

Great MUG Graphics

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What is a pixel?

• The smallest element of a digital image.



What is resolution?

- The sheer volume of information contained in your image.
- The higher the number, the more information, the better it will print.



What's the purpose?

- Are you EVER going to print it?
 - If so, on what device?
 - At what size?
- Will it only be used on the web or on a CD?
 If so, you're okay with 72 dpi



Screen only

- Pay attention to the pixels, not resolution.
- Get the right amount of pixels in both height and width to produce the desired physical dimensions.



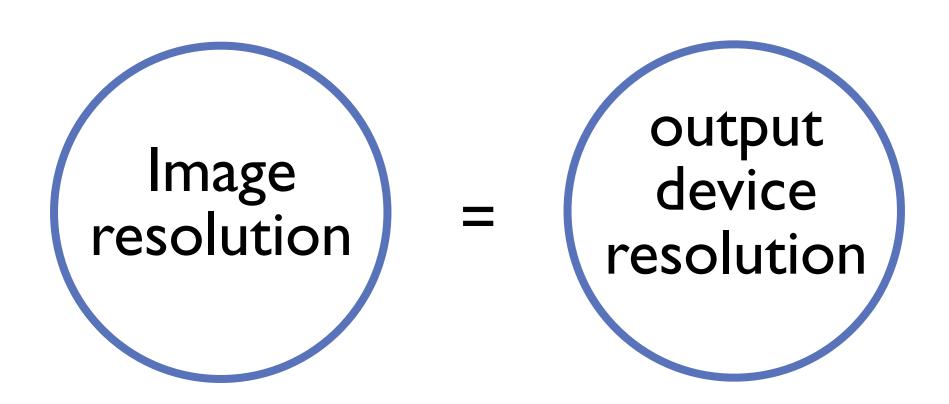
Print resolution

180-225 dpi*	300 dpi*
Medium quality	High quality
Output at home on inkjet printer	Output by service bureau or professional printer

^{*} approx.



Print resolution





Shooting digitally

- Make sure to use the right image quality setting BEFORE you shoot
- Ask yourself what the image will be used for?



Shooting digitally

Basic	Fine	RAW
Onscreen, Web, & CD	Print	Pro level prints
More images fit on media card	Fewer images fit on media card	Honkin' big, super-high quality files



Scanning tips

- If you need to enlarge an image, do it through the scanning software if possible.
- When scanning images from magazines, look for an option called Descreen.



Scanning tips

Onscreen	Scan at 85 dpi	
Magazine	Scan at 225-300 dpi	
Newspaper	Scan at 150-200 dpi	
B/W Laser	Scan at 150 dpi	
Color Inkjet	Scan at 225-300 dpi	



Printing web images

- Before printing images snatched from the web, you must increase their quality
- Use image editing software such as Photoshop, Photohop Elements, or Graphic Converter



Image types

.jpg	.gif	.tif	.eps
Photographs	Transparency	Photos	Vector (Illustrator)
Color blends or gradient	Flat color or line art	For print	For print



Web image sizes

Max	Photos	Headshots	Thumbnails
320 ×	200 x 150 h	90 × 90	80 × 60 h
240	150 x 200 v		60 × 80 v

All sizes in pixels



Stock photography

- iStockphoto.com, high quality stock photography
- \$1 web, \$2 print, \$3 full page
- Huge, royalty-free database
- Swag & presenters available for meetings

