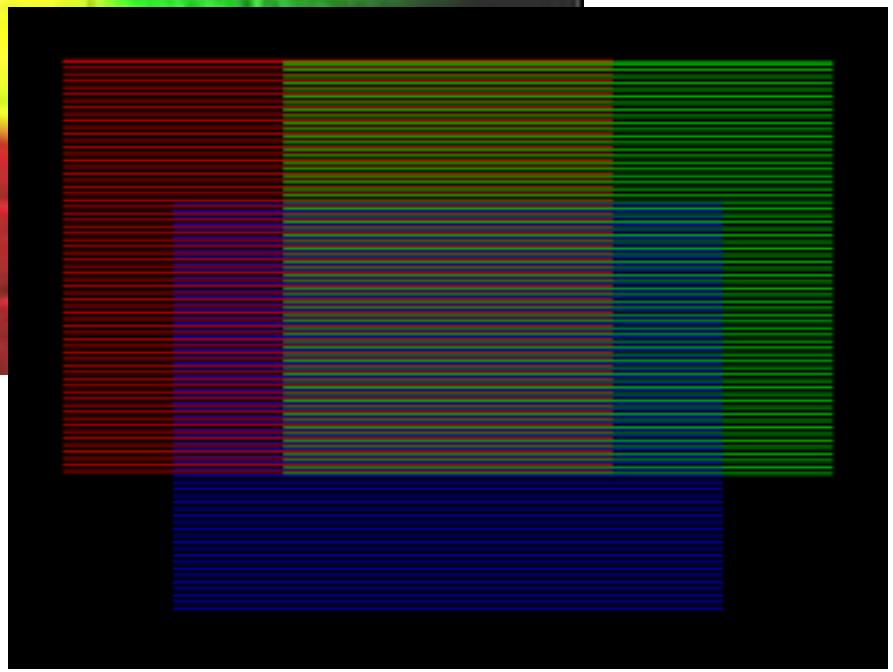
- Each pixel is represented with a 8-bit value that is an index into a *palette* of 256 colors.



8 bits per pixel

RGB color systems



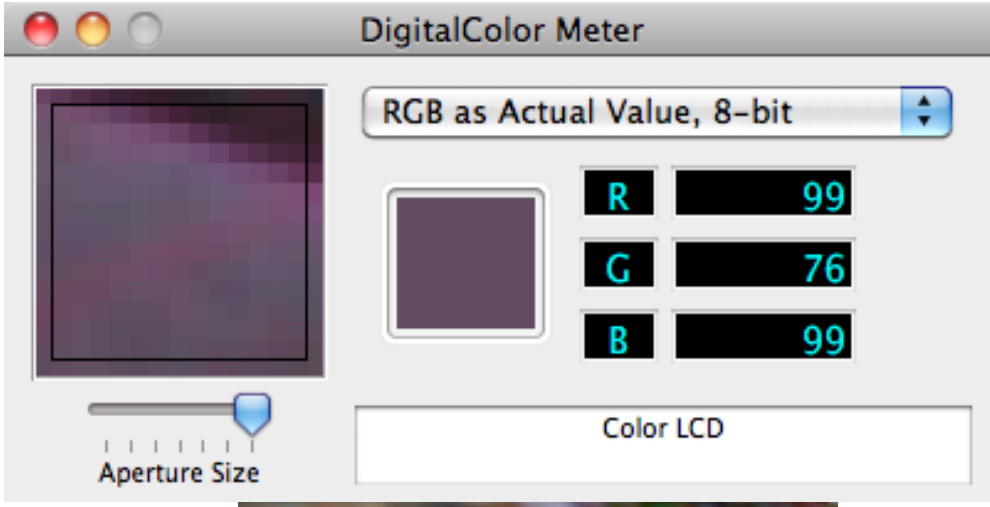


24 bits per pixel

images: Wikipedia

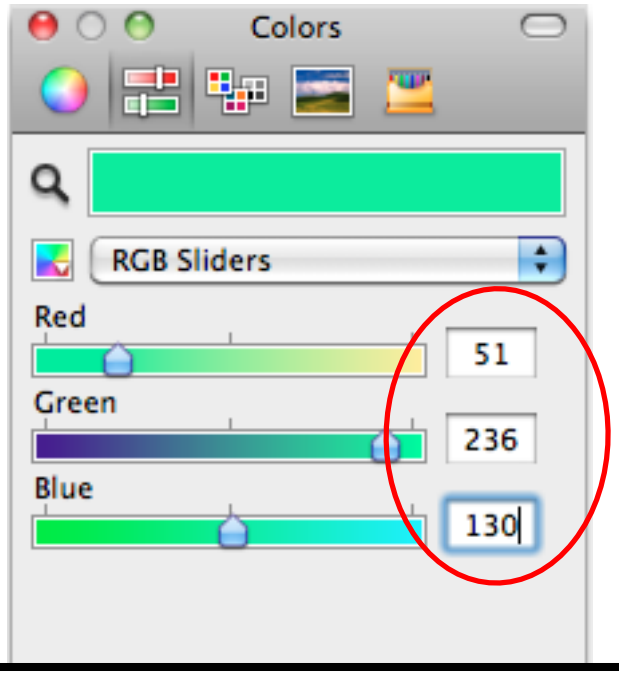
RGB-color images (24-bit color)

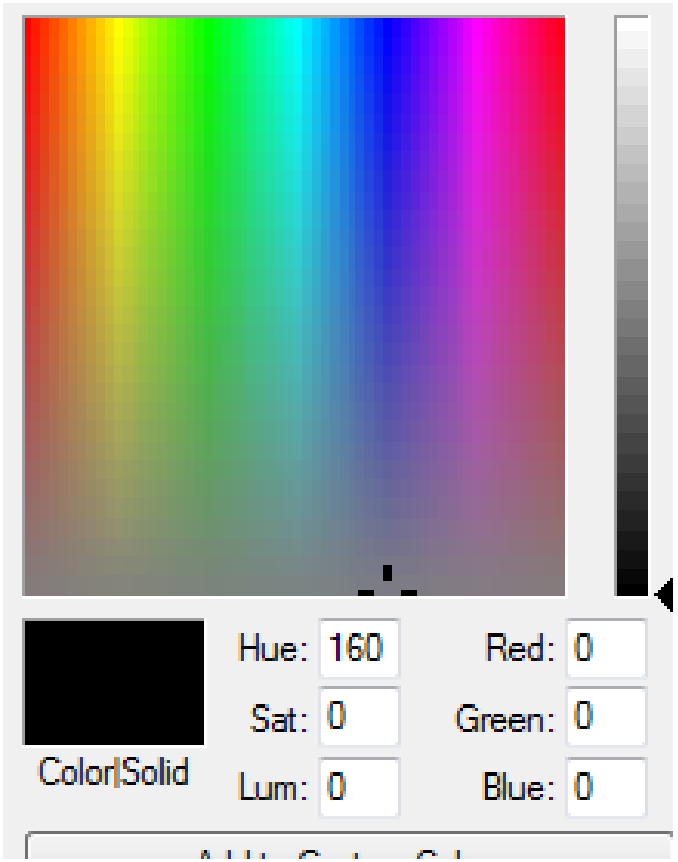
- Colors are represented as mixtures of red (R), green (G), and blue (B).
- Each pixel is represented using three 8-bit values, one for each color component.
- This representation allows for 2^{24} = 16,777,216 different colors.
- This representation is also called "true color".
- **Explore with DigitalColor Meter**



(image from Wikipedia)

RGB example





	RED	GREEN	BLUE
dec:	51	236	130
bi n:	00110011	11101100	10000010
hex:	3 3	E C	8 2

Comparing Representations

- For a 640 X 480 image (307,200 pixels), **how many bytes** needed?
  - B&W 38,400 bytes (307200/8)
  - 8-bit grayscale 307,200 bytes
  - 256-color (8-bit color) 307,200 bytes
  - 24-bit color 921,600 byte(307200*24/8)
- A single RGB image of size 1600 X 1200 requires over 5.76 million bytes!

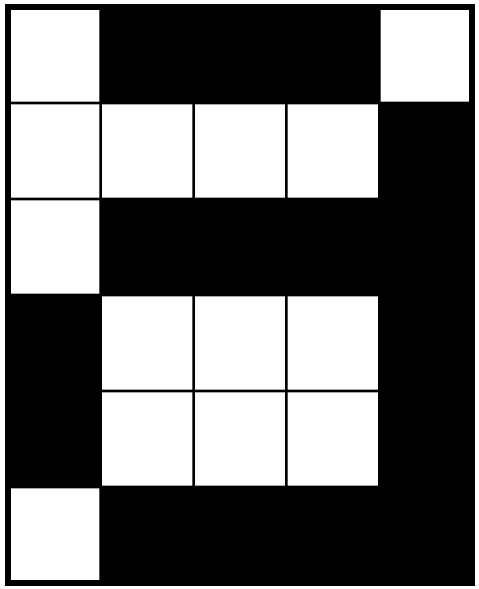
so we need compression

Compressing Raster Data

- Run-length encoding (lossless, limited)
- Color maps (GIF, good for graphics with solid areas of color)
- JPEG (lossy - a suite of techniques exploiting human visual perception)

RLE compression

- Run-Length Encoding is a lossless compression technique used in early image files.
- Instead of storing the 8-bit value for every pixel, we store an 8-bit value along with how many of these occur in a row (run).
- This saves a lot **when there are large runs of the same color**.



Color, Run, Color, Run, ...

255,1,0,3,255,1

255,4,0,1

255,1,0,4

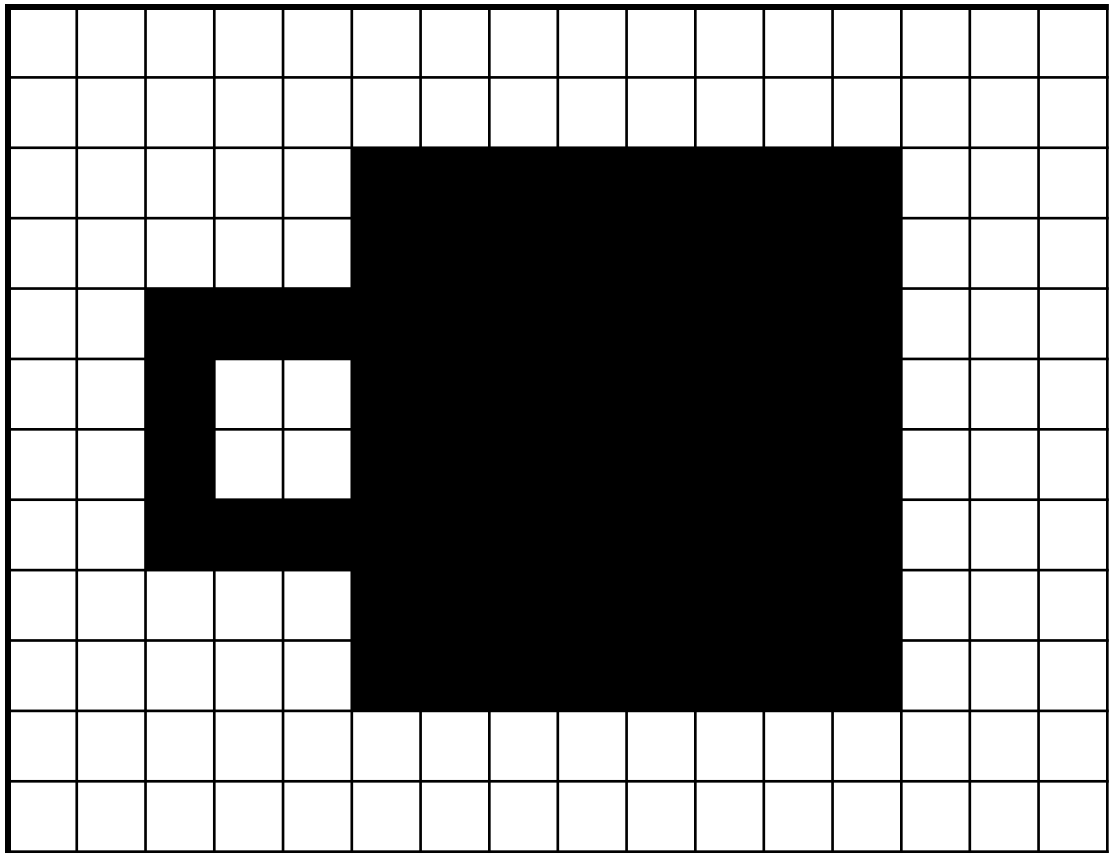
0,1,255,3,0,1

0,1,255,3,0,1

255,1,0,4

(Colors: 0=Black, 255=White)

RLE Comparison



RLE	Bitmap
2 bytes	16 bytes
2 bytes	16 bytes
6 bytes	16 bytes
6 bytes	16 bytes
6 bytes	16 bytes
10 bytes	16 bytes
10 bytes	16 bytes
6 bytes	16 bytes
6 bytes	16 bytes
6 bytes	16 bytes
2 bytes	16 bytes
2 bytes	16 bytes
64 bytes	192 bytes

GIF: Graphic Interchange Format

- 8-bit pixels, mapping to a table of 256 24-bit RGB colors.
- A *codebook* stores recurring sequences.
- Useful for representing images with fewer colors or large areas of color like company logos.

GIF and photos

Only 256 colors leads to strange effects

JPEG (JPG): Joint Photographic Experts Group

- A lossy compression technique for photographic images.
  - Perceptual Coding: based on what we can/cannot see.
- JPEG demonstration

Higher quality
Compression 2.6:1
(images from Wikipedia)

Medium quality
Compression 23:1

Lowest quality
Compression 144:1

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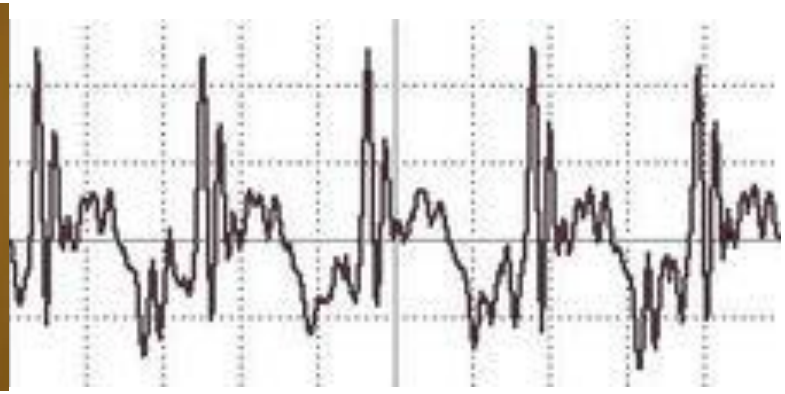
SOUND

Sound is a pressure wave

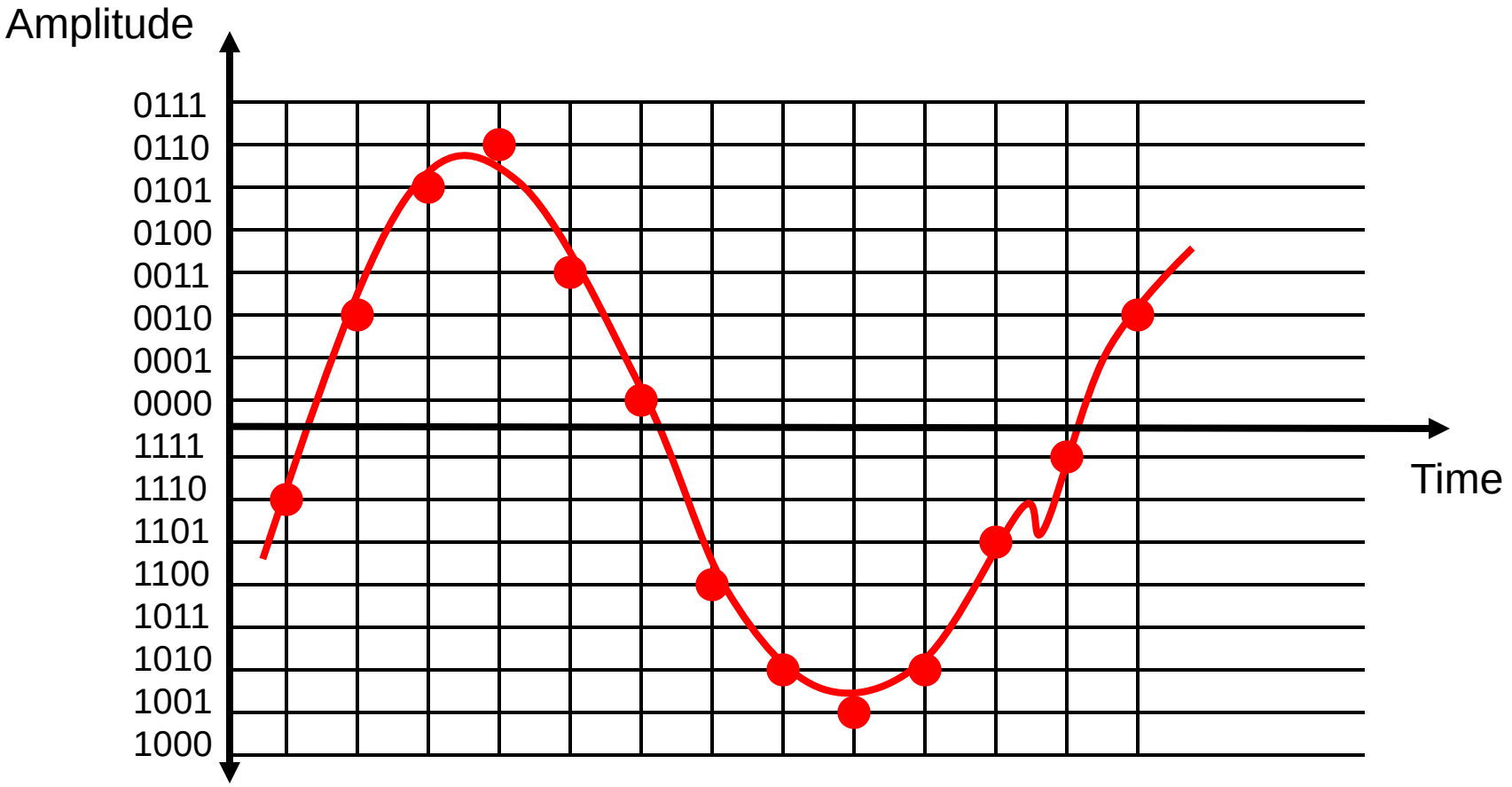
- When an instrument is played or a voice speaks, periodic (many times per second) changes occur in air pressure, which we interpret as sound.



Sampling

- Pressure varies **continuously–sampling** measures how much pressure at fixed intervals
- Accuracy determined by
  - Sampling rate
  - Sample size
- **Sampling rate**: how many times per second do we measure?
- **Sample size**: how many bits do we store per sample?

Sampling



1110 0010 0101 0110 0011 0000 1100 1010 1001 1010 1101 1111 0010 ....

When sampling is too slow

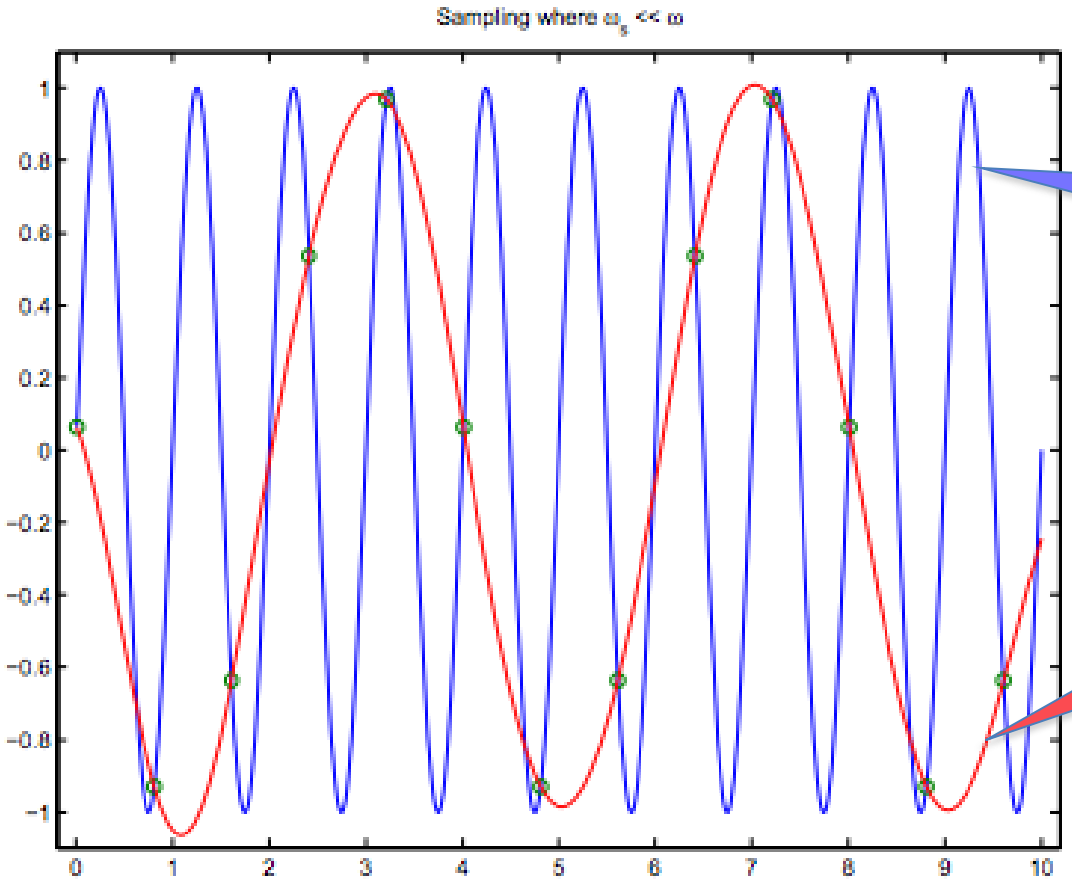


Figure 5.7: Sampling a sinusoid at too slow of a rate.

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Samples must have enough bits

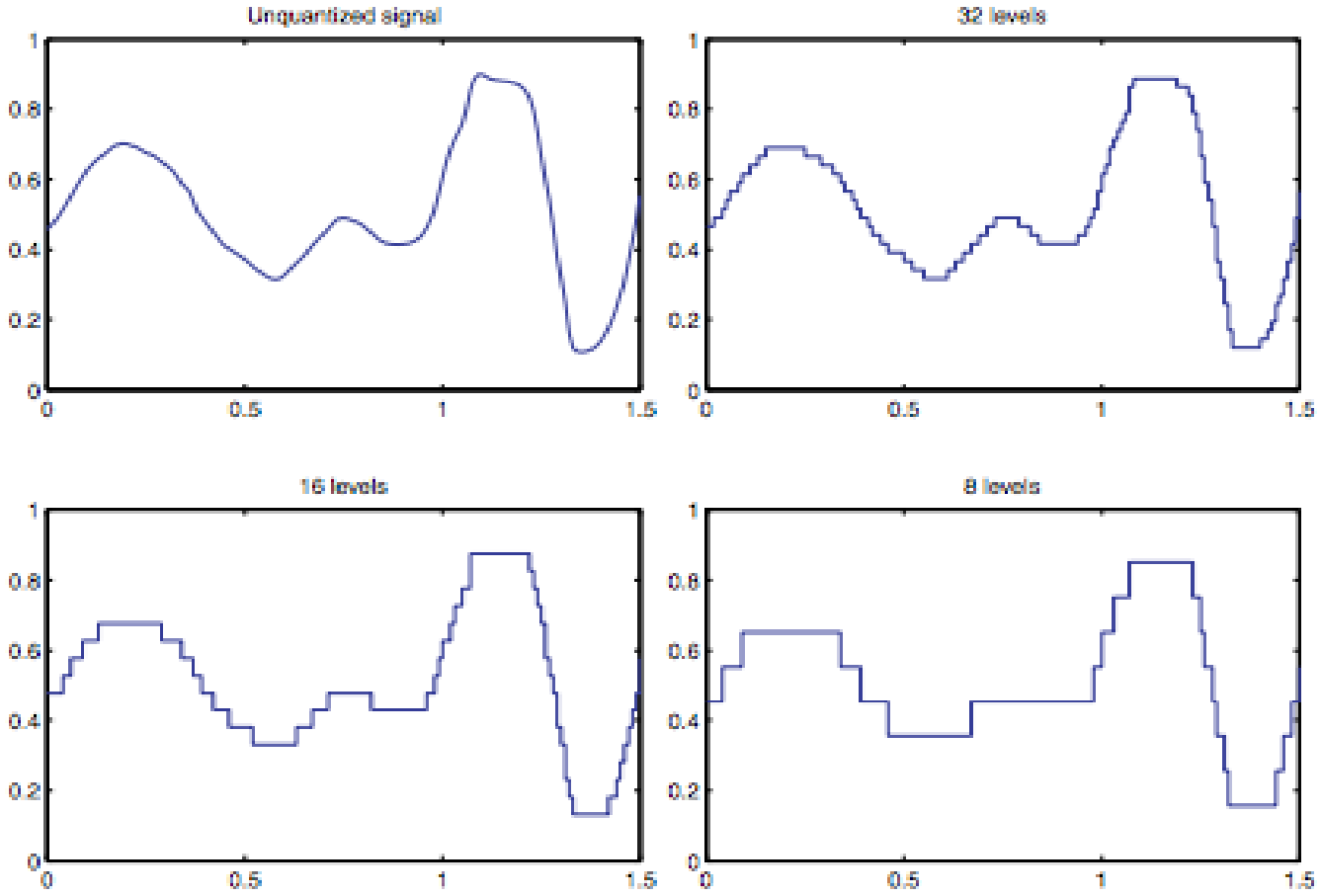

Figure 5.11: Quantized versions of an analog signal.

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High-quality sampling

sampling rate

- Rate: 44,100 samples per second (Hertz – Hz).
  - sampling theorem: *the sampling rate must be at least twice the highest frequency in the sound* (humans can hear up to approx. 20,000 Hz.)

sample size

- Sample size: 16-bits per sample (so there are 65,536 amplitude levels that can be measured).
  - *Quantization* (rounding to integer sample values) *introduces noise.* Adding one bit cuts the noise in half.

SOUND FILE FORMATS

Compressing Sound Files

- *codecs* (compression/decompression) implement various compression/decompression techniques
- **Lossless**: WMA Lossless, ALAC, MPEG-4 ALS, …
- **Lossy**: MPEG, like JPEG, a family of perceptually-based techniques

MP3

- MP3 (MPEG3) is a lossy compression technique.
- Takes advantage of human perception (**psychoacoustics)**
  - Our hearing is better in mid range frequencies than on the low and high ends.
  - If a loud and soft sound play at about the same time or about the same frequencies, we can't hear the soft sound: this is called *masking*
  - *Masking can hide noise introduced by compression.*

MP3 Demo

Let Me Call You Sweetheart

http://www-mtl.mit.edu/Courses/6.050/2014/notes/mp3.html

MP3 Compression

- Like JPEG, MP3 has various levels of compression:

Bit Rate	Compression Ratio	Quality
256Kbps	5:1	Supreme (near best)
192Kbps	7:1	Excellent (better)
128Kbps	11:1	(good)
96Kbps	19:1	(fair)
64Kbps	22:1	FM quality (poor)

- MP3 also has Variable Bit Rate (VBR) since compression ability can vary at different segments of the digital recording.

IMAGE + SOUND = VIDEO

Problem: a torrent of data

- Imagine if we used “raw” images and sound for video
  - about 5MB of image data per frame, times 30 frames/sec = about 150 MB image data per second
  - about 1400 kbps, or 175 KB sound data per second
  - 10 minutes of this: about 90.1 Gigabytes

MP4

- MP4 (MPEG4):
  compression technique for video
- Sophisticated engineering exploits
  - **redundancy** (next frame is likely to resemble this frame)
  - **perception** (what the eye and ear can do)
- Applications: streaming, HDTV broadcast, Digital Cinema, cameras (e.g. GoPro), phones

YouTube, Vimeo, etc.

- YouTube, Vimeo, etc. support many formats, including MP4, AVI (Microsoft), QuickTime (Apple), and Flash (Adobe).

- You can download videos from these sites in your preferred format using tools such as KeepVid

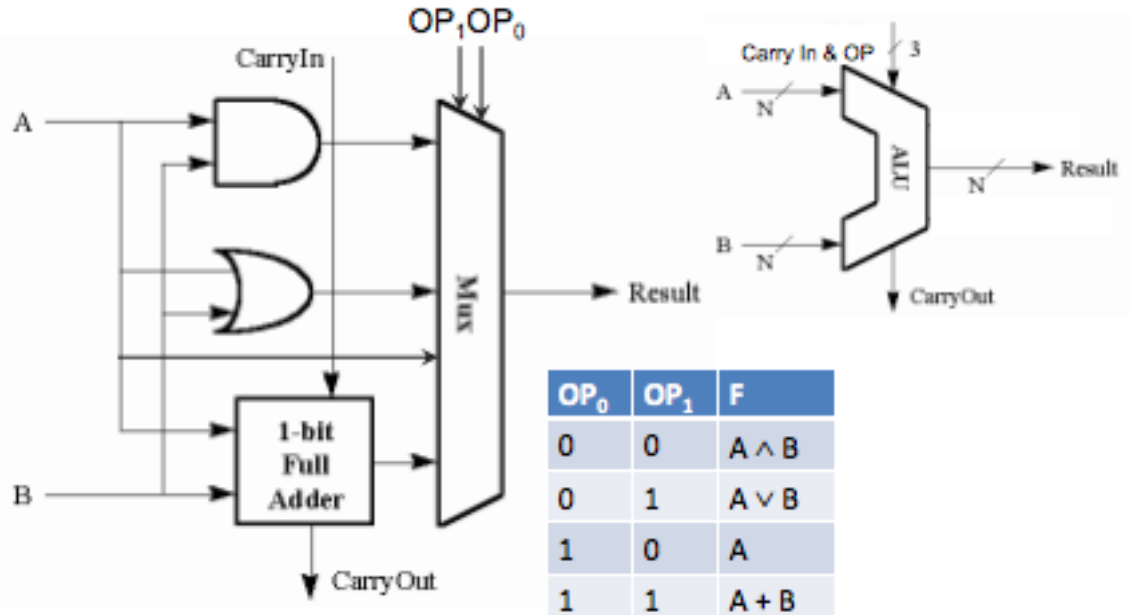
- Uploading and then downloading a video may reduce the quality due to lossy compression.

Summary

- **Samples**
  - **Pixels** are samples of the image in space; *resolution* and *number of bits* determine quality
  - **Audio samples** measure the signal in time; *sampling rate* and *number of bits* determine quality
- **Tradeoff** between quality and size
- **Compression** methods exploit
  - Coding redundancy (e.g. Huffman codes)
  - Data redundancy (e.g. run-length coding)
  - Perceptual redundancy (e.g. MP3, JPEG)

Next Time

Computer Organization



OP_0	OP_1	F
0	0	A ∧ B
0	1	A ∨ B
1	0	A
1	1	A + B