

CSC 240

Computer Graphics

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Outline: 9/12

- Introductions
- What is computer graphics?
- Syllabus
- Images and pixel coloring
- Poll Everywhere and Lab 0

Introductions

To discuss with a partner:

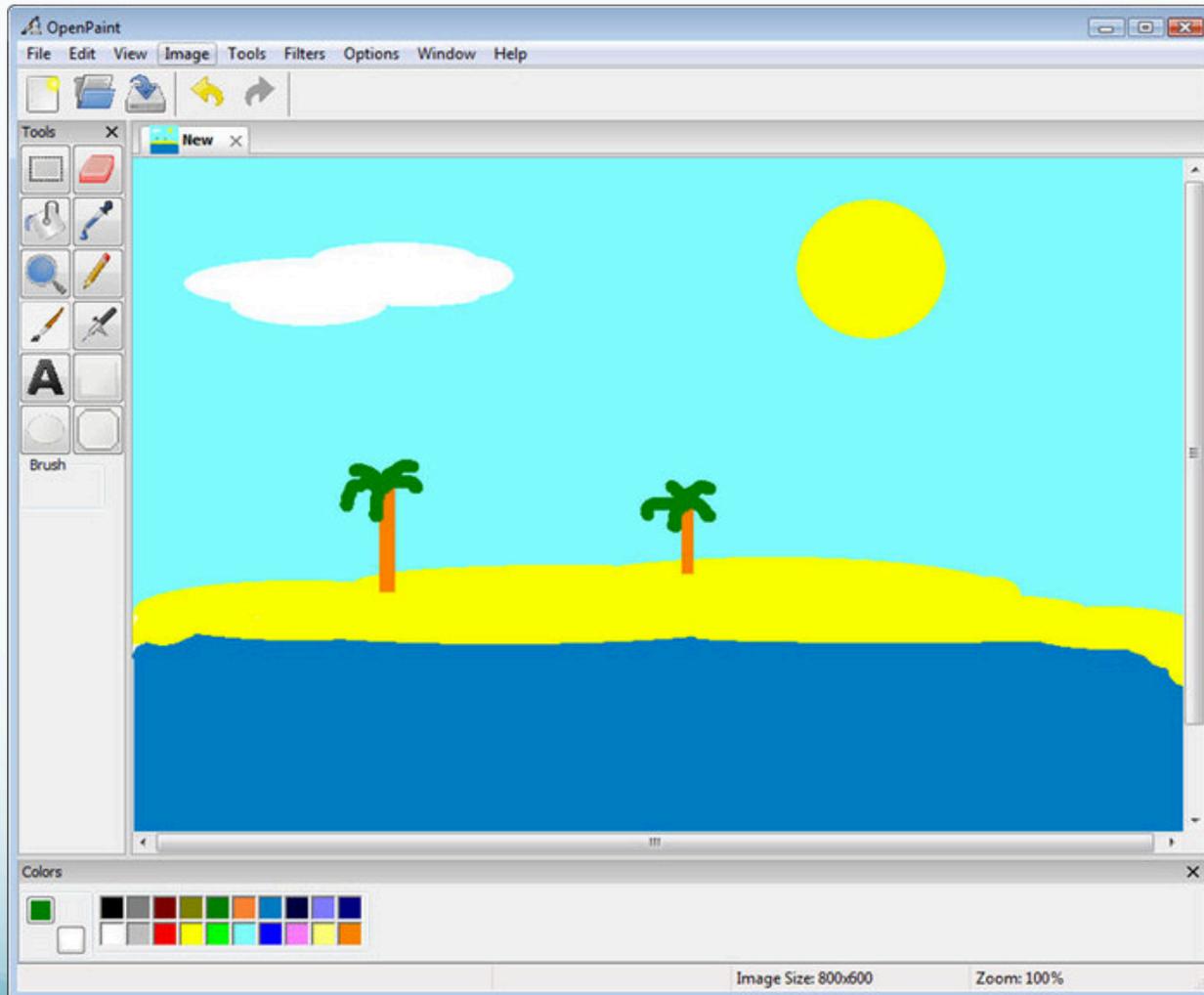
- 1) Why did you decide to take this class?
- 2) What are you hoping to gain from this class?
- 3) Any particular topics you would like to cover?

What is Computer Graphics?

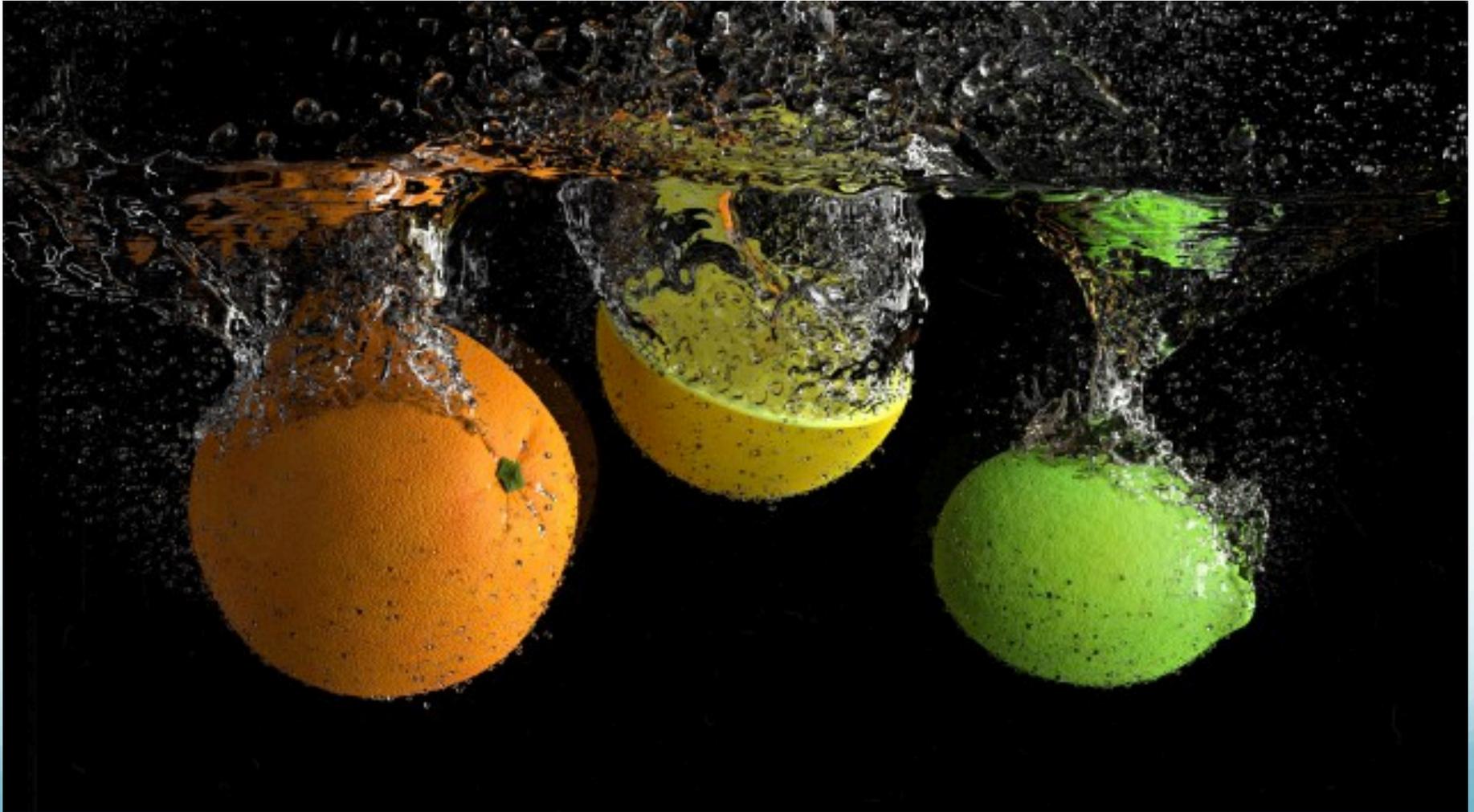
What is computer graphics?

- Creating images using a computer
- Manipulating images
- Modeling and simulation
- Animation and game design
- User-interface design

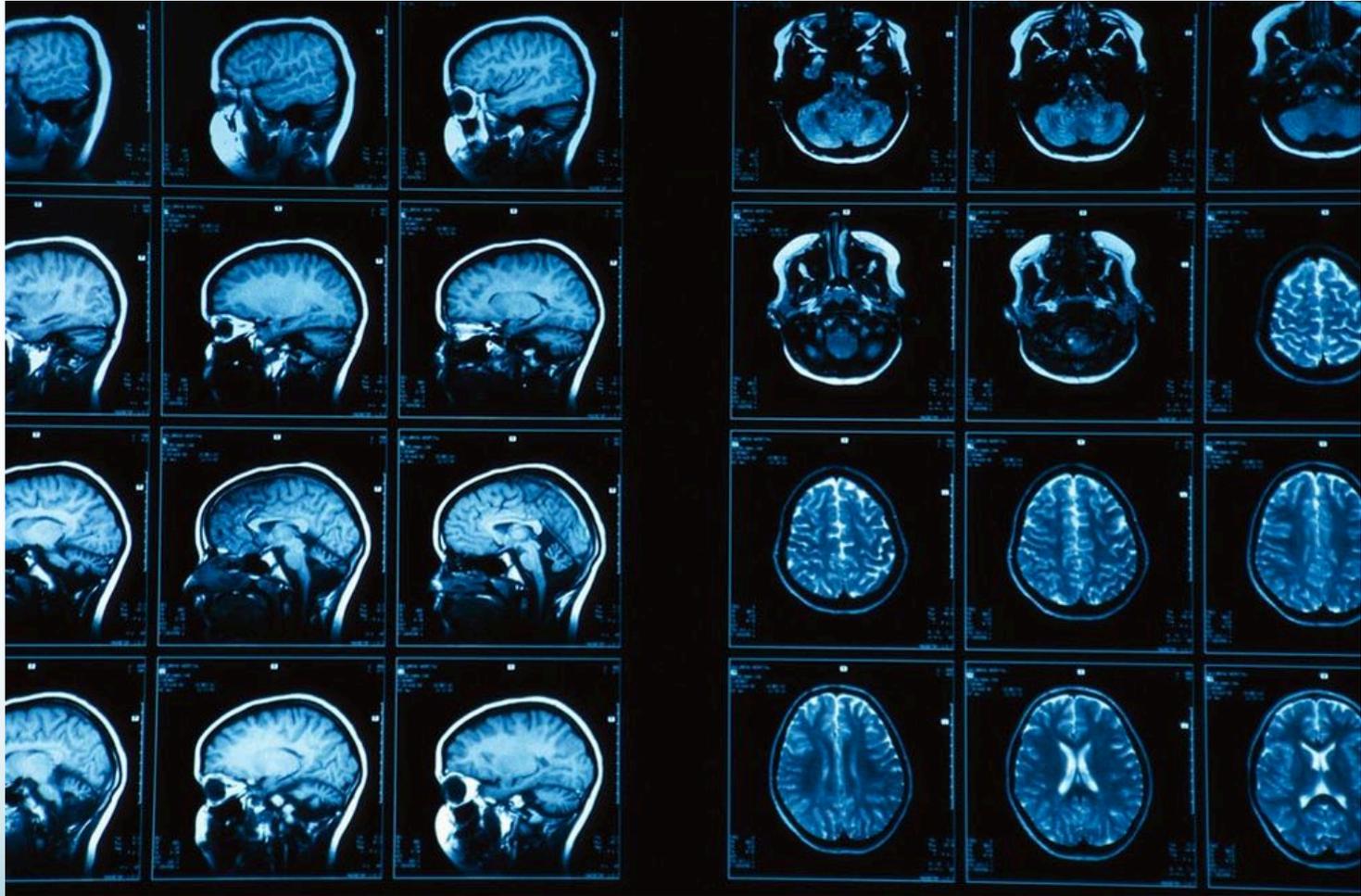
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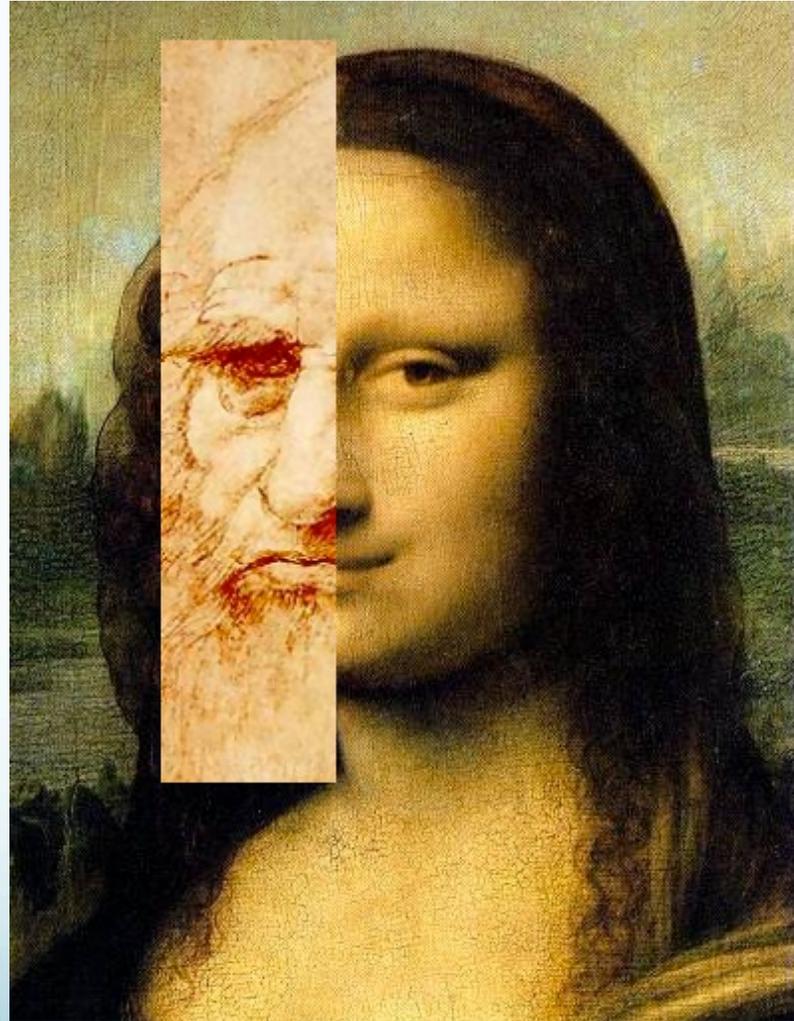


Creating images



Brain MRI scan, by Ken Glaser/Corbis, National Geographic

Manipulating images



"DaVinci MonaLisa1b" by David R. Tribble

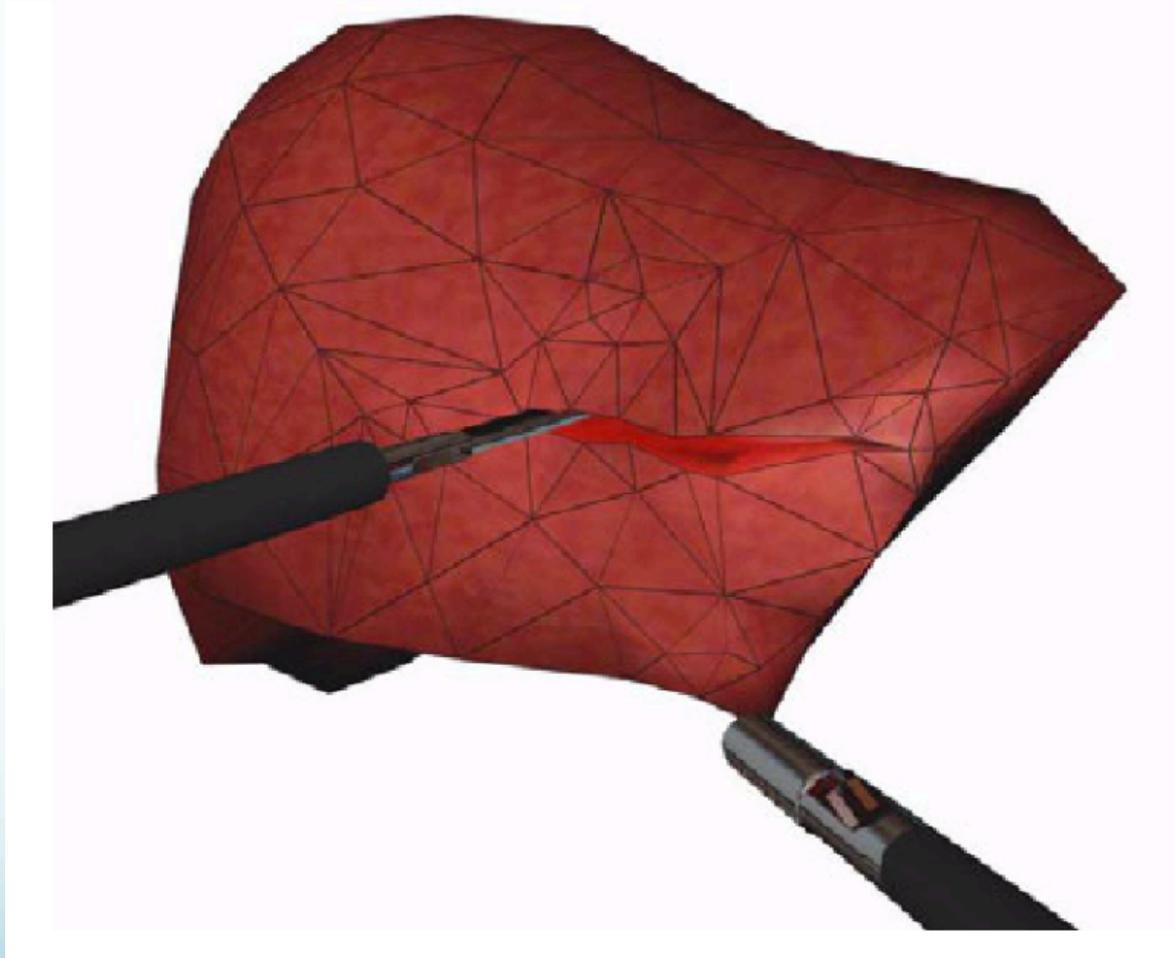
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Modeling and simulation

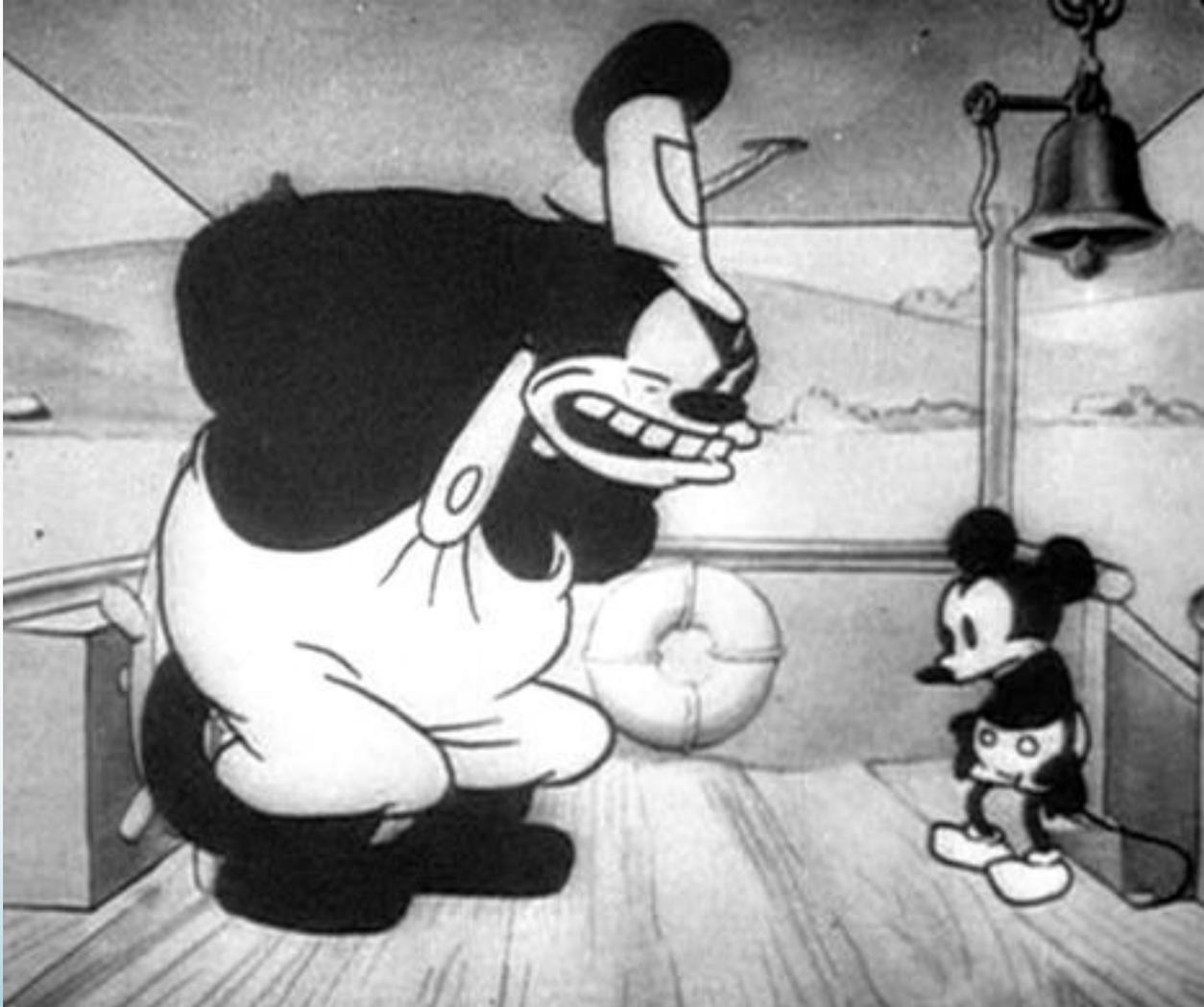


Modeling and simulation



Adaptive tissue modeling, Vidal *et al*, 2006

Animation



"Steamboat Willie", Disney and Ub Iwerks, 1928

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“Monsters Inc”, Disney/Pixar, 2001

Animation



Elsa: 400,000 strands of hair

“Frozen”, Disney, 2013

Animation



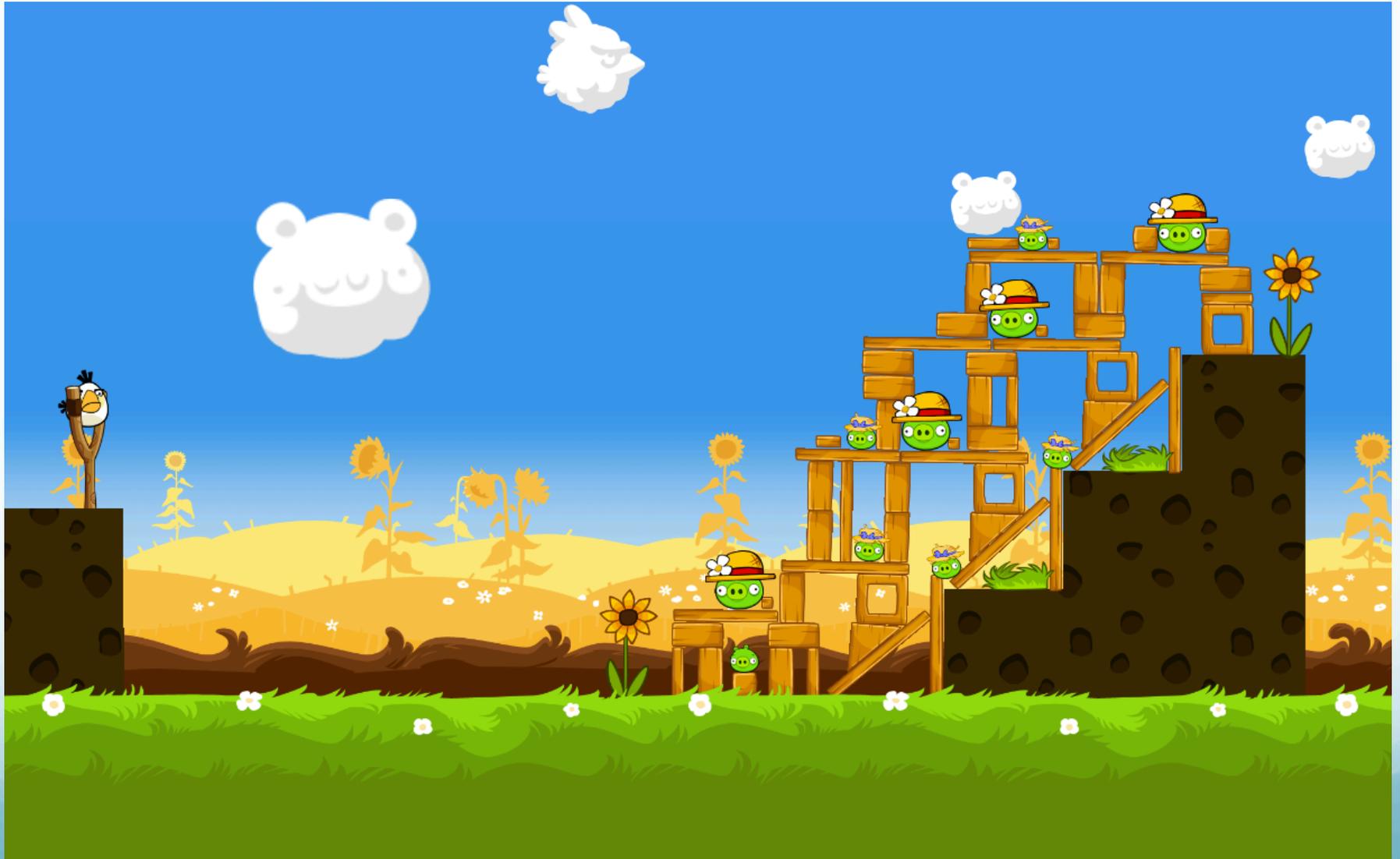
Giraffe: 9 million strands of hair

"Zootopia", Disney, 2016

Game design



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User-interface design



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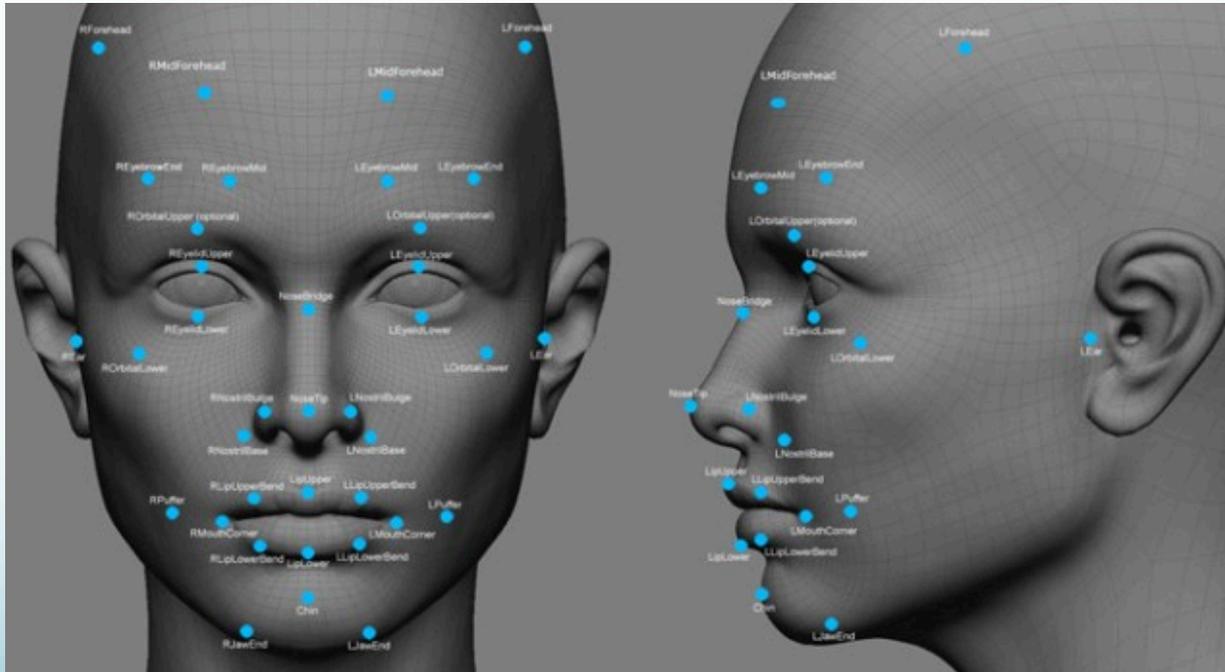
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Doctors of the World,
morethanacostume.com

What is computer vision? (not this class!)

- Understanding [natural] images
- Examples: google books, image tagging, self-driving cars



Computer vision



Jeremy Hsu, IEEE Spectrum

Syllabus

Course staff

- **TAs:** Riley Mancuso and Farida Sabry

http://cs.smith.edu/classwiki/index.php/Computer_Science_TA_hours

Sunday 7:30 - 9:30 PM	Ford 241	Farida
Monday 7:30 - 9:30 PM	Ford 241	Riley
Tuesday 7:30 - 9:30 PM	Ford 241	Farida

- **Grader:** Nishit Parekh

Prerequisites

- **CSC 111**: Introduction to Computer Science
- **Math 111**: Calculus 1

Course Goals

- Understand algorithms and math behind graphics
- Build programming skills
- Enable artistic expression
- Resources for pursuing computer graphics further

Assignment Notes

- Mix of programming and pencil-and-paper exercises
- Weekly (usually due Tuesday nights)
- In-class labs not turned in, but count toward participation
- Email me if you do not have a laptop computer

Assignment Notes

- WebGL (i.e. OpenGL in java script/html) and Blender
- Submitted through Moodle
- 4 credit course = 12 hours/week

3 in class, 9 outside class

<http://cs.smith.edu/~ssheehan/fall16/csc240/home.html>

Username: csc240, Password: fall16

Topics (tentative)

- Graphics pipeline and pixel coloring
- Lines, 2D shapes, and fill algorithms
- Transformations
- Splines and Bezier curves
- Perspective
- 3D modeling
- Lighting, shading, and reflectance
- Texture mapping
- Ray tracing
- 3D printing
- Animation

Textbook

- Free, online, I will post sections on the calendar
- **Introduction to Computer Graphics** by David J. Eck

<http://math.hws.edu/graphicsbook/>

Online discussion

- Piazza
 - Class discussion
 - Homework help
 - Clarifications
 - Announcements

<https://piazza.com/smith/fall2016/csc240/home>

Poll for office hours!

Assessment

- Homeworks: 50%
- Midterm exam: 15% (Oct 26, tentative)
- Final project: 10%
- Self-scheduled final exam: 15%
- Participation: 10%
 - In-class labs
 - Poll Everywhere
 - Asking/answering questions in class
 - Piazza

Honor code

- Collaboration encouraged!
- Please cite:
 - student collaborators
 - online resources, especially any code
 - books
- For most assignments: individual original code, **produced and understood** by you
- Occasionally pair-programming assignments

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Exceptions: accommodations letters, notice from Dean or Health Services

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- 7) **Random partners**: frequently throughout the semester

Resources

- Piazza
- Office hours (instructor and TAs)
- Fellow students
- Spinelli Center for Quantitative Learning
 - Extra credit toward **participation** for attending workshops
- Accommodations (turn letters in early!)

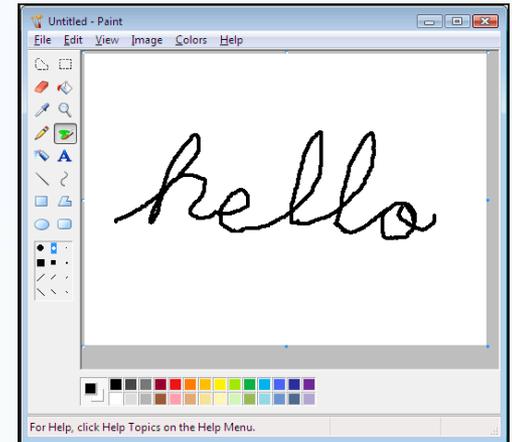
What does CSC 240 fulfill?

- Minor in Computer Science: Digital Arts
- Arts & Technology minor
- Distribution requirement for the Computer Science major (Programming, Theory)

What is a digital image?

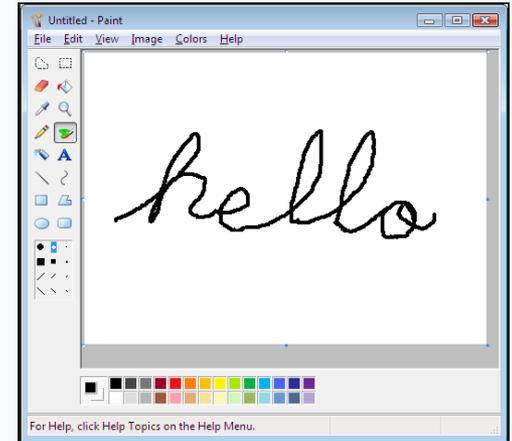
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- **Vector graphics**: defined by shapes
 - Used in **drawing** programs
 - Line from A to B, Circle at C with radius r, etc
 - Inkscape, Adobe illustrator



INKSCAPE
Draw Freely.

Inkscape is a professional vector graphics editor for Windows, Mac OS X and Linux. It's free and open source.

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- **Answer:**
 - vector graphics: yes!
 - raster graphics: no 😞

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- **Vector graphics**: scale arbitrarily, less space to store, easier to interpret

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- **JPEG** (Joint Photographic Experts Group)

Designed with space/quality tradeoff in mind.

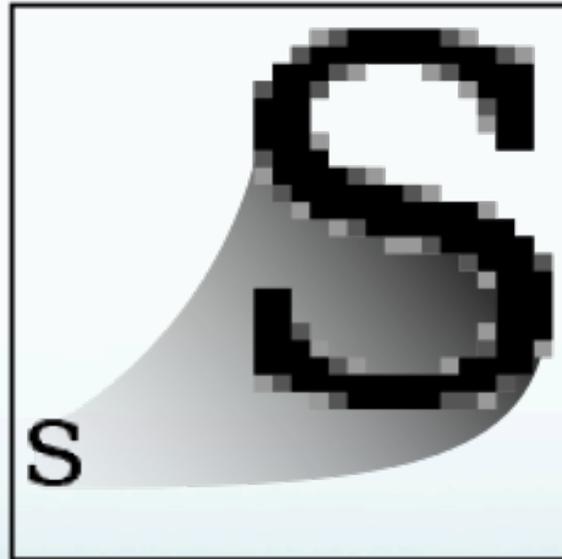
Best for photos.



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 - SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics)



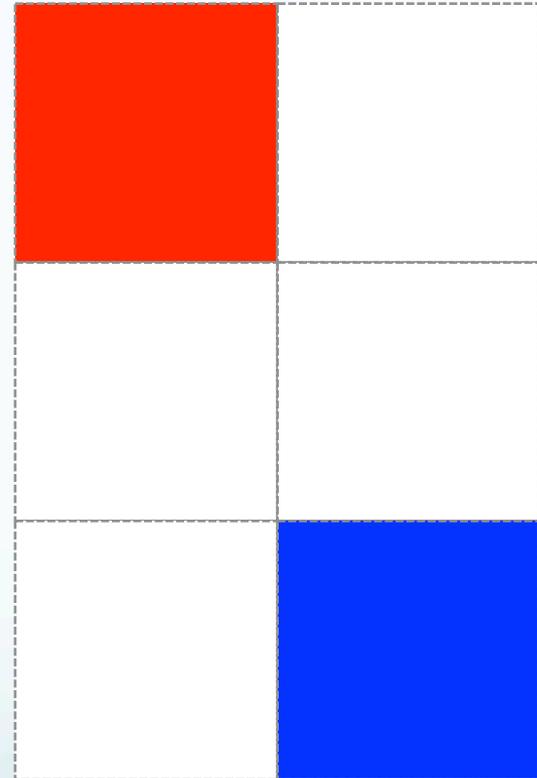
Raster
.jpeg .gif .png



Vector
.svg

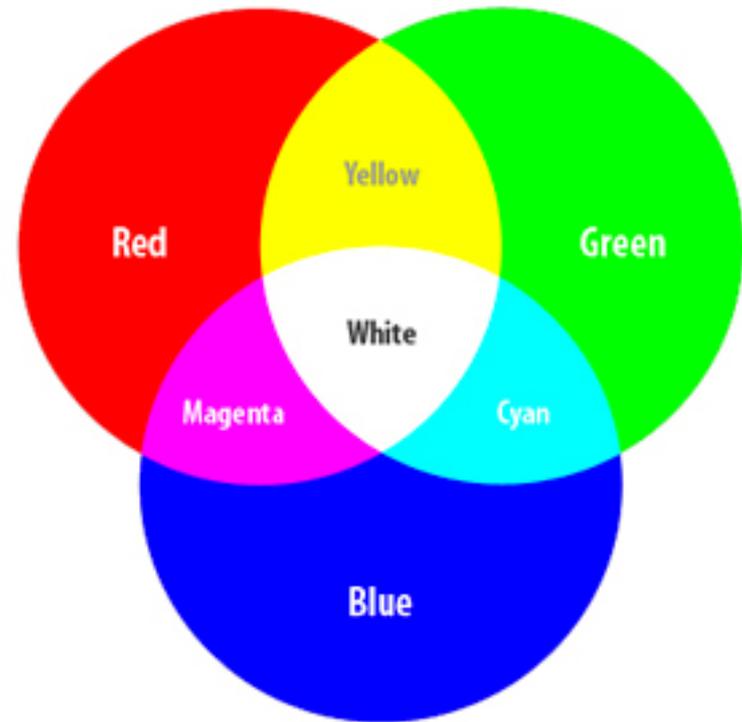
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PPM: Portable Pixel Map

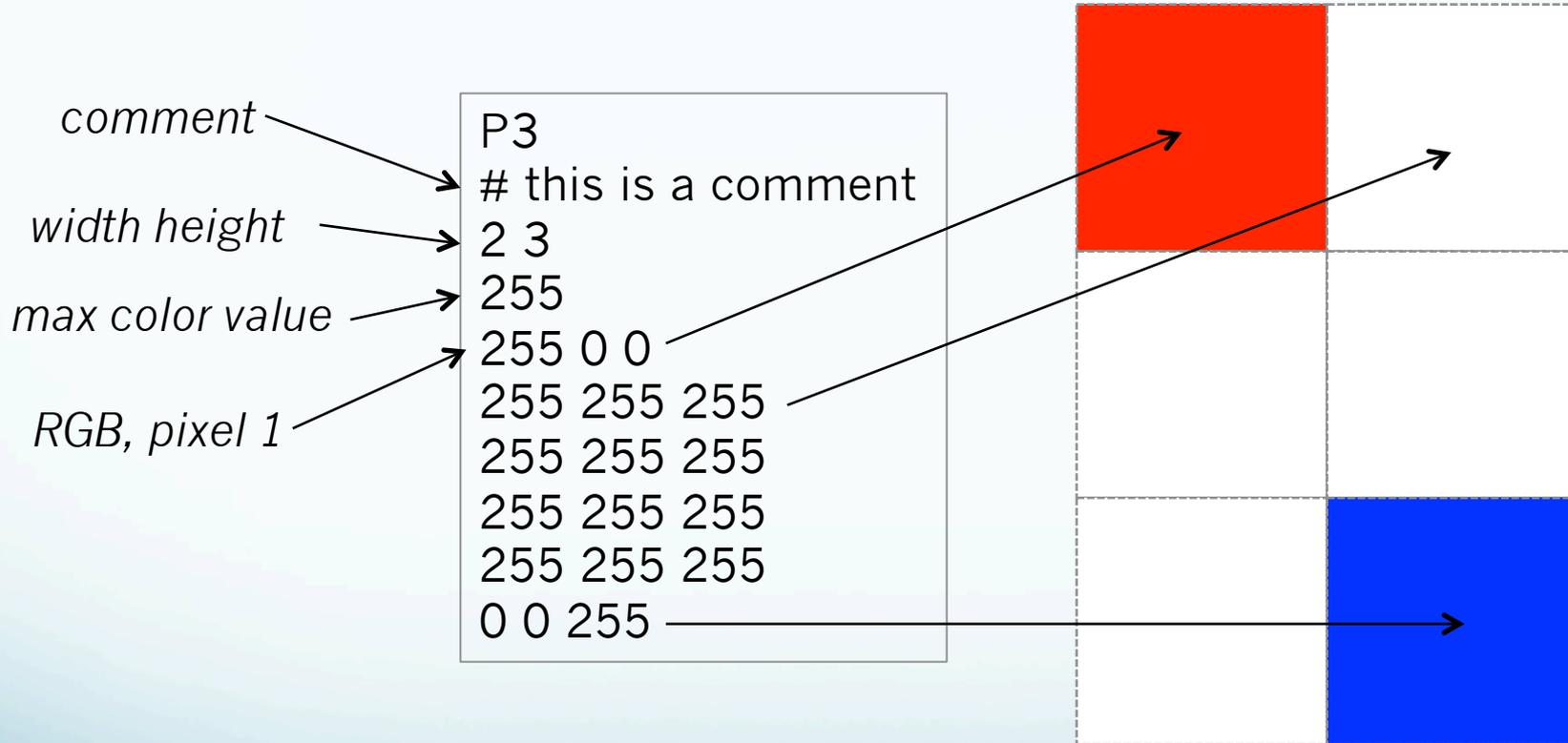


Pixel coloring

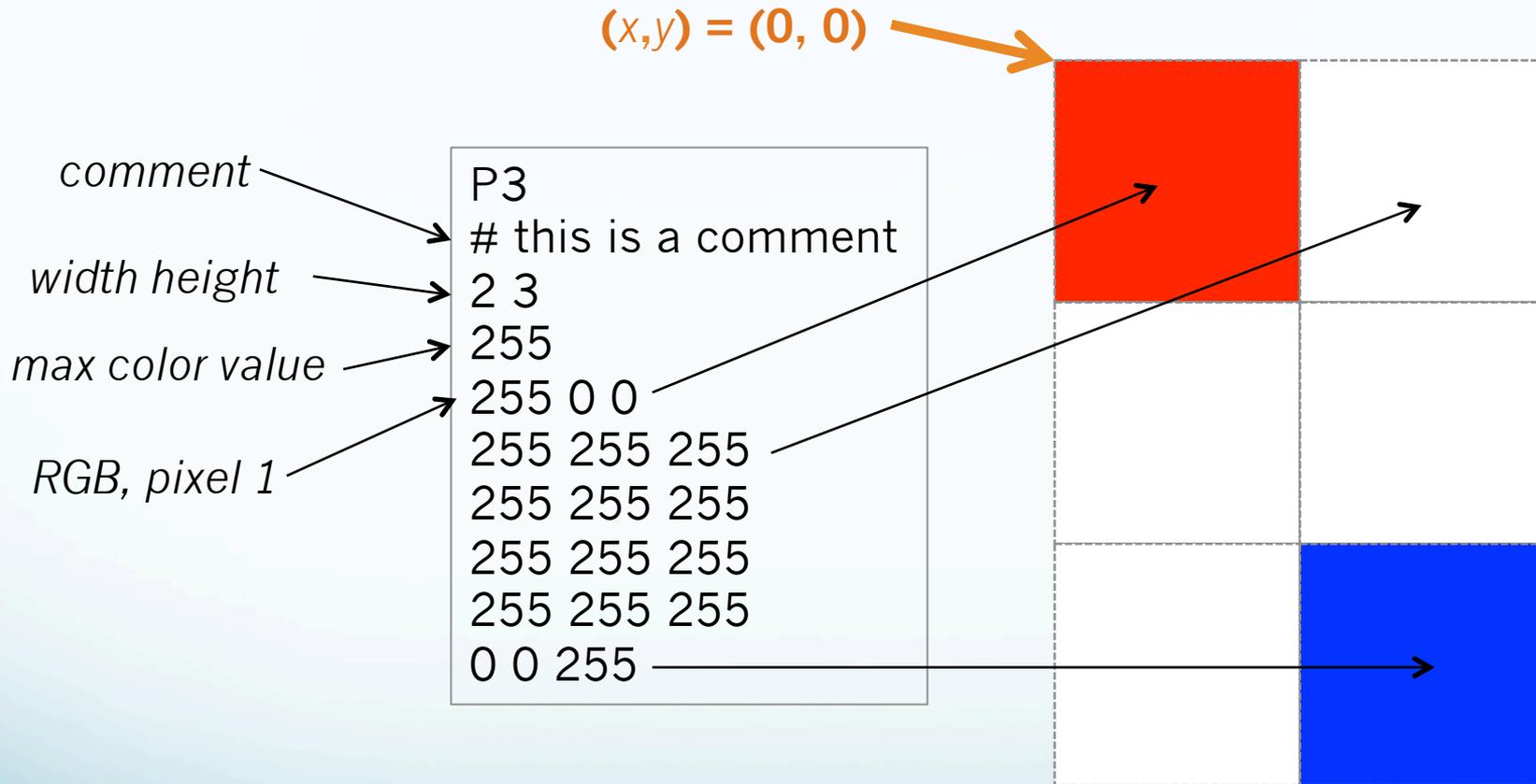
- Red
- Green
- Blue
- “RGB”, each 0-255



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Poll Everywhere + Lab 0

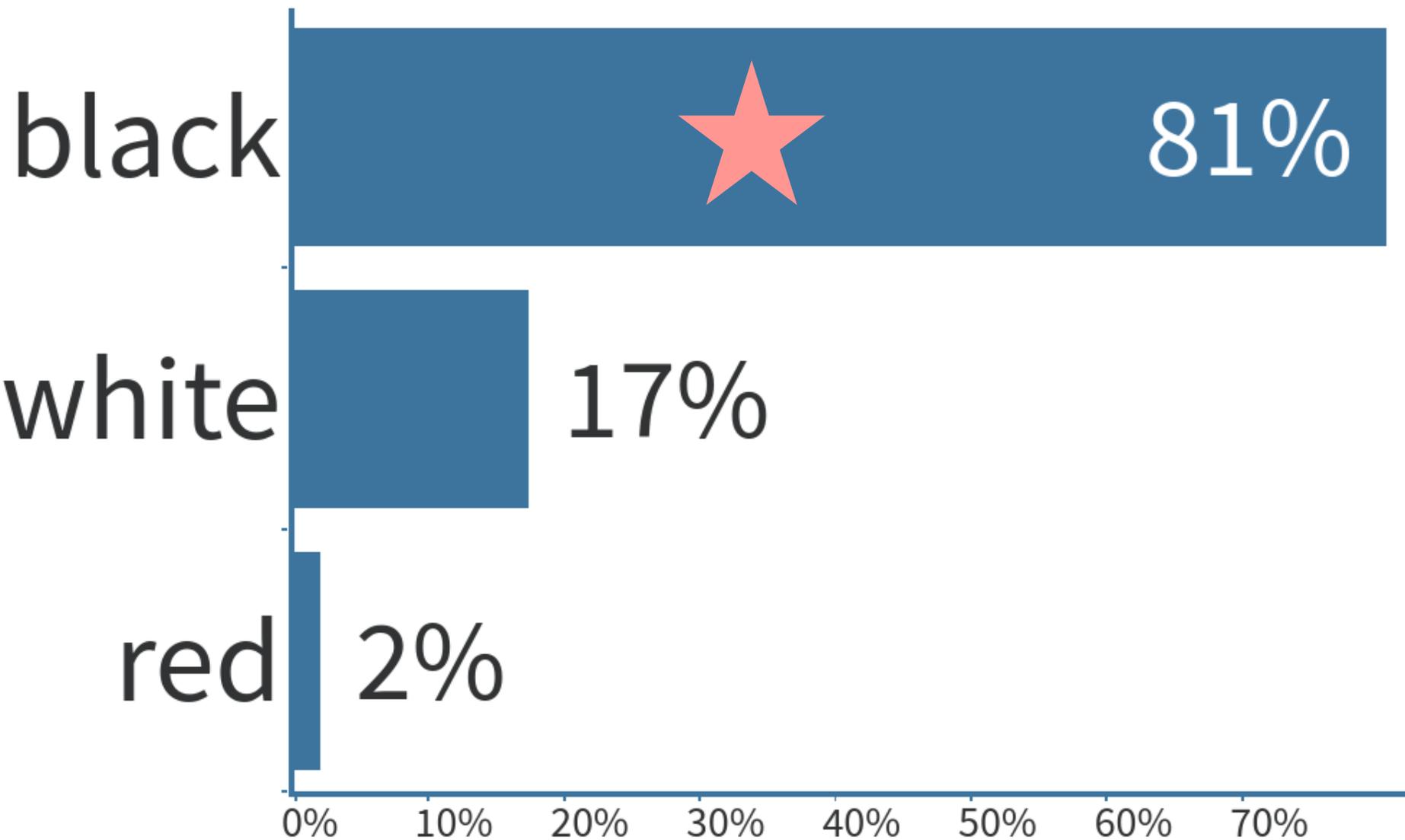
What color is represented by the RGB values (0,0,0)?



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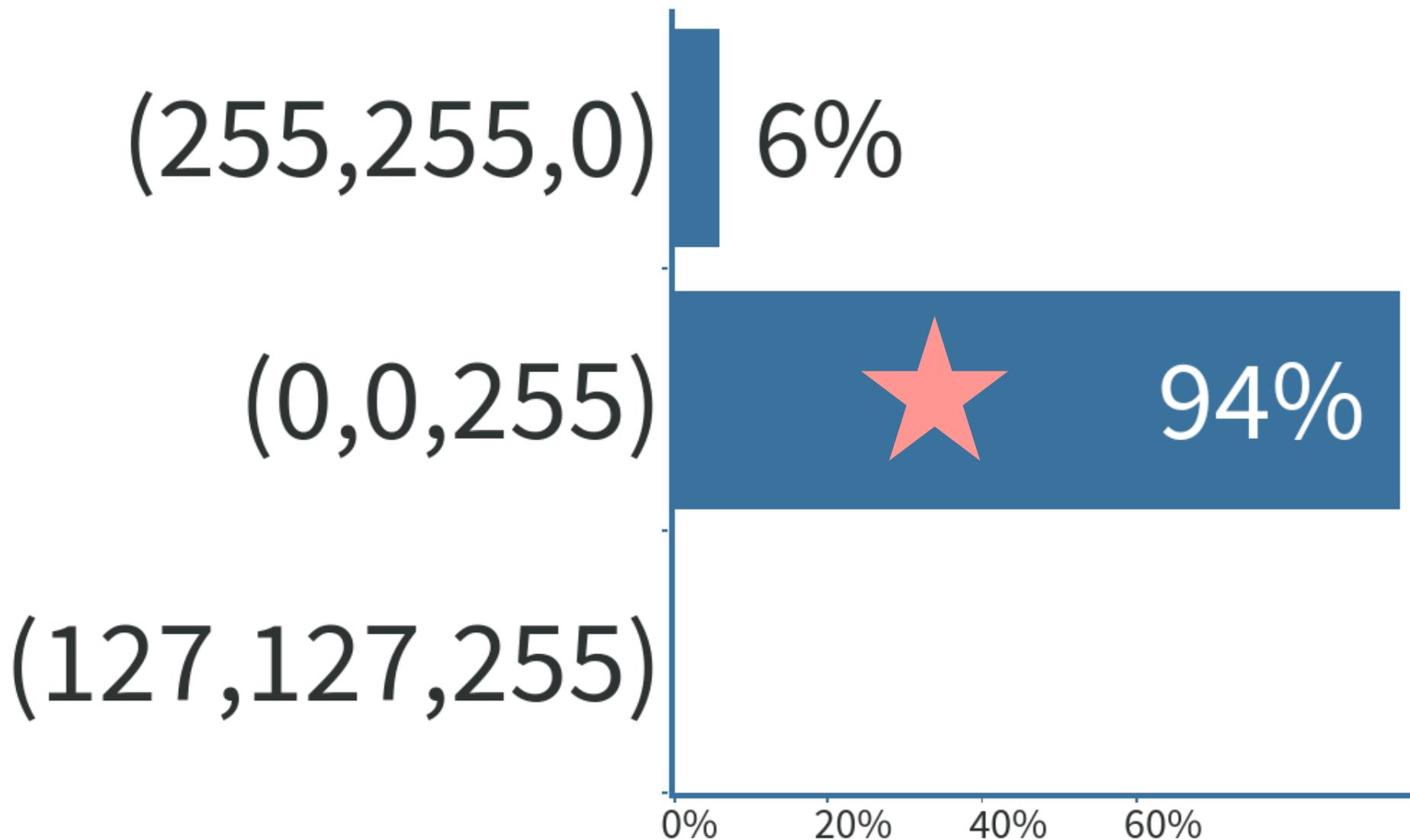
What RGB value corresponds to pure blue?



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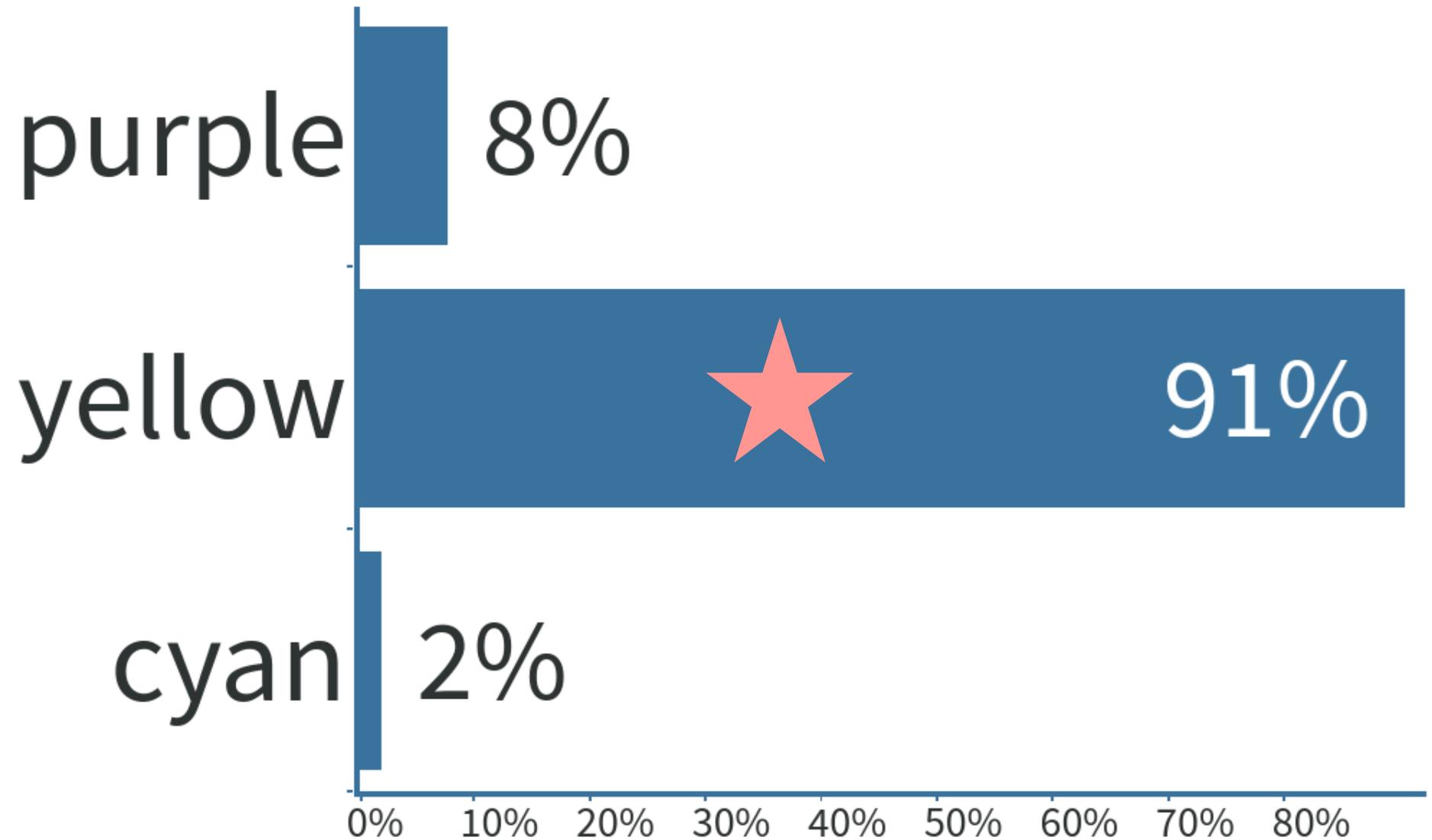
What color is represented by (255,255,0)?



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Say I have a window that is 600x800 pixels. What are the (x,y) coordinates of the center of the window?



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(300,400)



94%

(-300,-400)

6%

(0,0)

0% 15% 30% 45% 60% 75%

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