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Image Manipulation: Pixel Traversal

Elements of Graphics
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Digital Images

- ❖ Bits are binary (0 or 1)
- ❖ Pixels are composed of bits
 - ❖ Bits-per-pixel determine the range of color
- ❖ Images are composed of pixels

Image Buffers

- ❖ Screen pixel data is stored in an array
- ❖ This array (or image buffer) allows us to access per-pixel information

How the pixels look:

0	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24

How the pixels are stored:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	.	.	.		
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Images in Processing

- ❖ Image buffers are stored in the PImage data type
- ❖ PImage allows for loading and displaying image data
- ❖ Some image manipulation:
 - ❖ Size
 - ❖ Position
 - ❖ Opacity
 - ❖ Tint
- ❖ To display: `image(PImage img, float x, float y, float width, float height)`

Loading and Displaying Images

```
PImage img;

void setup() {
    size(100, 100);
    img = loadImage("foo.png");
}

void draw() {
    image(img, 0, 0); //Note: we must load an
    image before displaying it!
}
```

Fitting Processing Window to Image Size

```
void setup() {  
    surface.setResizable(true);  
    img = loadImage("foo.png");  
    surface.setSize(img.width, img.height);  
}
```

Changing Individual Pixels

- ❖ `loadPixels()` and `updatePixels()` should be called *before* and *after* pixel manipulation respectively
 - ❖ `loadPixels()` allows us to **read** from the pixel data
 - ❖ `updatePixels()` **writes** any changes back to the pixel data
 - ❖ Calls not necessary for every Operating System, but *may not work without them*
- ❖ `PImage.pixels` array stores each pixel as a color
 - ❖ Access the color of the pixel at `index` in `PImage img`:
 - ❖ `color c = img.pixels[index];`

Consider...

- ❖ How can we access every pixel in an image?
- ❖ How can we access every pixel by its (x, y) value?
- ❖ Hint: remember this layout!

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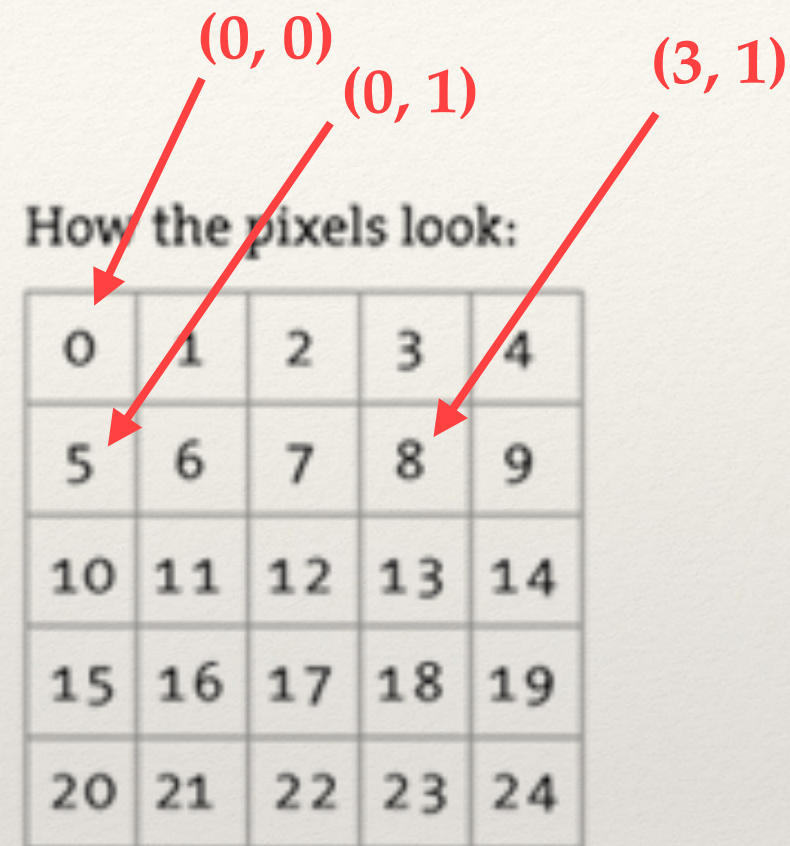
How the pixels are stored:

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Accessing by (x, y) Coordinates

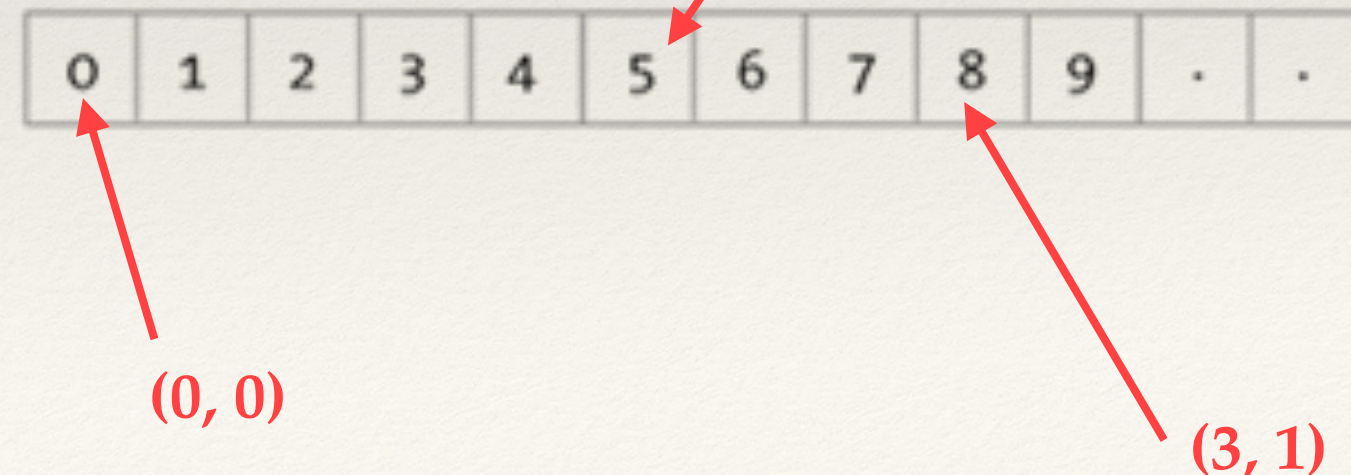
- ❖ We will perform a *stride* into the 1D array to know which **row** (e.g. **y value**) we are currently looking for
- ❖ Once we get to the correct row, we can use the **column** (e.g. **x value**) to find the final placement of the index into the 1D array
- ❖ To do this, we must know the image width
 - ❖ $\text{row} * \text{imageWidth} = \text{index of row in the 1D array}$
 - ❖ Then add in the column value

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Traversing an Image Buffer

```
//access img's pixels

img.loadPixels();

for (int x = 0; x < img.width; x++) {
    for (int y = 0; y < img.height; y++) {
        //access pixel at index and set c to its value

        int index = x + y*img.width;
        color c = img.pixels[index];
    }
}

//update any modifications to img's pixels

img.updatePixels();
```

Tint

- ❖ `tint()` modifies the color of the displayed images
- ❖ `noTint()` disables `tint()` modifications

```
void draw() {  
    tint(0, 153, 204);  
    image(img, 0, 0);  
    noTint();  
    image(img, 50, 50);  
}
```



Creating Tint Example



Hands-on: Creating Tint

❖ Today's activity:

1. **Re-create** Processing's `tint` functionality using a method you create (i.e. **do not use** the existing tint function)
 1. This method can take RGB/color data like the Processing `tint` method does
 2. You may want to make your `tint` method to be “per image” rather than “per screen” — to do this, your method should also have an argument for the `PImage` you will tint