About the Tutorial

This tutorial gives a simple and practical approach of implementing algorithms used in digital image processing. After completing this tutorial, you will find yourself at a moderate level of expertise, from where you can take yourself to next levels.

Audience

This reference has been prepared for the beginners to help them understand and implement the basic to advance algorithms of digital image processing in java.

Prerequisites

Before proceeding with this tutorial, you need to have a basic knowledge of digital image processing and Java programming language.

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Digital Image Processing (DIP) deals with manipulation of digital images using a computer. It is a subfield of signals and systems but focuses particularly on images. DIP focuses on developing a computer system that is able to perform processing on an image. The input of such system is a digital image. The system processes the image using efficient algorithms, and gives an image as an output.

Java is a high level programming language that is widely used in the modern world. It can support and handle digital image processing efficiently using various functions.
Java BufferedImage class is a subclass of Image class. It is used to handle and manipulate the image data. A BufferedImage is made of ColorModel of image data. All BufferedImage objects have an upper left corner coordinate of (0, 0).

**Constructors**

This class supports three types of constructors. The first constructor constructs a new BufferedImage with a specified ColorModel and Raster.

```java
BufferedImage(ColorModel cm, WritableRaster raster,
boolean isRasterPremultiplied, Hashtable<?,?> properties)
```

The second constructor constructs a BufferedImage of one of the predefined image types.

```java
BufferedImage(int width, int height, int imageType)
```

The third constructor constructs a BufferedImage of one of the predefined image types: TYPE_BYTE_BINARY or TYPE_BYTE_INDEXED.

```java
BufferedImage(int width, int height, int imageType, IndexColorModel cm)
```

**Methods**

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<pre><code>     | It computes an arbitrary rectangular region of the BufferedImage and copies it into a specified WritableRaster. |
</code></pre>
<p>| 2       | <code>getColorModel()</code>                                                      |
| It returns object of class ColorModel of an image.                     |
| 3       | <code>getData()</code>                                                            |
| It returns the image as one large tile.                               |
| 4       | <code>getData(Rectangle rect)</code>                                             |
| It computes and returns an arbitrary region of the BufferedImage.      |</p>
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<td>getRGB(int x, int y)</td>
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<td>getType()</td>
<td>It returns the image type.</td>
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**Example**

The following example demonstrates the use of java BufferedImage class that draws some text on the screen using Graphics Object:

```java
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Image;
import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;

import javax.swing.JFrame;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class Test extends JPanel {

    public void paint(Graphics g) {
        Image img = createImageWithText();
    }
```
g.drawImage(img, 20,20,this);
}

private Image createImageWithText(){
    BufferedImage bufferedImage = new
    BufferedImage(200,200,BufferedImage.TYPE_INT_RGB);
    Graphics g = bufferedImage.getGraphics();

    g.drawString("www.tutorialspoint.com", 20,20);
    g.drawString("www.tutorialspoint.com", 20,40);
    g.drawString("www.tutorialspoint.com", 20,60);
    g.drawString("www.tutorialspoint.com", 20,80);
    g.drawString("www.tutorialspoint.com", 20,100);
    return bufferedImage;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame();
    frame.getContentPane().add(new Test());

    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    frame.setSize(200, 200);
    frame.setVisible(true);
}

Output
When you execute the given code, the following output is seen:
In this chapter we are going to see how you can download an image from internet, perform some image processing techniques on the image, and then again upload the processed image to a server.

**Downloading an Image**

In order to download an image from a website, we use Java class named URL, which can be found under `java.net` package. Its syntax is given below:

```java
String website = "http://tutorialspoint.com";
URL url = new URL(website);
```

Apart from the above method, there are other methods available in class URL as described briefly:

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<td>public String getPath()</td>
<td>It returns the path of the URL.</td>
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<td>public String getQuery()</td>
<td>It returns the query part of the URL.</td>
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<td>public String getAuthority()</td>
<td>It returns the authority of the URL.</td>
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<td>public int getPort()</td>
<td>It returns the port of the URL.</td>
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<td>public int getDefaultPort()</td>
<td>It returns the default port for the protocol of the URL.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>public String getProtocol()</td>
<td>It returns the protocol of the URL.</td>
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<td>public String getHost()</td>
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It returns the host of the URL.

**Example**

The following example demonstrates the use of Java URL class to download an image from the internet:

```java
import java.io.FileOutputStream;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStream;
import java.io.OutputStream;
import java.net.URL;

public class Download {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        try {
            String fileName = "digital_image_processing.jpg";
            String website = "http://tutorialspoint.com/java_dip/images/" + fileName;
            System.out.println("Downloading File From: " + website);
            URL url = new URL(website);
            InputStream inputStream = url.openStream();
            OutputStream outputStream = new FileOutputStream(fileName);
            byte[] buffer = new byte[2048];
            int length = 0;
            while ((length = inputStream.read(buffer)) != -1) {
                System.out.println("Buffer Read of length: " + length);
                outputStream.write(buffer, 0, length);
            }
        }
    }
}
```
```java
inputStream.close();
outputStream.close();
}
catch(Exception e){
    System.out.println("Exception: "+e.getMessage());
}
}
```

**Output**

When you execute the given code, the following output is seen:

It would download the following image from the server.
Uploading an Image

Let us see how to upload an image to a webserver. We convert a BufferedImage to byte array in order to send it to server.

We use Java class ByteArrayOutputStream, which can be found under java.io package. Its syntax is given below:

```java
ByteArrayOutputStream baos = new ByteArrayOutputStream();
ImageIO.write(image, "jpg", baos);
```

In order to convert the image to byte array, we use toByteArray() method of ByteArrayOutputStream class. Its syntax is given below:

```java
byte[] bytes = baos.toByteArray();
```

Apart from the above method, there are other methods available in the ByteArrayOutputStream class as described briefly:

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<td>public void reset()</td>
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<td>This method resets the number of valid bytes of the byte array output stream to zero, so that all the accumulated output in the stream is discarded.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>public byte[] toByteArray()</td>
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</table>
This method creates a newly allocated Byte array. Its size would be the current size of the output stream and the contents of the buffer will be copied into it. It returns the current contents of the output stream as a byte array.

3  public String toString()
   Converts the buffer content into a string. Translation will be done according to the default character encoding. It returns the String translated from the buffer's content.

4  public void write(int w)
   It writes the specified array to the output stream.

5  public void write(byte []b, int of, int len)
   It writes len number of bytes starting from offset off to the stream.

6  public void writeTo(OutputStream outSt)
   It writes the entire content of this Stream to the specified stream argument.

Example
The following example demonstrates ByteArrayOutputStream to upload an image to the server:

Client Code

```java
import javax.swing.*;
import java.net.*;
import java.awt.image.*;
import java.imageio.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;
import java.io.ByteArrayOutputStream;
import java.io.File;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.imageio.ImageIO;
```
public class Client{
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception{
        Socket soc;
        BufferedImage img = null;
        soc=new Socket("localhost",4000);
        System.out.println("Client is running. ");
        try {
            System.out.println("Reading image from disk. ");
            img = ImageIO.read(new File("digital_image_processing.jpg"));
            ByteArrayOutputStream baos = new ByteArrayOutputStream();

            ImageIO.write(img, "jpg", baos);
            baos.flush();
            byte[] bytes = baos.toByteArray();
            baos.close();
            System.out.println("Sending image to server. ");

            OutputStream out = soc.getOutputStream();
            DataOutputStream dos = new DataOutputStream(out);
            dos.writeInt(bytes.length);
            dos.write(bytes, 0, bytes.length);
            System.out.println("Image sent to server. ");

            dos.close();
            out.close();
        }catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Exception: " + e.getMessage());
            soc.close();
        }
    }
}
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.awt.image.*;
import javax.imageio.*;
import javax.swing.*;

class Server {
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception{
        ServerSocket server = null;
        Socket socket;
        server = new ServerSocket(4000);
        System.out.println("Server Waiting for image");

        socket = server.accept();
        System.out.println("Client connected.");
        InputStream in = socket.getInputStream();
        DataInputStream dis = new DataInputStream(in);

        int len = dis.readInt();
        System.out.println("Image Size: "+len/1024+"KB");
        byte[] data = new byte[len];
        dis.readFully(data);
        dis.close();
    }
}
Output

Client Side Output
When you execute the client code, the following output appears on client side:

```
Client is running. 
Reading image from disk. 
Sending image to server. 
Image sent to server. 
```

Server Side Output
When you execute the server code, the following output appears on server side:

```
Server Waiting for image
Client connected. 
Image Size: 29KB 
```

After receiving the image, the server displays the image as shown below:
An image contains a two dimensional array of pixels. It is actually the value of those pixels that make up an image. Usually an image could be color or grayscale.

In Java, the BufferedImage class is used to handle images. You need to call getRGB() method of the BufferedImage class to get the value of the pixel.

### Getting Pixel Value

The pixel value can be received using the following syntax:

```java
Color c = new Color(image.getRGB(j, i));
```

### Getting RGB Values

The method getRGB() takes the row and column index as a parameter and returns the appropriate pixel. In case of color image, it returns three values which are (Red, Green, Blue). They can be get as follows:

```java
c.getRed();
c.getGreen();
c.getBlue();
```

### Getting Width and Height of Image

The height and width of the image can be get by calling the getWidth() and getHeight() methods of the BufferedImage class. Its syntax is given below:

```java
int width = image.getWidth();
int height = image.getHeight();
```

Apart from these methods, there are other methods supported in the BufferedImage class. They are described briefly:

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| 1      | copyData(WritableRaster outRaster)  
  It computes an arbitrary rectangular region of the BufferedImage and copies it into a specified WritableRaster. |
getColorModel()  
It returns ColorModel of an image.

dataGet()  
It returns the image as one large tile.

dataGet(Rectangle rect)  
It computes and returns an arbitrary region of the BufferedImage.

dataGetGraphics()  
This method returns a Graphics2D, but is here for backwards compatibility.

dataGetHeight()  
It returns the height of the BufferedImage.

dataGetMinX()  
It returns the minimum x coordinate of this BufferedImage.

dataGetMinY()  
It returns the minimum y coordinate of this BufferedImage.

dataGetRGB(int x, int y)  
It returns an integer pixel in the default RGB color model (TYPE_INT_ARGB) and default sRGB colorspace.

dataGetType()  
It returns the image type.

**Example**

The following example demonstrates the use of java BufferedImage class that displays pixels of an image of size (10 x 10):

```java
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;
import java.io.*;
import javax.imageio.ImageIO;
```
import javax.swing.JFrame;

class Pixel {
    BufferedImage image;
    int width;
    int height;
    
    public Pixel()
    {
        try {
            File input = new File("blackandwhite.jpg");
            image = ImageIO.read(input);
            width = image.getWidth();
            height = image.getHeight();
            int count = 0;
            for(int i=0; i<height; i++){
                for(int j=0; j<width; j++){
                    count++;
                    Color c = new Color(image.getRGB(j, i));
                    System.out.println("S.No: " + count + " Red: " + c.getRed() +
                                    " Green: " + c.getGreen() + " Blue: " + c.getBlue());
                }
            }
        } catch (Exception e) {}
    }
}

static public void main(String args[]) throws Exception
{
    Pixel obj = new Pixel();
}
}
**Output**

When you execute the above example, it would print the pixels of the following image:

**Original Image**

![Original Image](image)

**Pixels Output**

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