

# Class `java.awt.image.ColorModel`

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java.lang.Object
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public class **ColorModel**  
extends [Object](#)

A class that encapsulates the methods for translating from pixel values to alpha, red, green, and blue color components for an image. This class is abstract.

**See Also:**

[IndexColorModel](#), [DirectColorModel](#)

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Return a ColorModel which describes the default format for integer RGB values used throughout the AWT image interfaces.

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The subclass must provide a function which provides the red color component for the specified pixel.

## Variables

o **pixel\_bits**

```
protected int pixel_bits
```

## Constructors

o **ColorModel**

```
public ColorModel(int bits)
```

Construct a ColorModel which describes a pixel of the specified number of bits.

## Methods

o **getRGBdefault**

```
public static ColorModel getRGBdefault()
```

Return a ColorModel which describes the default format for integer RGB values used throughout the AWT image interfaces. The format for the RGB values is an integer with 8 bits each of alpha, red, green, and blue color components ordered correspondingly from the most significant byte to the least significant byte, as in: 0xAARRGGBB

o **getPixelSize**

```
public int getPixelSize()
```

Return the number of bits per pixel described by this ColorModel.

o **getRed**

```
public abstract int getRed(int pixel)
```

The subclass must provide a function which provides the red color component for the specified pixel.

**Returns:**

The red color component ranging from 0 to 255

o **getGreen**

```
public abstract int getGreen(int pixel)
```

The subclass must provide a function which provides the green color component for the specified pixel.

**Returns:**

The green color component ranging from 0 to 255

o **getBlue**

```
public abstract int getBlue(int pixel)
```

The subclass must provide a function which provides the blue color component for the specified pixel.

**Returns:**

The blue color component ranging from 0 to 255

o **getAlpha**

```
public abstract int getAlpha(int pixel)
```

The subclass must provide a function which provides the alpha color component for the specified pixel.

**Returns:**

The alpha transparency value ranging from 0 to 255

o **getRGB**

```
public int getRGB(int pixel)
```

Return the color of the pixel in the default RGB color model.

**See Also:**

[getRGBdefault](#)