



COMP2720: Automating Tools for New Media

Color replacements and
targeted color replacement
(**if**)



Learning objectives of this lecture

- Conditions: if ... then ...
- Expressions
- The use of: return
- Changing only some colors
- Posterising
- Commenting programs
- Sepia toned pictures



Let's try making Barbara a redhead!

- We could just try increasing the redness, but as we've seen, that has problems.
 - Overriding some red spots
 - And that's more than just her hair
- If only we could increase the redness only of the brown areas of Barb's head...

Treating pixels differently

- We can use the if statement to treat some pixels differently.
- For example, color replacement: Turning Barbara into a redhead
 - Use the **MediaTools** to find the RGB values for the brown of Barbara's hair.
 - Then look for pixels that are *close* to that color (within a threshold), and increase by 50% the redness in those.

Making Barb a redhead

```
def turnRed():  
    brown = makeColor(57,16,8)  
    file = r"F:\comp2720\pics\barbara.jpg"  
    picture=makePicture(file)  
    for px in getPixels(picture):  
        color = getColor(px)  
        if distance(color,brown)<50.0:  
            redness=getRed(px)*1.5  
            setRed(px,redness)  
    show(picture)  
    return(picture)
```



Original:

Talking through the program slowly

- Why aren't we taking any input? We don't want any: The recipe is specific to this one picture.
- The brown is the brownness that I figured out from **MediaTools**
- The file is where the picture of Barbara is on my computer
- I need the picture to work with

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Walking through the latter half of the program

- Now, for each pixel `px` in the picture, we
 - get the color
 - see if it's within a distance of 50 from the brown we want to make more red
 - If so, increase the redness by 50%
- At the end, show and return the picture

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How an if works

- if is the command name
- Next comes an *expression*:
Some kind of *true* or *false* comparison.
- Then a colon (:)
- Then the body of the if — the things that will happen *if* the expression is true

```
if distance(color,brown)<50.0:  
    redness=getRed(px)*1.5  
    blueness=getBlue(px)  
    greenness=getGreen(px)
```



Expressions

- We can test equality with ==
- We can also test <, >, >=, <=, <> (not equals)
- In general, 0 is false, 1 is true
 - So you can have a function return a “true” or “false” value.

Note: Using return here!

- Why are we using return?
 - Because the picture is created within the function
 - If we didn't return it, we couldn't get at it in the command area
- We could print the result, but we'd more likely assign it a name.

```
>>> redBarbara = turnRed()
```



Things to change

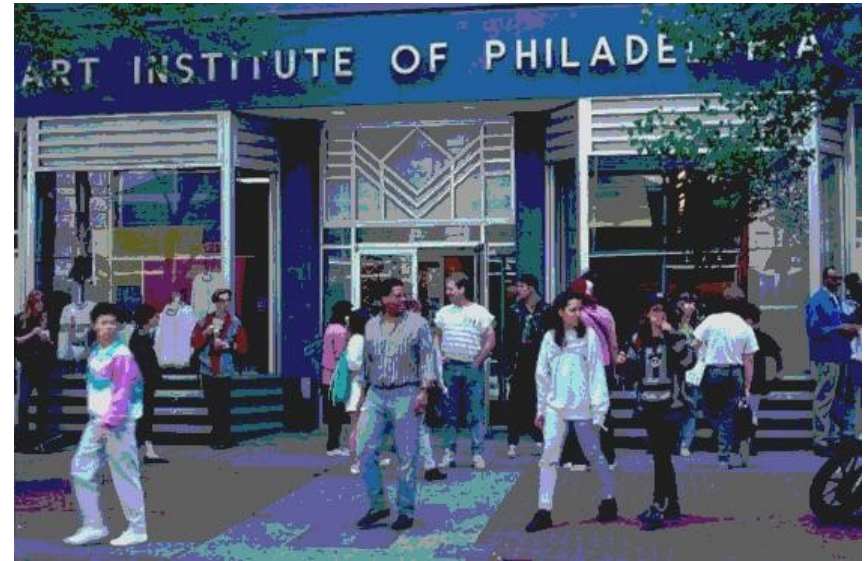
- Lower the threshold to get more pixels
 - But if it's too low, you start messing with the wood behind her
- Increase the amount of redness
 - But if you go too high, you can get beyond the range



Replacing colors using if

- We don't have to do one-to-one changes or replacements of color
- We can use *if* to decide *if* we want to make a change.
 - We could look for a range of colors, or one specific color.
 - We could use an operation (like multiplication) to set the new color, or we can set it to a specific value.
- It all depends on the effect that we want.

Posterising: Reducing the range of colors





Posterising: How we do it

- We look for a range of colors, then map them to a single color.
 - If red is between 63 and 128, set it to 95
 - If green is less than 64, set it to 31
 - ...
- It requires a lot of if statements, but it's really pretty simple.
- The end result is that a bunch of different colors gets set to a few colors.

Posterising function

```
def posterise(picture):  
    # Loop through the pixels  
    for p in getPixels(picture):  
        # Get the RGB values  
        red = getRed(p)  
        green = getGreen(p)  
        blue = getBlue(p)  
  
        # Check and set red values  
        if (red < 64):  
            setRed(p, 31)  
        if (red > 63 and red < 128):  
            setRed(p, 95)  
        if (red > 127 and red < 192):  
            setRed(p, 159)  
        if (red > 191 and red < 256):  
            setRed(p, 223)
```

```
        # Check and set green values  
        if (green < 64):  
            setGreen(p, 31)  
        if (green > 63 and green < 128):  
            setGreen(p, 95)  
        if (green > 127 and green < 192):  
            setGreen(p, 159)  
        if (green > 191 and green < 256):  
            setGreen(p, 223)
```

```
        # Check and set blue values  
        if (blue < 64):  
            setBlue(p, 31)  
        if (blue > 63 and blue < 128):  
            setBlue(p, 95)  
        if (blue > 127 and blue < 192):  
            setBlue(p, 159)  
        if (blue > 191 and blue < 256):  
            setBlue(p, 223)
```



What's with this “#” stuff?

- Any line that starts with a “#” is ignored by Python.
- This allows you to insert comments: Notes to yourself (or another programmer) that explains what's going on here.
 - When programs get longer, there are lots of pieces to them, and it's hard to figure out what each piece does.
 - Comments can help to understand a program.



Generating sepia-toned prints

- Pictures that are *sepia-toned* have a yellowish tint to them that we associate with older pictures.
- It's not directly a matter of simply increasing the yellow in the picture, because it's not a one-to-one correspondence.
 - Instead, colors in different ranges get mapped to other colors.
 - We can create such a mapping using `if`.

Example of sepia-toned prints



Here's how we do it

```
def sepiaTint(picture):
    # Convert image to greyscale
    greyScaleNew(picture)

    # Loop through picture to tint pixels
    for p in getPixels(picture):
        red = getRed(p)
        blue = getBlue(p)

        # Tint shadows
        if (red < 63):
            red = red*1.1
            blue = blue*0.9

        # Tint midtones
        if (red > 62 and red < 192):
            red = red*1.15
            blue = blue*0.85

        # Tint highlights
        if (red > 191):
            red = red*1.08
            if (red > 255):
                red = 255 # Why this here.. ?
            blue = blue*0.93

    # Set the new color values
    setBlue(p, blue)
    setRed(p, red)
```

What's going on here?

- First, we're calling `greyScaleNew` (lecture Pics-3, the function with weights).
 - It's perfectly okay to have one function calling another.
- We then manipulate the red (increasing) and the blue (decreasing) channels to bring out more yellows and oranges.
 - Why are we doing the comparisons on the red? Why not? After greyscale conversion, all channels are the same!
- Why these values? Trial-and-error: Twiddling the values until it looks the way that you want.



Reviewing: All the programming we've seen

- Assigning names to values with =
- Printing with `print`
- Looping with `for`
- Testing with `if`
- Defining functions with `def`
 - Making a real function with inputs uses (...)
 - Making a real function with outputs uses `return ...`
- Using functions to create programs (recipes) and executing them



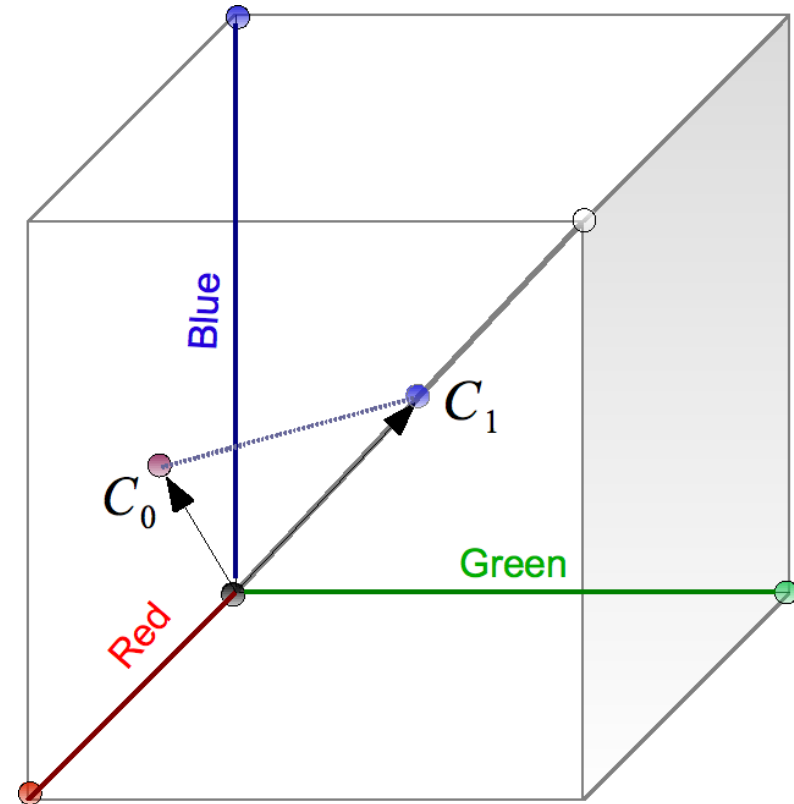
Colour interpolation

- What if we need to gradually convert one colour value into another colour value to create an effect of continuous change?
- Say, we want to make a picture fade its colours and become black-and-white one, or the other way around? (Like a “flashback from the past” in movies, when no colour film was available, and life “was” only coloured grey.)
- But we also want to preserve the luminance of every pixel.

Colour Cube

- The colour \vec{C}_0 is the original
- The color \vec{C}_1 is the same luminosity black-and-white
- We need to move gradually along the line $\vec{C}_0\vec{C}_1$ to convert the colour \vec{C}_0 into colour \vec{C}_1
- If you know a little of geometry, this is easy:

$$\vec{C}(t) = \vec{C}_0 \cdot (1 - t) + \vec{C}_1 \cdot t, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$



C_0 and C_1 have the same luminance. Any colour lying on the line C_0C_1 also have the same luminance. How to find C_0C_1 ?

Colour interpolation, the formula

- Initial colour $\vec{C}_0 = \vec{R} \cdot r_0 + \vec{G} \cdot g_0 + \vec{B} \cdot b_0$
- Final (grey) colour $\vec{C}_1 = \vec{R} \cdot \gamma + \vec{G} \cdot \gamma + \vec{B} \cdot \gamma$, $\gamma = \frac{(r_0 + g_0 + b_0)}{3}$
- interpolating colour $\vec{C}(t) = \vec{C}_0 \cdot (1 - t) + \vec{C}_1 \cdot t$
- interpolating colour in terms of primaries
$$\vec{C}(t) = \vec{R} \cdot r(t) + \vec{G} \cdot g(t) + \vec{B} \cdot b(t)$$
- interpolating primary components

$$r(t) = r_0 + \frac{g_0 + b_0 - 2 \cdot r_0}{3} \cdot t, \quad (r, g, b) \rightarrow (g, b, r) \rightarrow (b, g, r)$$

Colour interpolation, the program

- That is what you will have to do in the lab 2 exercise 2.
- Create two functions:
 - `colourFade(picture, frac)`
it will convert a colour picture into partially “black-and-whited”, with `frac=0` corresponding to the unchanged full coloured picture, and `frac=1` – to the fully black-and-white
 - `fading(picture)`
it will loop (say, ten times) over the value of `frac` from 0 to 1, and repaint the picture at every step, creating the effect of continuous colour fading.