# Color Composition Of The Best University Website In Indonesia, Case Study Of University Of Indonesia, Gajah Mada University, Bandung Institute Of Technology

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**Abstract** Color has a profound influence on everyday human life, both in the world of graphic design, painting, print media, interior design, presentation, politics and of course also on web design. Color is an interesting field to study because color affects psychological, cognitive, taste and color gives identity to each object it attaches. The color composition can be likened to two sides of the blade, if it is right to combine it will give a positive impression and if wrong in combining it will give a negative impression to people who see it. In this study the author will analyze the color composition on the website of world-class universities (University of Indonesia, Gajah Mada University, Bandung Institute of Technology) and try to interpret the meaning behind the color of the website based on color theory based on western culture..

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# 1. Introduction

Color can change taste, affect perspective, cover imperfections, change atmosphere and color can give identity. In this study the authors will analyze the color composition on the website of world-class universities, among others: University of Indonesia, Gajah Mada University, Bandung Institute of Technology, the selection is based on the ranking https://www.webometrics.info where Universitas Indonesia is a University website with a ranking of 1 in Indonesia, Gajah Mada University is the 2nd ranked University website in Indonesia and the last is the Bandung Institute of Technology is the 3rd ranked website in Indonesia [1]. The accuracy of the color composition is very important in determining the image of a university so that the color can suggest the behavior of the web user. The existence of this research is expected to be able to provide insight into color and color composition in developing a University website that is in accordance with the image built by a University.

## 2. References

According to Thomas Young's research, James Clerk Maxwel and Hermann von Helmholtz that the retina of the human eye has 3 cells called "cones". Ie S (shortwave) is sensitive to blue, M (middlewave) is sensitive to green, and L (longwave) is sensitive to red.

Color science is called Chromatic, color theory was developed by Alberti and followed by Leonardo da Vinchi, color theory received serious attention after it was developed by Sir Isaach Newton the physicist through his writing Opticks [2].

Color is one of the objects of Human Computer Interaction (HCI) studies. In the HCI concept when designing an application or computer program, designers must understand color psychology, if a designer does not understand this, what often happens is mixing colors that make the eyes feel uncomfortable or get tired quickly because the eyes must always make adjustments to the display color used. Therefore, the use of color must be arranged so that the eyes do not have to make adjustments repeatedly [3]. In making the interface of a web must be really mature and properly conceptualized according to the theory of Human Computer Interaction and color theory.

Here is the meaning of color based on western culture [2]. **Table 1.** Meaning of color

Color	Positive Meaning	Negative Meaning
Red	trength, Energy, Warmth,	Lust, Aggression,
	Love, Friendship, Fire,	Pride, Ambition,
	Excitement, Speed,	War, Anger,
	Leadership, Manhood,	Revolution,
	Blood, Socialism, Summer,	Radicalism, So-
	Autumn, Stop, Respect,	cialism,
	Pars (planet). However, red	Komunism.

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	can change its meaning			Coolness, Confidence,		
	when combined with other			Security, Sea, Sky, Peace,		
	colors. Red with green,			Harmony, Gentleness,		
	then it becomes a symbol			Greatness, Conservatism,		
	of Christmas, red when			Water, Ice, Loyalty,		
	combined with white will			Reliable, Cleanliness,		
	mean happy according to			Technology, Winter,		
	oriental culture.			Idealism, Peacefulness,		
Pink	Spring, Gifts, Appreciation,	Homosexual,		Trust, Air, Wisdom,		
	Admiration, Sympathy,	Bisexual, Naive,		Strength, Endurance, Light,		
	Health, Love, June,	Weakness,		Friendship, Nobility,		
	Marriage, Femininity	Weakness.		Nobleness, Peace, Truth,		
	(feminine), Youth			Love, Earth (Planet), Virgo		
Orange	Warmth, Excitement,	Ask for, Look for		(Light Blue), Piscer (Pale		
	Balance, Joy, Hinduism,	Attention,		Blue), Aquarius (Dark		
	Buddhism, Energy,	Aggression, Pride,		Blue), July (Blue Space),		
	Balance, Heat, Fire,	Exaggeration, Too		February (Dark Blue).		
	Enthusiasm, Brightness,	Emotions,	Puple	Nobility, Spirituality,	Arrogant, Arrogant,	
	Joy, Enthusiasm, Autumn,	Warnings, Danger.		Creativity, Prosperity,	Cruel, Abusive,	
	Desire, Sagittarius,			Nobility, Sensual,	Grief, Envy,	
	September.			Ceremony, Wisdom,	Sensual, Mystery,	
Yellow	ealth, Gold, Rays, Life,	Fraud, Jealousy,		Enlightenment, Brightness,	Excessive,	
	Sun, Luck, Joy, Happiness,	Envy, Dishonesty,		Exaggeration, Pride, Libra,	Mourning,	
	Earth, Optimism,	Risk, Sickness,		May, November, Wealth,	Impurity,	
	Intelligence, Idealism,	Fear, Danger, Loba,		Romanticism, Enjoyment.	Confusion,	
	Prosperity, Summer, Hope,	Weakness.			Exaggeration,	
	Air, Liberalism, Feminine,				Homosexuality.	
	Joy, Friendship, Taurus,		Brown	Land, Earth, Neutral,	Blunt, Dirty, Bored,	
	Leo, (Yellow Gold), April,			Warm, Protection, Quiet,	Not Matching the	
	September, Courage.			Depth, Organism, Natural,	Times, Violence,	
Green	Stable, Nature,	Jealousy, Bad luck,		Wealth, Simplicity,	Ignorance, Weight,	
	Environment, Relaxed,	Spiteful,		Stability, Tradition, Earth,	Poverty.	
	Lush, Natural, Spring,	Aggression, No		October, Capricorn,		
	Young, Prosperity, Luck,	Experiences,		Scorpio, (Red Brown),		
	Enthusiastic, Generous,	Unfortunate Fate,		Integrity, Stability,		
	Going, Grass, Eternal Life,	Disgraceful, Ill,		Simplicity, Friendship,		
	Air, Earth, Sincerity, Hope,	Greedy,		Reliable.		
	Cancer (Bright Green),	Corruption.				
	Renewal, Abundance,					
	Growth, Health, Balance,					
	Harmony, Stability, Islamic					
	Symbols, August.					
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Trust, Clouds, Water,

Faithful, Peaceful,

Blue

Sad, Cold,

Depression.

Gray	Modern, Smart, Clean,	Sadness, Tired,	
	Solid, Intellectual,	Missed, Zaman,	
	Elegance, Simplicity,	decay, dust,	
	Respect, Respect, Stability,	pollution,	
	Sharpness, Policy, Strong	Emotions, Strong,	
	Emotion, Balance,	Ketuarentaan,	
	Balance, Neutrality,	Ignorance,	
	Formality, March.	mourning,	
		Elegance,	
		Simplicity, Respect,	
		Respect, Stability,	
		Sharpness, Policies,	
		Boredom, balance,	
		neutrality,	
		Formality, March.	
White	Discipline, Sacred, Clean,	Empty, Death,	
	Peacefulness, Kindness,	Surrender, Coward,	
	Adoration, Purity, Snow,	No Imagination.	
	Peace, Innocence,		
	Cleanliness, Ease,		
	Simplicity, Humility,		
	Sterility, Winter, Strength,		
	Hospitality, Air, Fire,		
	Death, Hope, Aries, Pisces,		
	Simplicity, Simplicity,		
	Humility, Sterility, Winter,		
	Strength, Hospitality, Air,		
	Fire, Death, Hope, Aries,		
	Pisces, January.		
Black	Sturdy, Elegant, Strong,	Remorse, Anger,	
	Mystery, Luxury, Modern,	Death, Satan, Fear,	
	Sophistication, Formality,	Fear, Anonymity,	
	Prosperity, Style, Sex,	Anger, Willingness,	
	Seriousness, January.	Oldness, Rebellion,	
		Sadness, Oldness,	
		Rebellion, Sadness,	
		Regret, Regret,	
		Grieving.	

## 3. Research Methods

The three websites as study material (University of Indonesia, Gajah Mada University, Bandung Institute of Technology) we extract the colors using the help of the Color Scheme Extraction Tool provided by www.colorcombos.com [4], after which the tool will provide the color composition on the extracted website. After all the

colors are known, then determine the 3 dominant colors on the website. Then adjusted to the harmonious color composition and matched with the meaning of color according to the existing color theory.

# 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 4.1. Website University of Indonesia



Figure 1. Website University of Indonesia

University of Indonesia which has a motto in laitin language: Veritas, Probitas, Iustitia (Truth, Honesty, Justice) [5], website address <a href="www.ui.ac.id">www.ui.ac.id</a> [6], after the color extract process is found with a white background color and with 12 combinations as shown below:



Figure 2. color extract of www.ui.ac.id

The dominant color on the website is White, Gray. Yellow. Motto: Truth and Justice. represented by the color gray, while honesty is represented by the color White. For yellow, it becomes the spot color whose function is the point of interest. From the overall design of this website functions background colors and dominant colors, the selection of white is intended to achieve a high level of information or easily read by the user or user.

#### 4.2. Website Gajah Mada University (www.ugm.ac.id)



Figure 3. Gajah Mada University

Gajah Mada University which has a motto: Strong Rooted, High Towering [7]. website address http://www.ugm.ac.id. website address www.ugm.ac.id [8], after the color extract process is obtained with a white background color and with 20 combinations as shown below:

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Figure 4. color extract of www.ugm.ac.id

Gajah Mada University which has a motto: Strong Rooted, High Towering. website address http://www.ugm.ac.id The dominant colors on the website are Gray, Blue and Brown representing strong roots that mean loving the motherland or not forgetting the cultural roots. Blue means technology, while gray means modern, so it can be interpreted that blue and gray represent the motto: soaring high. What is meant is a center for the development of high science and technology.

#### 4.3. Website Bandung Institute of Technology



Figure 5. Website University of Indonesia

Bandung Institute of Technology which has the motto "In Harmoniae Progressio; Progress in harmony " [9], website address: www.itb.ac.id [10], after the color extraction process is obtained with a white background and 8 combinations as shown below:



Figure 6. color extract of www.itb.ac.id

The dominant colors on the website are Blue, Green, Brown. The motto of progress is represented by blue, while the colors green and light brown represent harmony. And can be translated Creating Technology Science in harmony with nature and local culture of Indonesia.

## 5. Conclusions

After conducting this research the author can conclude that the University we studied, namely: University of Indonesia, Gajah Mada University, Bandung Institute of Technology, in determining the colors on the website was very careful, thorough, and reasoned very strongly and the color composition displayed on each website - Each university is able to reflect the University's motto. So before we read the motto written on the websites of each University, website users are able to receive messages / mottos implicitly from the color combinations displayed on their websites.

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