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Graphical Concepts

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Chapter





Graphical concepts

General image types

- Vector vs pixel
- Deciding when to use vector art, pixel art or both

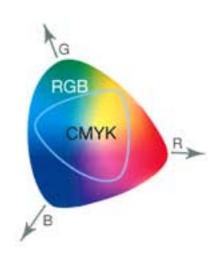
Image resolution and dimensions

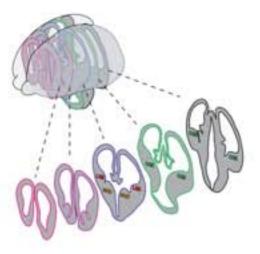
Image colors

- Color models and space
- Converting between color models
- Color profiles
- Color choices

Layers

Why you should avoid powerpoint?







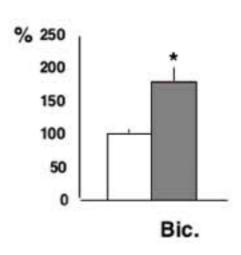
General Image Types

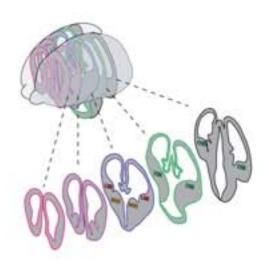


Vector-based image :

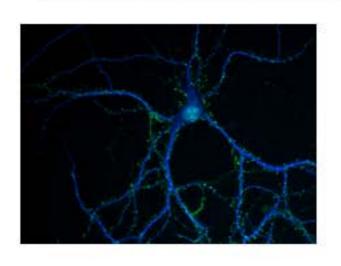


Made of editable lines, curves, and shape which are defined by a few key properties.





Pixel-based image = bitmap = raster art :





Made of uniform grid or colored dots, named the pixels.

Photos are typical pixel-based images.



General Image Types



Endpoint

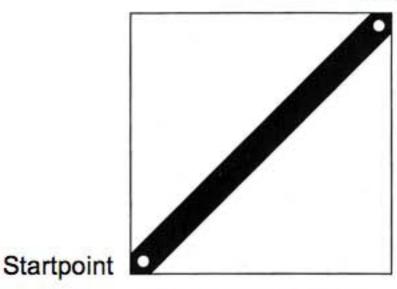
Vector-based image :



In vector art the line is defined by 2 points.

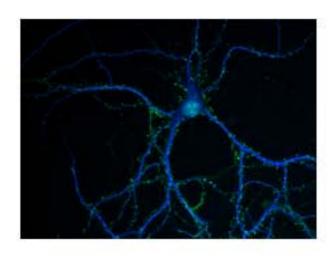
Storing info:

- X and Y of each point
- color of line, width



A 2 point vector line

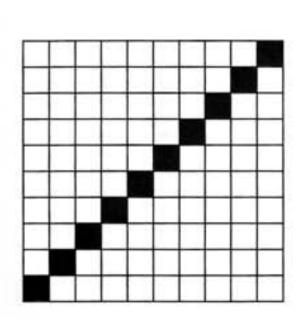
Pixel-based image = bitmap = raster art :



In pixel art the line consists of many points of a particular color.

Storing info:

- color of each point of the grid
- size of the image 10x10 or 100x100 ?
- this values increase with size



A 100-pixel (10x10) line



General Image Types



Vector-based image :



In vector art the file format can be:

pdf: portable document format (Adobe)

eps: encapsulated post-cript format (Adobe)

svg : scalable vector graphics (XML)

Al: Adobe Illustrator

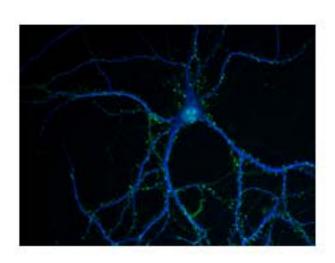






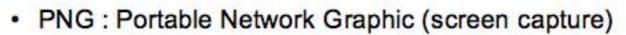
Vector art format

Pixel-based image = bitmap = raster art :



In pixel art the file format can be:

JPEG: Joint Photographic Expert Group (compressed)





BMP: Bitmap (Microsoft, IBM)

PSD: Adobe Photoshop













Image resolution & dimensions

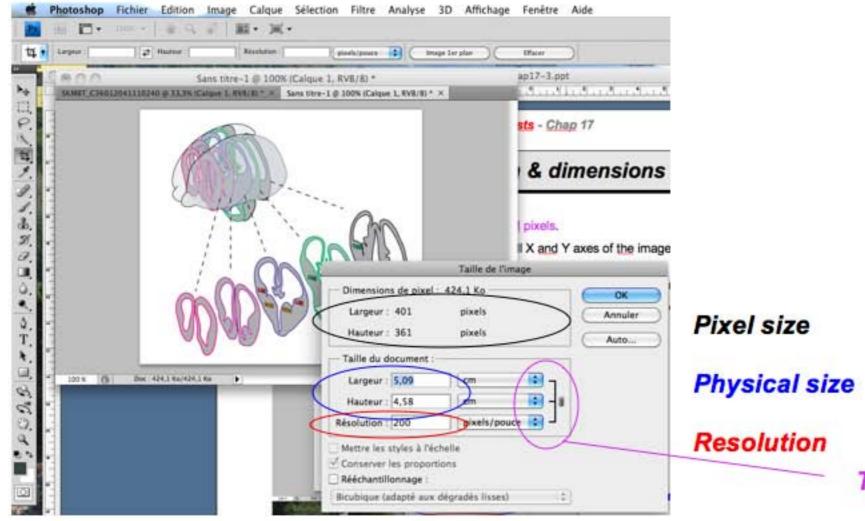


In pixel art images are made up by a grid of colored pixels.

Pixel dimension: the number of pixels along the full X and Y axes of the image, for example 800 x 600 pixels.

Physical size: the size that the image appears on a printed page, such as 89 mm x 66 mm.

Resolution: the size of each pixel, expressed as the number of pixels per unit of physical dimension, usually called dots per inch (DPI) or pixel per inch (PPI).



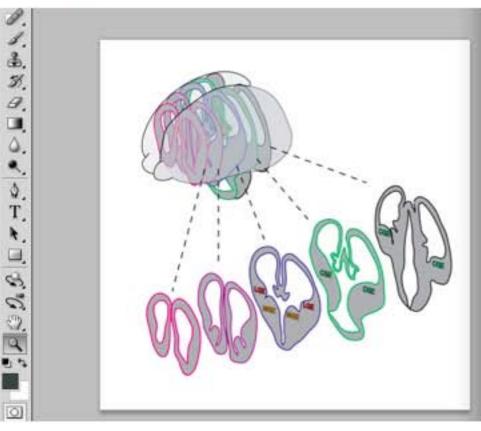
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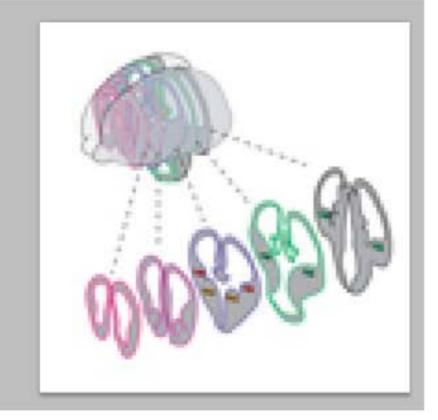




Image resolution & dimensions



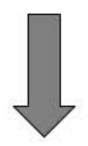






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Hauteur:	100	pixels	Auto
Taille du d	ocument :		
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Résolution :	50	pixels/pouce	

Same physical size Less pixels



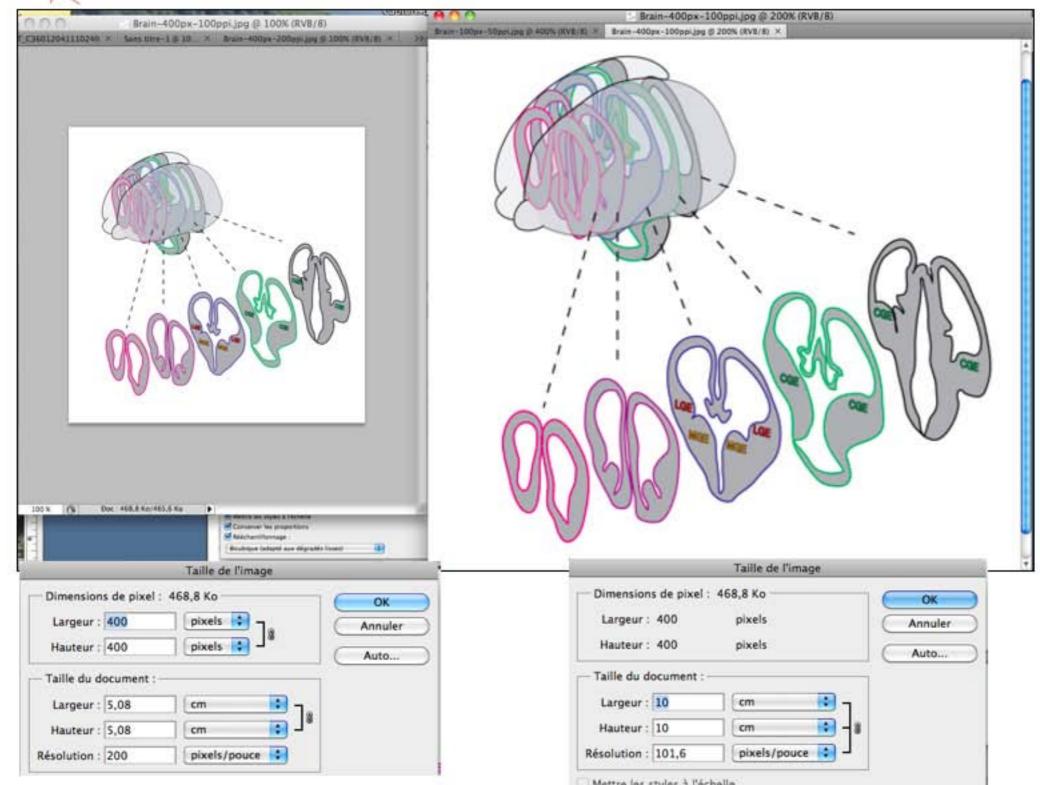
Lower resolution



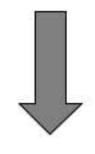


Image resolution & dimensions





Bigger physical size same pixels



Lower resolution



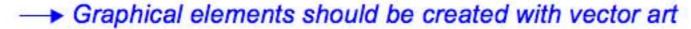
Deciding between vector & pixels

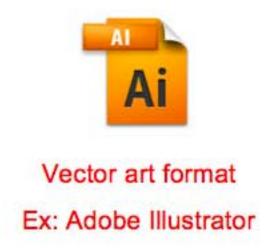


Vector-based image :

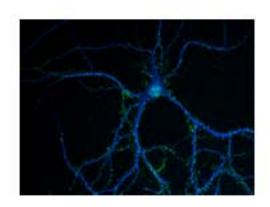


- you can zoom and enlarge drawing without pixelization (open Al and PS)
- Text is searchable
- Everything is easily editable (annotations, arrows, color)
- You can convert vector to pixel art, (difficult in the other way)





Pixel-based image = bitmap = raster art :



- The pixellization rendering depends on resolution
- Requires thousands times more memory
- Pixel text is not searchable
- Pixel text can not be easily copied and pasted
- But Contained complex info sometimes hard to represent line-by-line (photo, gels)
- · For plots with thousands of data points, vector objects become cumbersome.



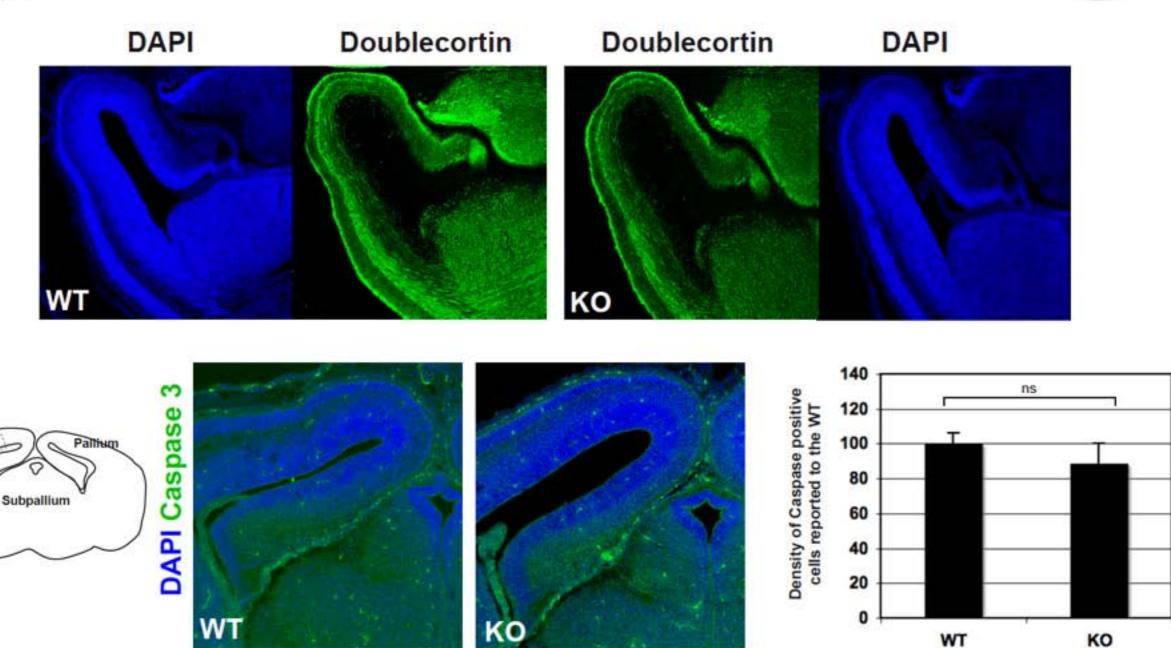
Pixel art format

Adobe Photoshop



Combining vector & pixels





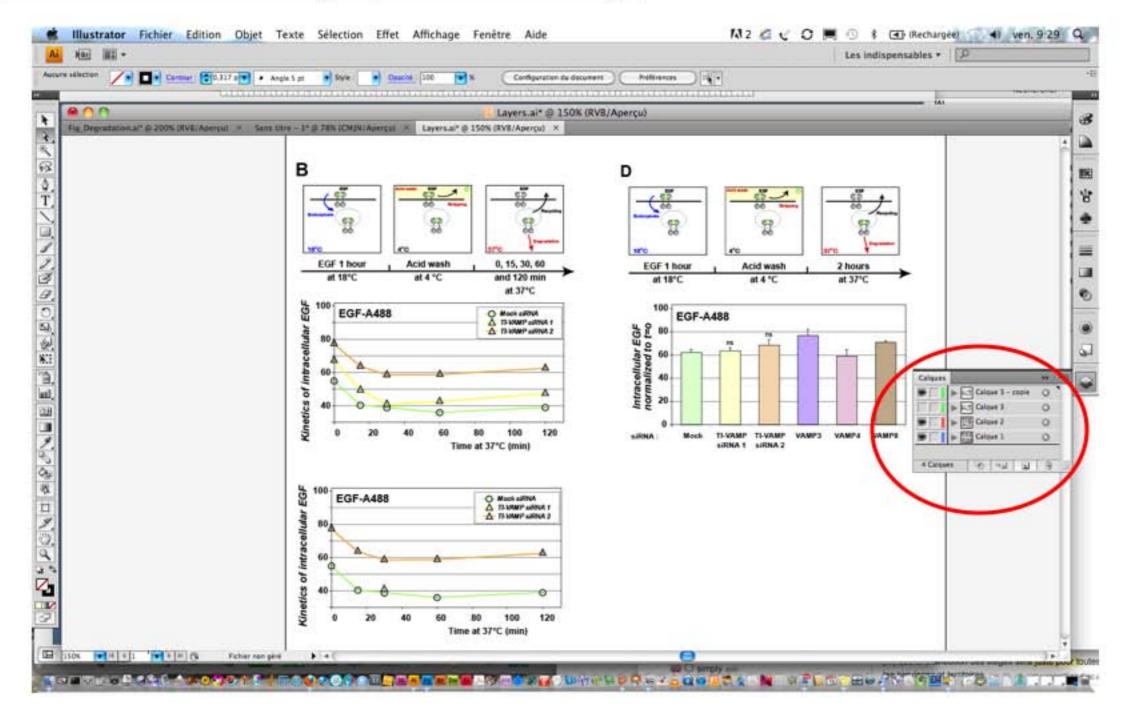
- Graphical elements and annotations should be kept with vector art (editable, scalable).
- Most vector file format (such as PDF) allow importation of photos, which will be embedded in file.



Using layers ...



Vector-based image (on Illustrator):

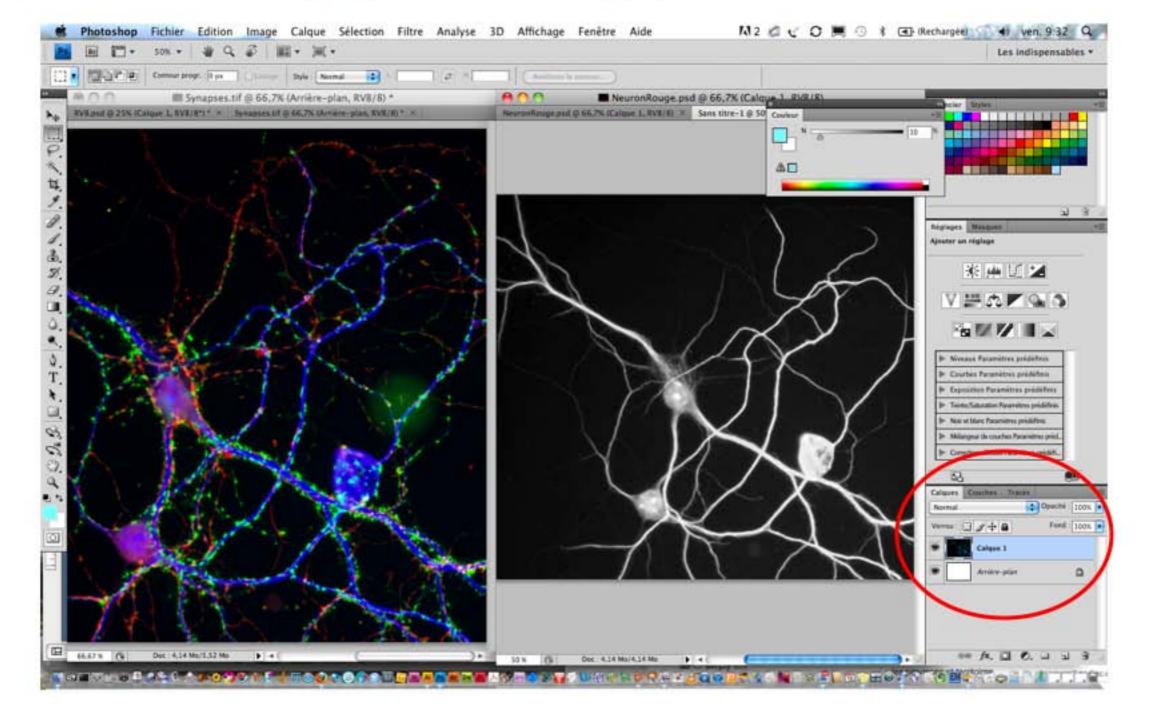




Using layers ...



Pixel-based image (on Photoshop):





Postcript files & rasterization







Vector art format

Ex: Adobe Illustrator



Rasterization

Postcript file (EPS)

Conversion to pixel image

Imposed final size

(Print to file or Acrobat distiller)



10 x 15cm or Poster?



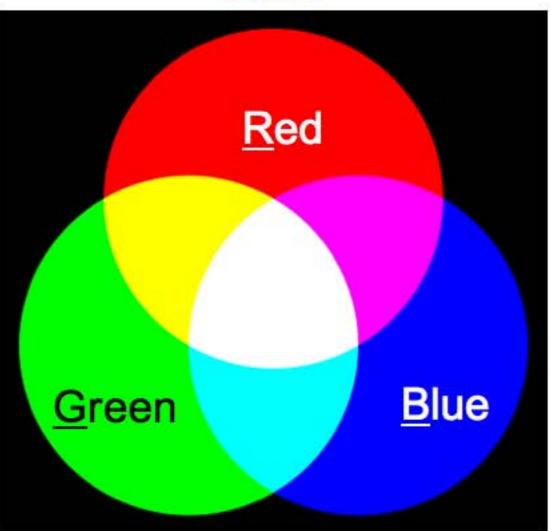




Additive synthesis

Based on addition of light

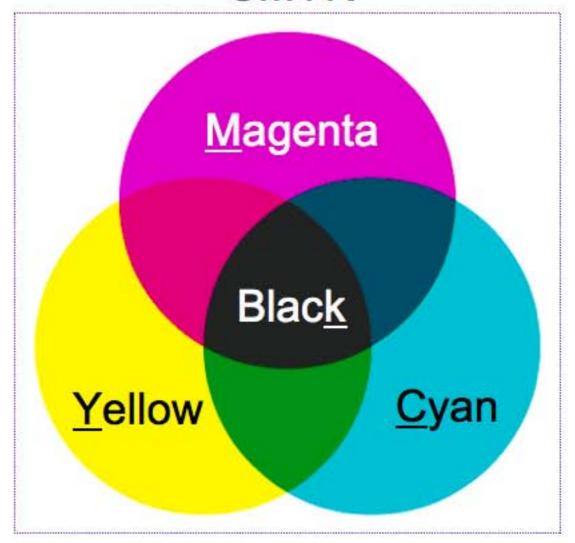
RGB



Substractive synthesis

Based on absorption of pigments

CMYK



- in RGB: increasing value correspond to brighter pixels thus lighter color (White in center)
- in CMYK: increasing values represent more ink, thus darker (black in the center)



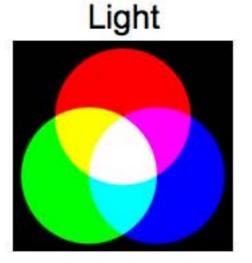


Additive synthesis

Based on addition of light

RGB screen / projectors



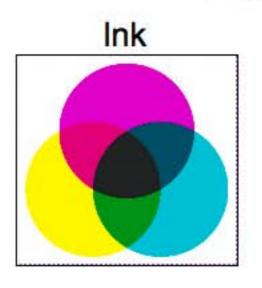




Substractive synthesis

Based on absorption of pigments

CMYK Press - printers

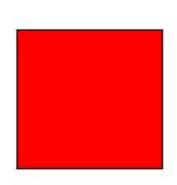


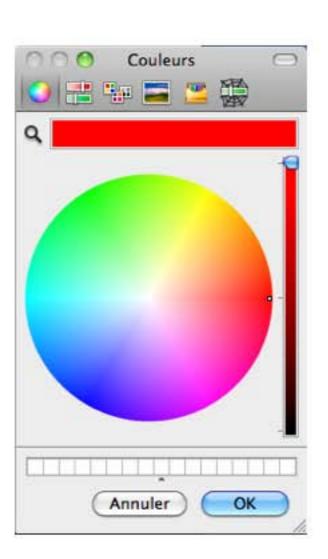






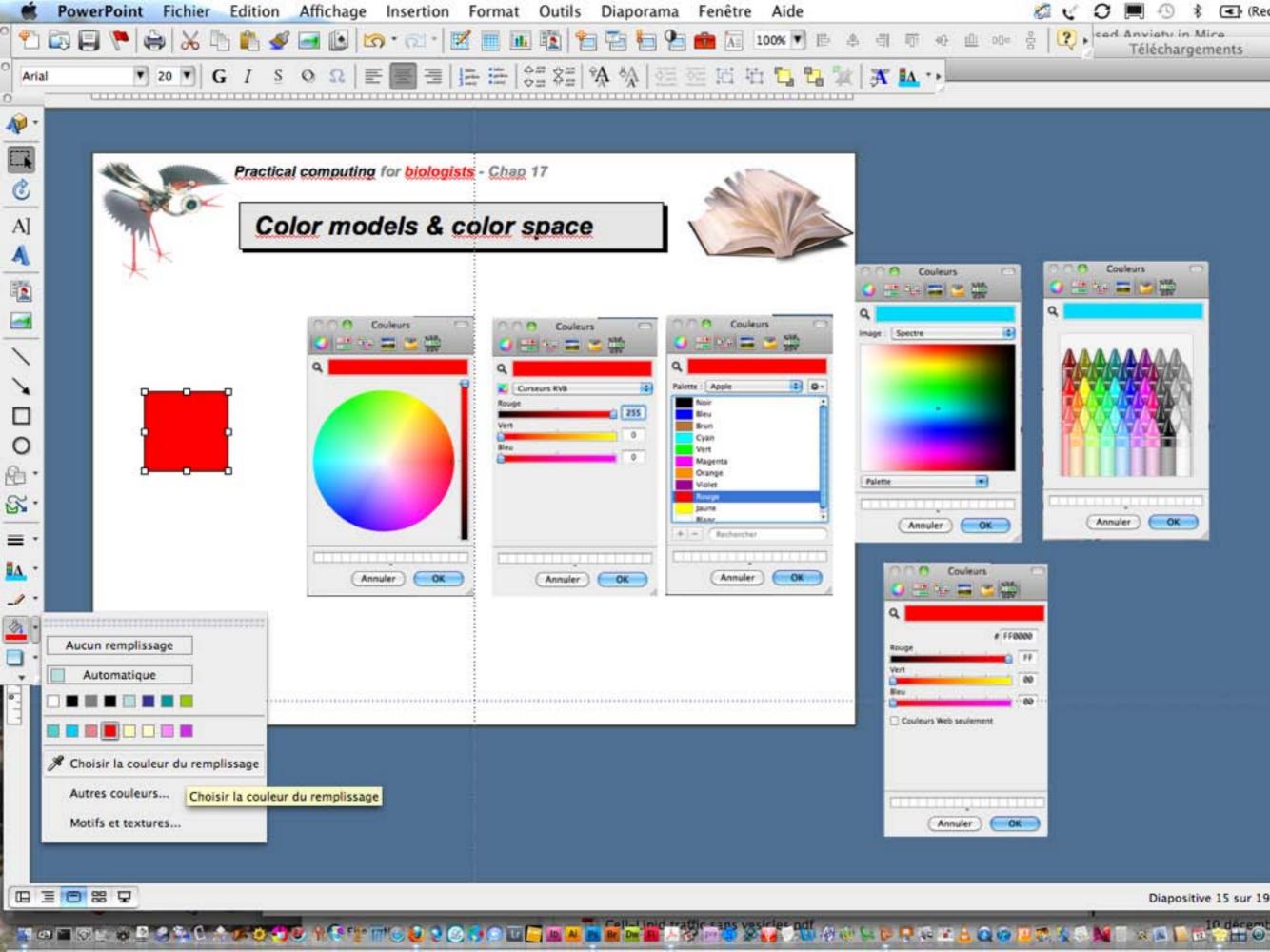






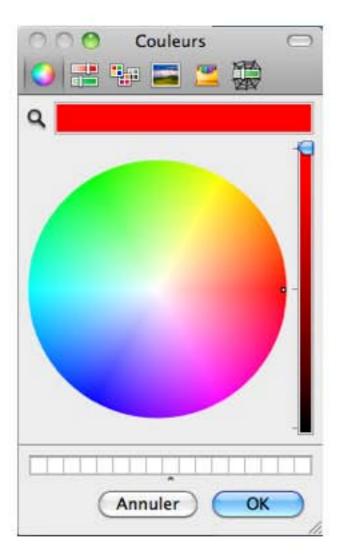






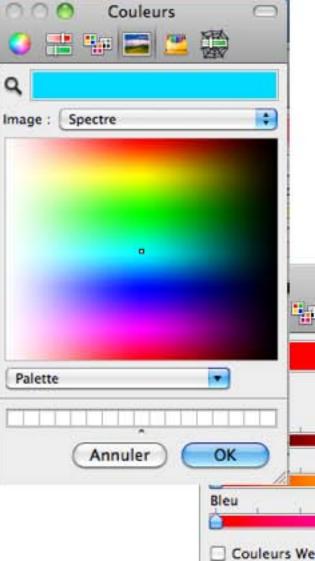












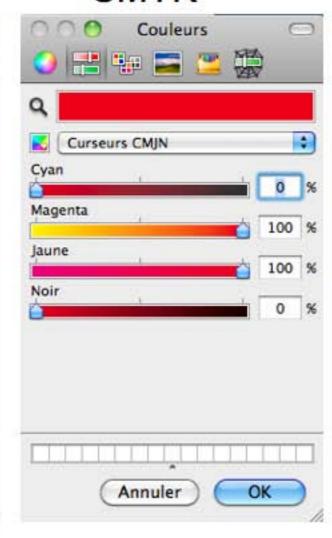




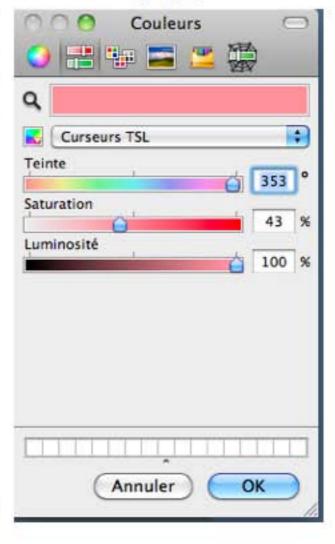
RVB



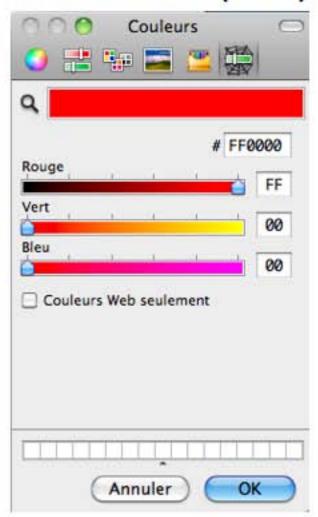
CMYK



TSL

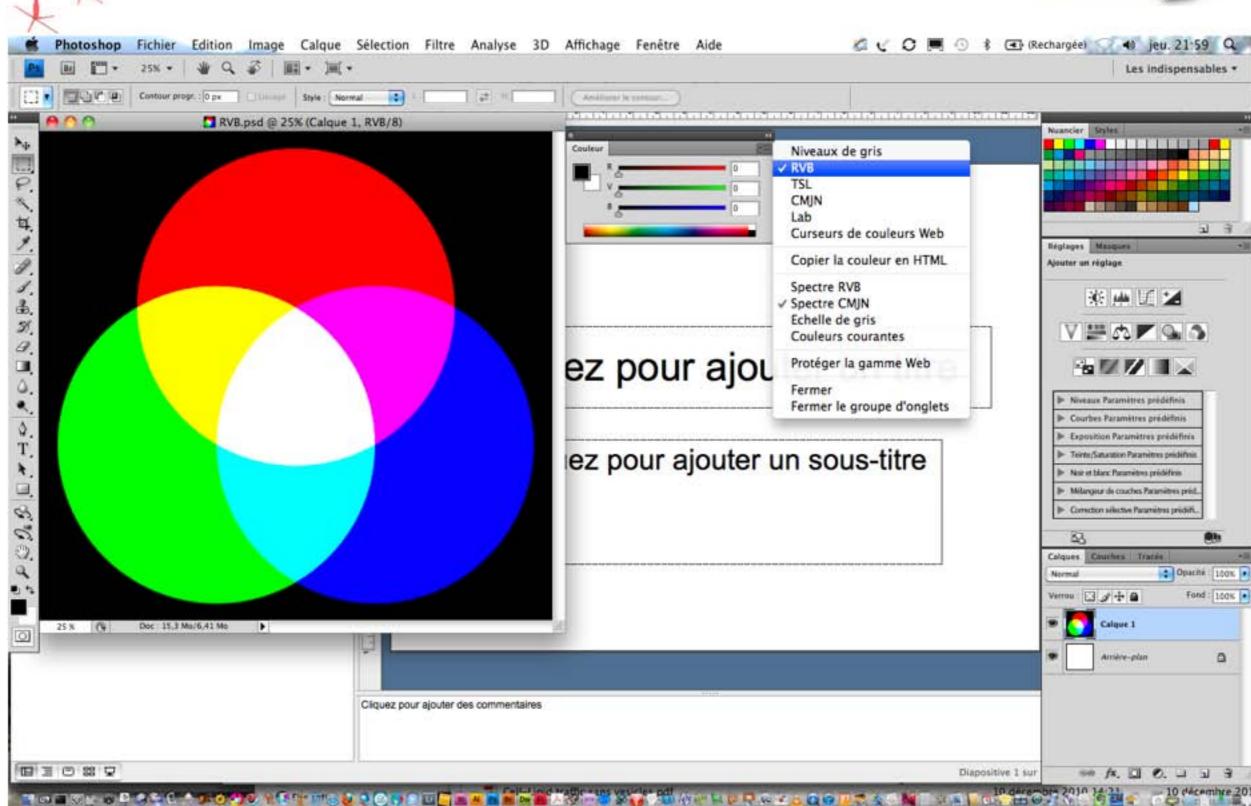


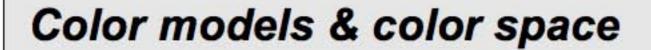
Hexadecimal (Web)







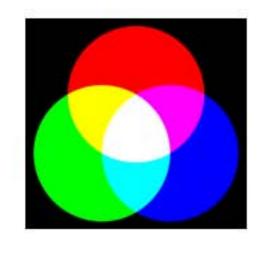


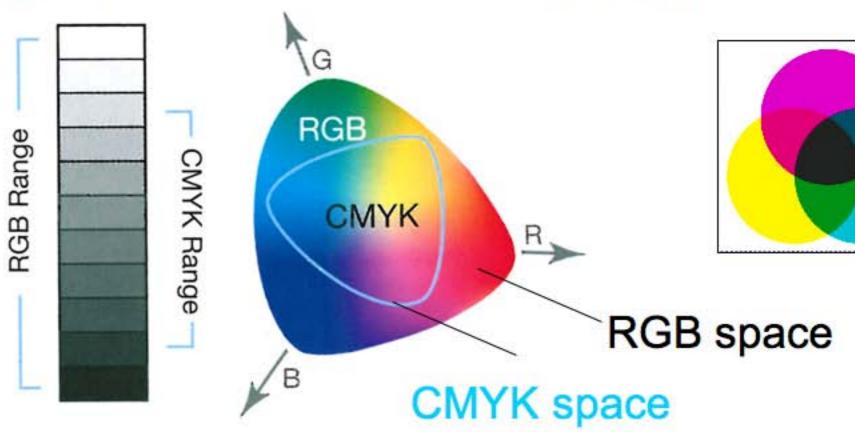




RGB screen / projectors

CMYK Press - printers

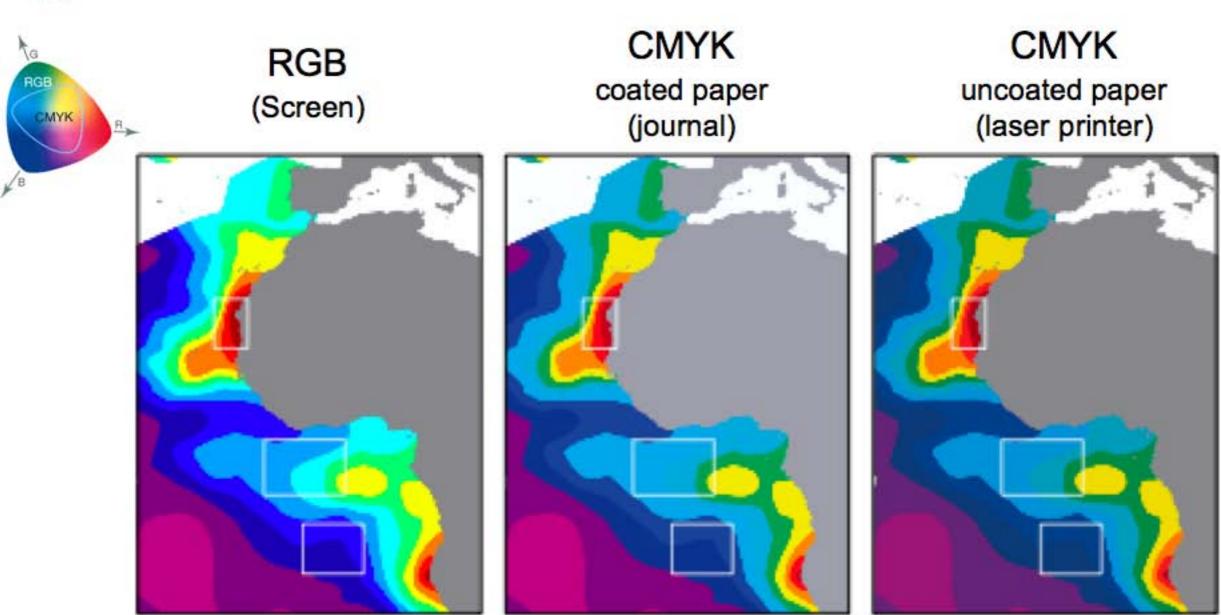




- RGB describes a larger portion of color space than does CMYK
- That the reason why it's hard to convert RGB to CMYK







- RGB describes a larger portion of color space than does CMYK
- information about the oceanographic features in white boxes are lost in CMYK.

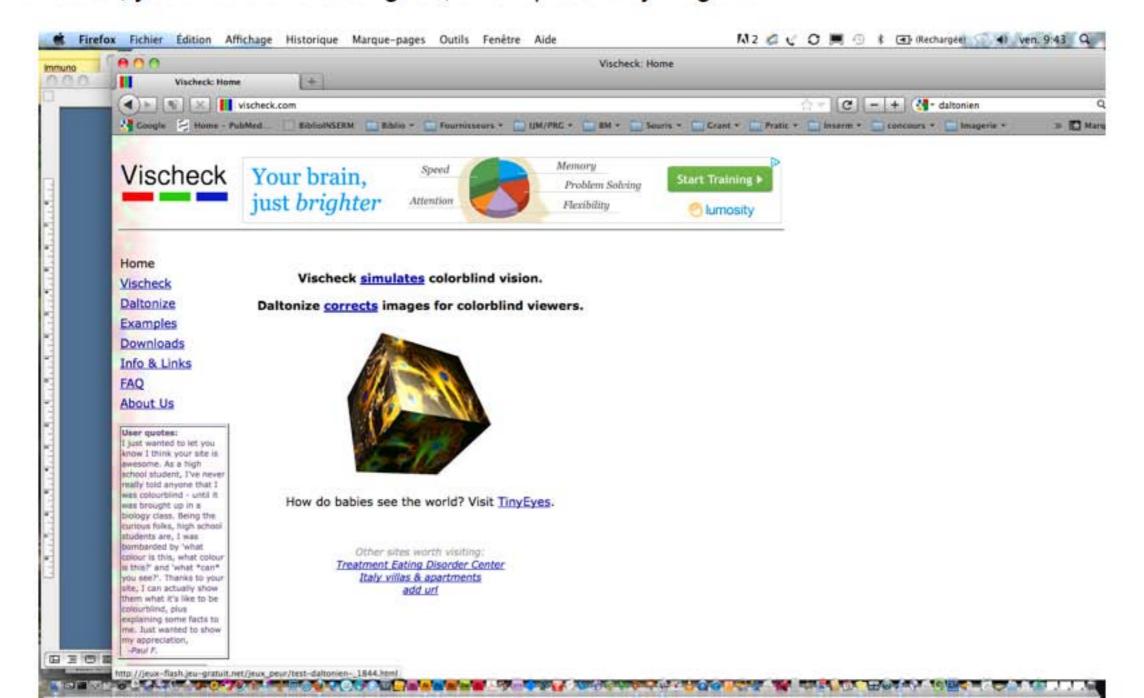
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Color choices



At least 7% of males have some degree of color blindness, which affects the ability to tell red and green apart. For this reason, you should avoid using red, and replace it by magenta.



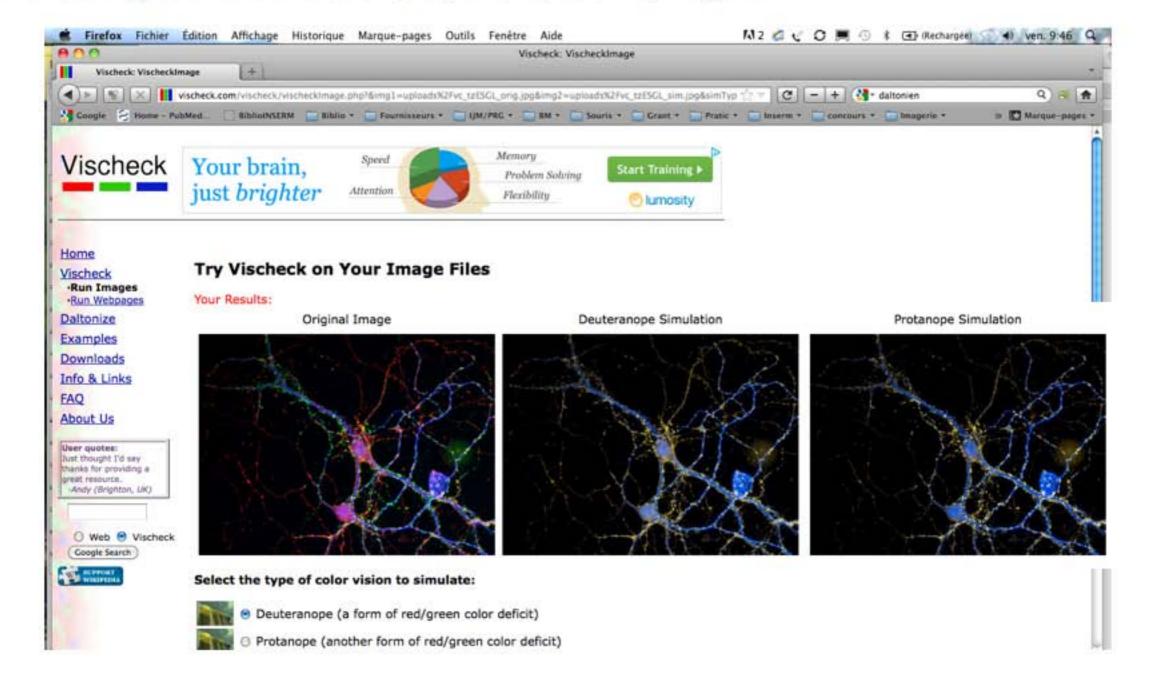
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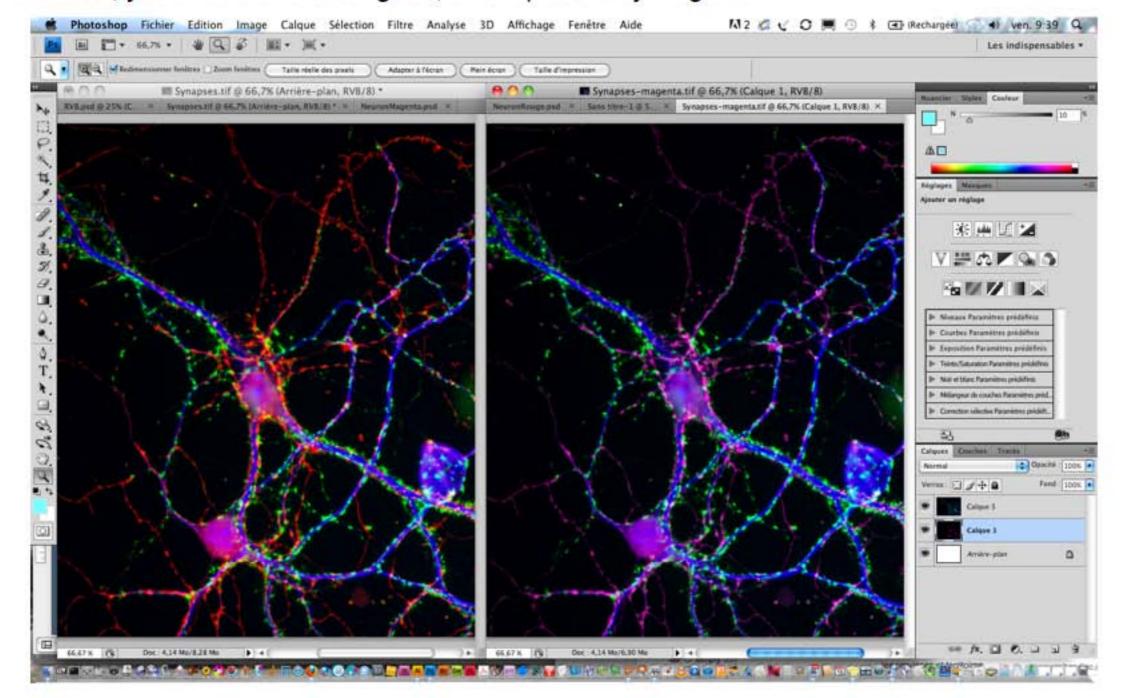




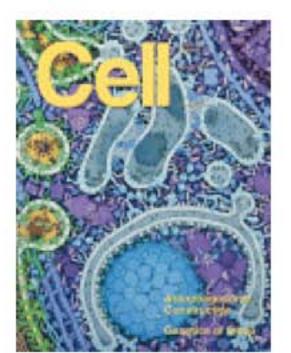
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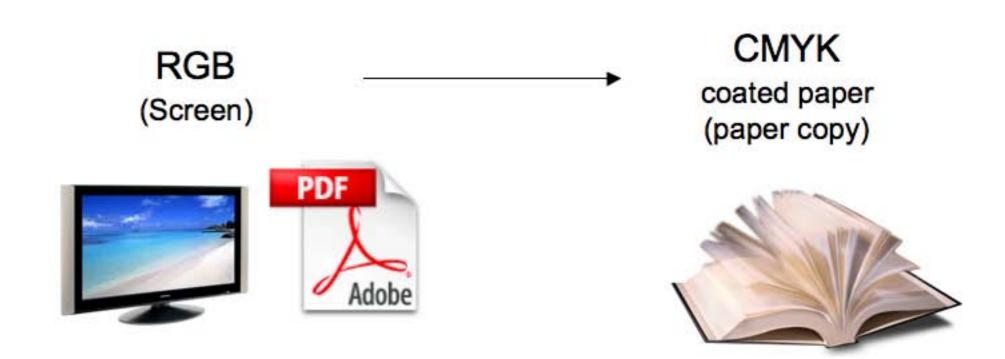


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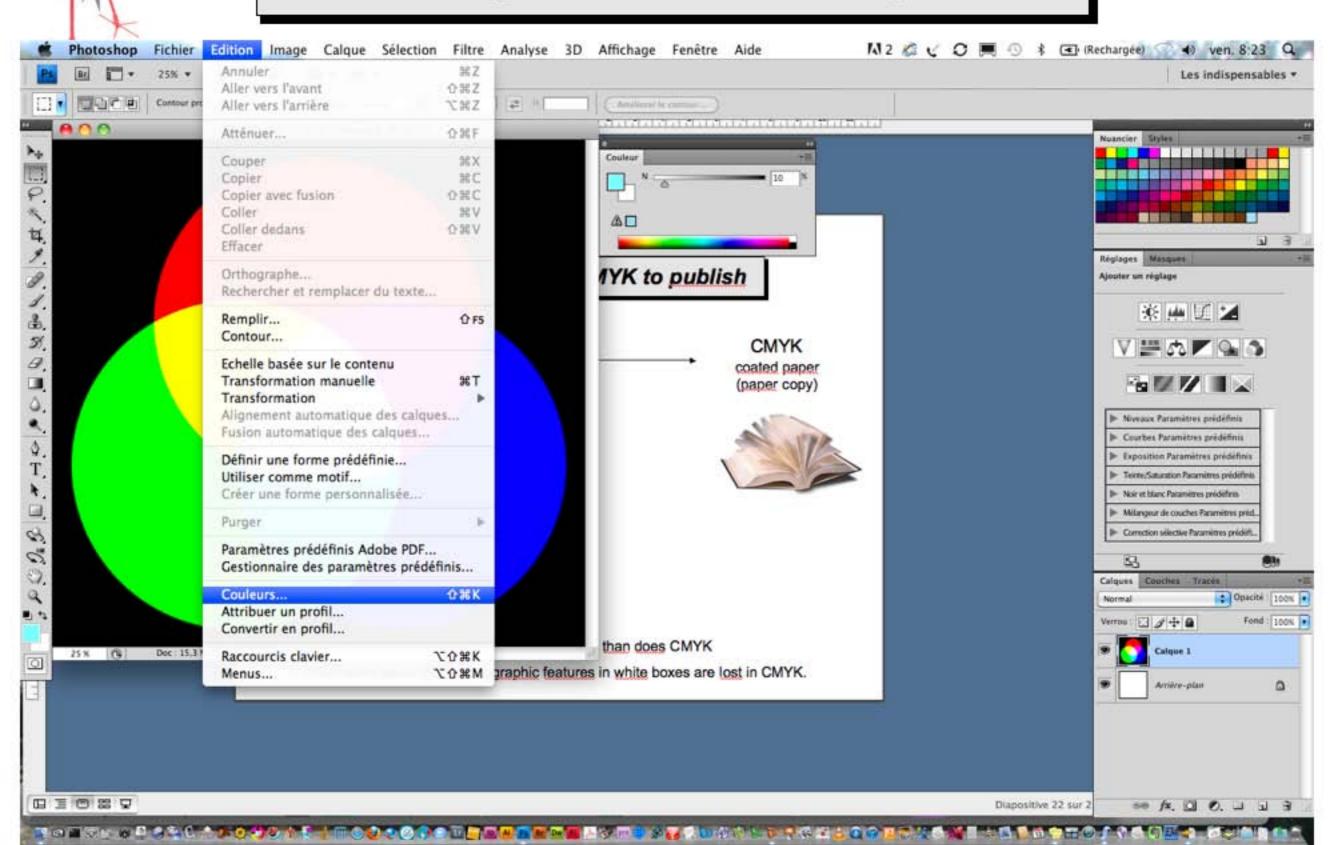


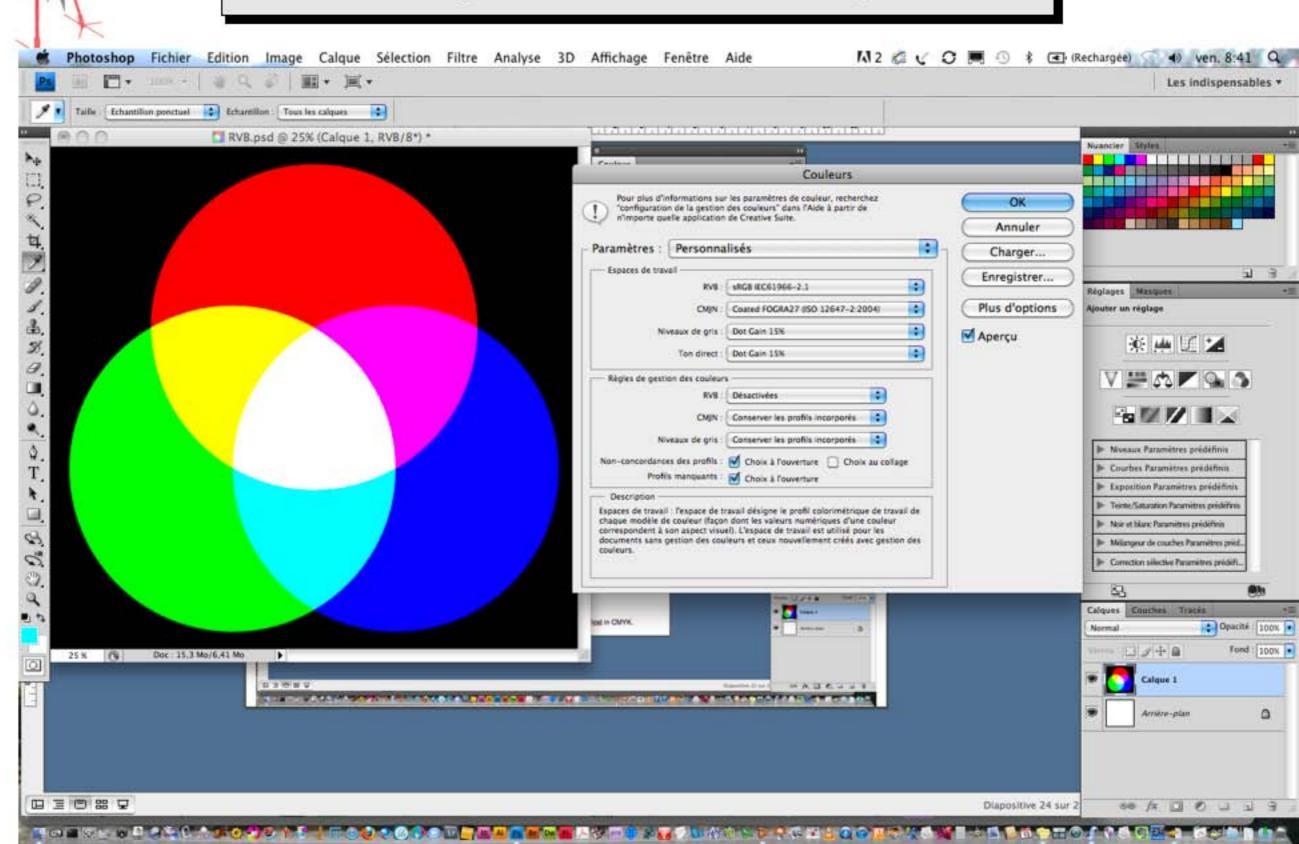


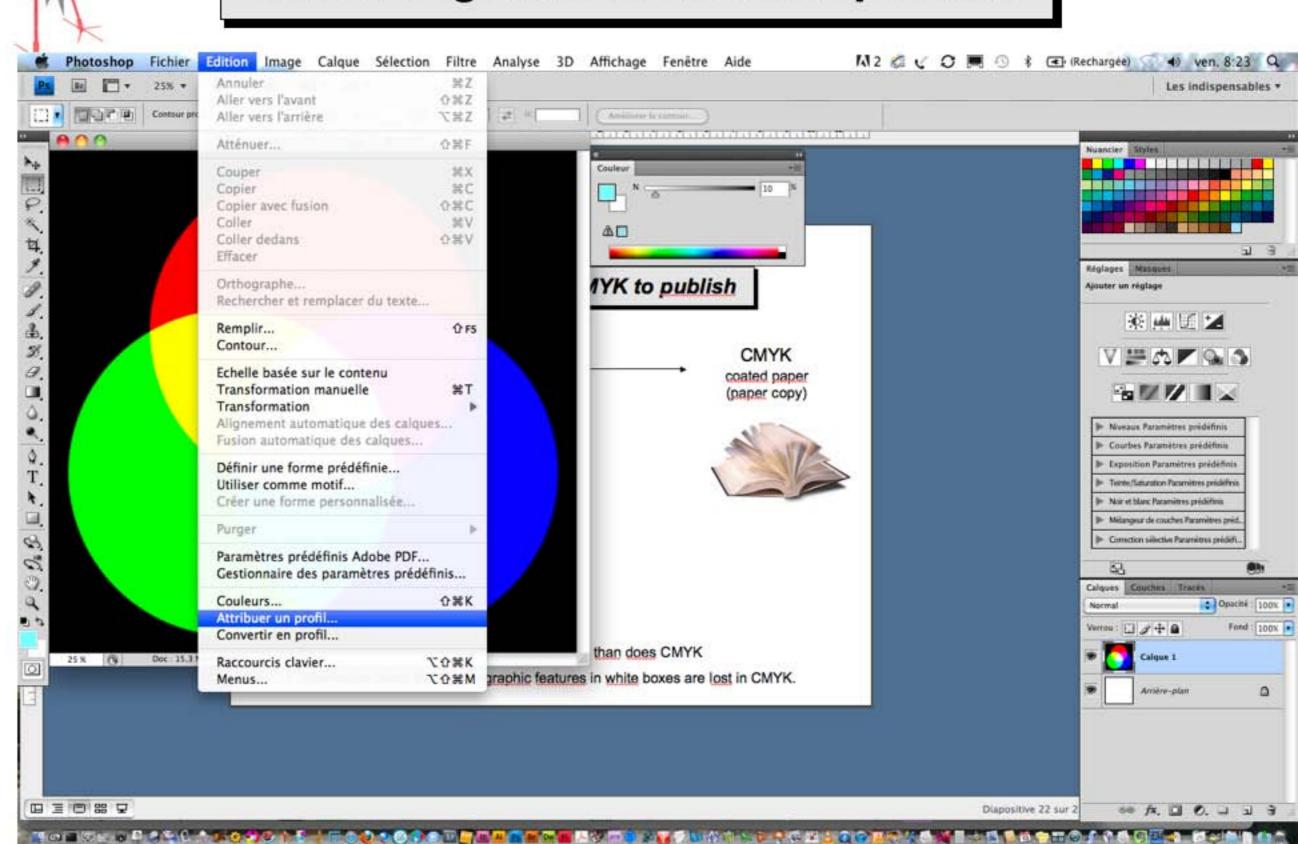


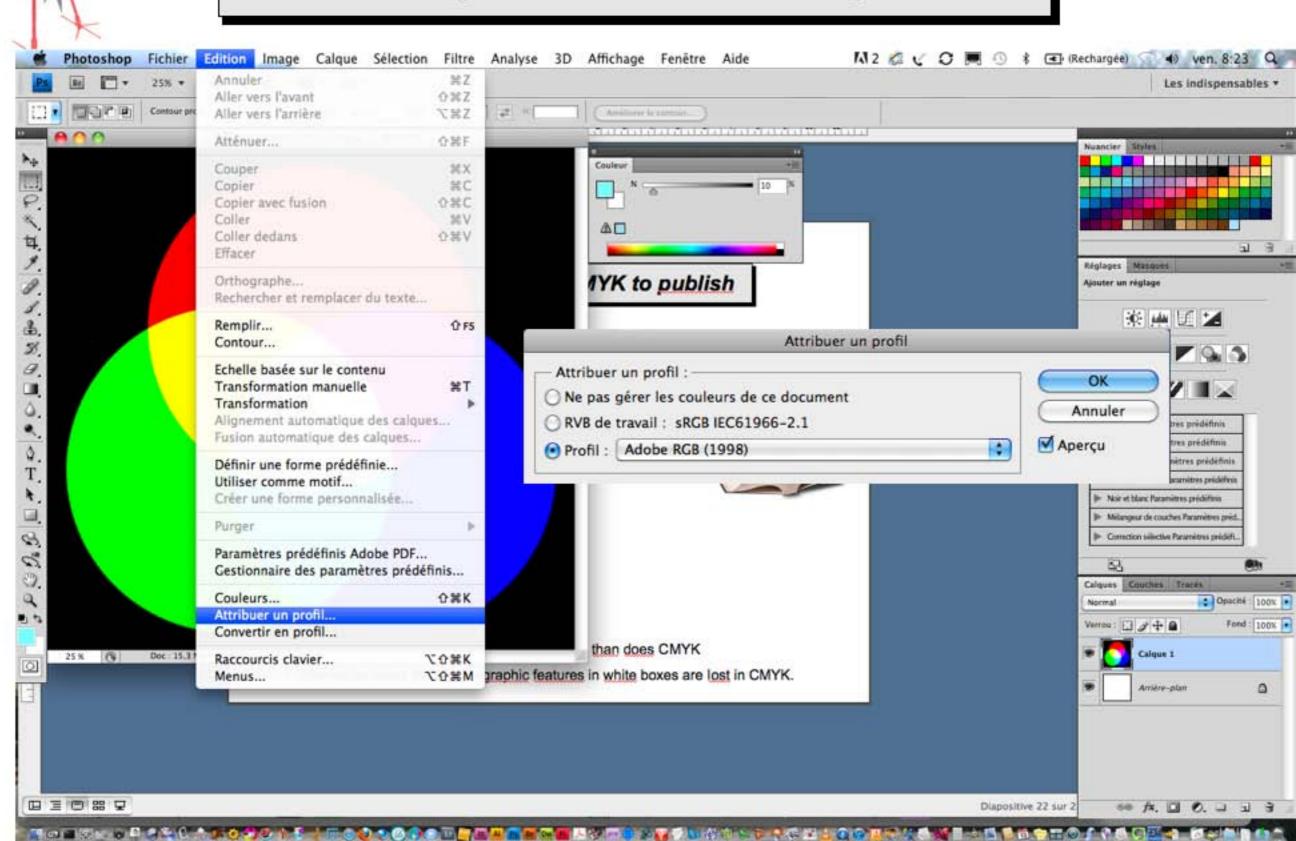


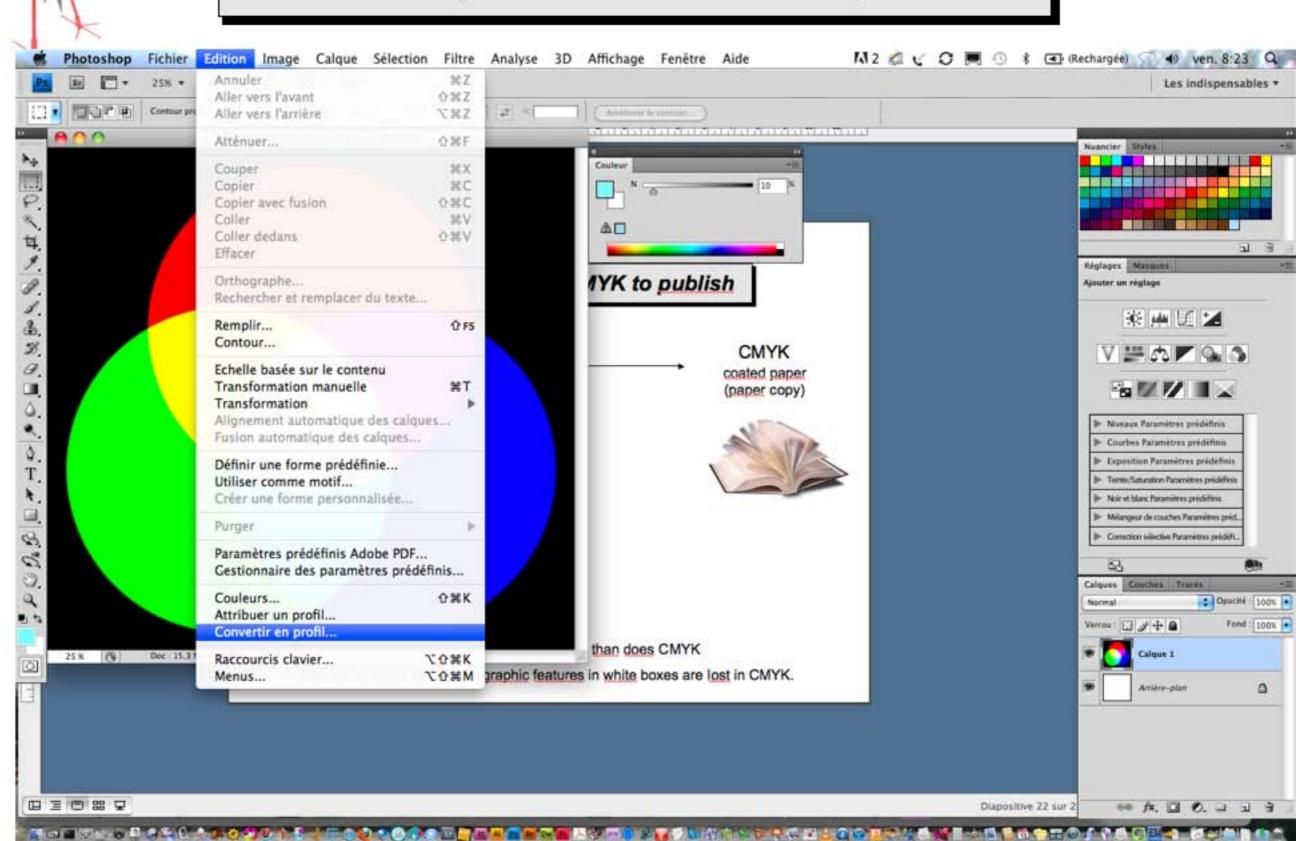
- Select color mode (RGB)
- Attribute a profile (Adobe RGB 1998)
- Use the command convert to profile (RGB -> CMYK)

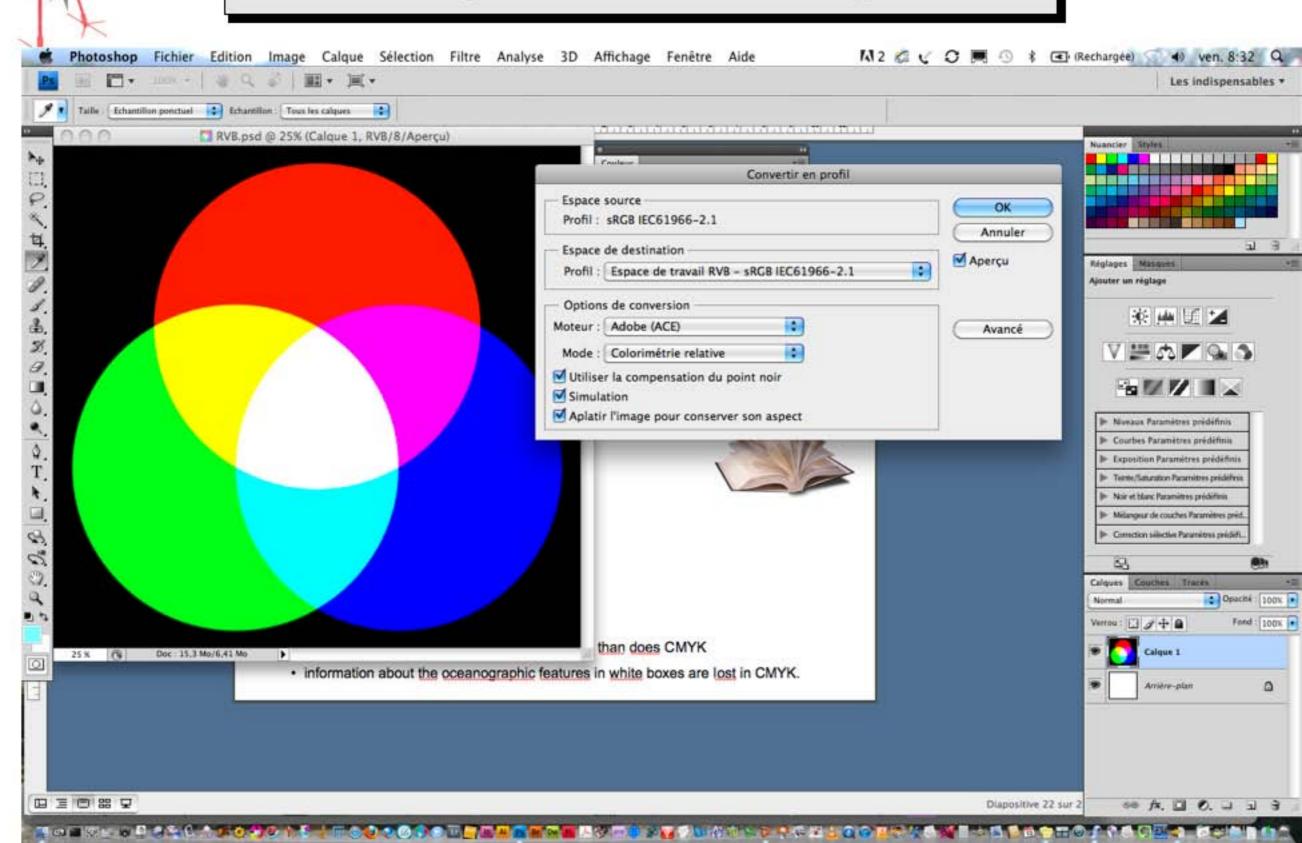


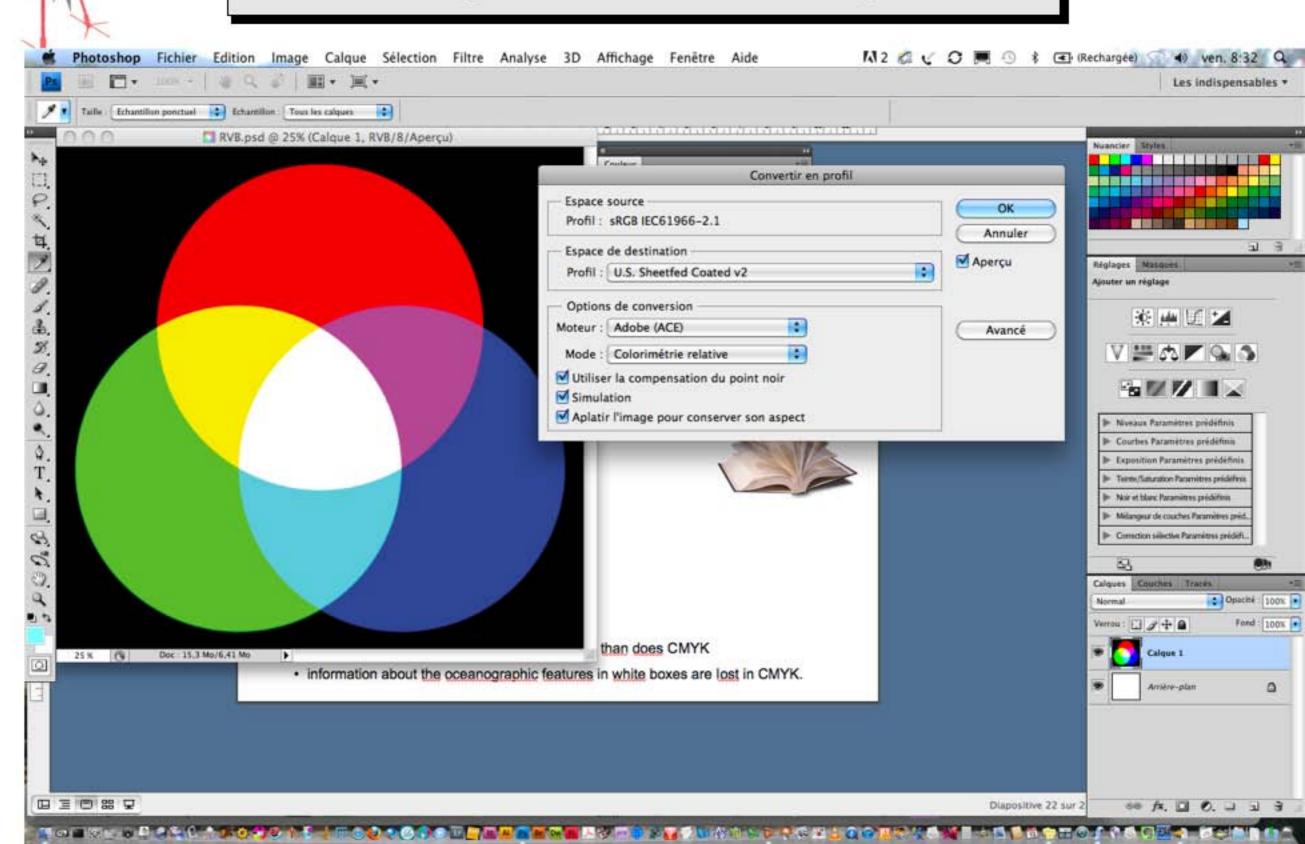














The decision making process

Vector Art

Infinitely Scalable

Formats: PDF, EPS, SVG, AI

Pixel Art*

Set pixel dimensions

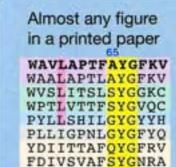
Formats: PNG, JPEG, TIFF, BMP

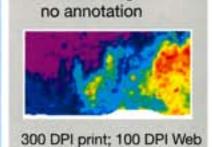
Printed image with

Summary:

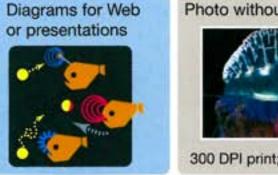
- Use pixel art images for photographic image.
- Prefer vector art for most everything else.
- Use layers to organize your graph & photos.
- Use RGB color for Web, photos and Presentation.
- Convert to CMYK at the very last, for printing.

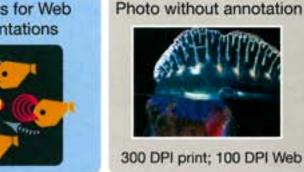












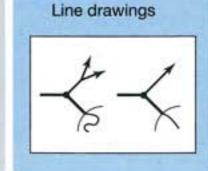






300 DPI print; 100 DPI Web





Scanned Text Rosacea. pattern o Praya an Final resolution: 600 DPI for print

100 DPI for Web