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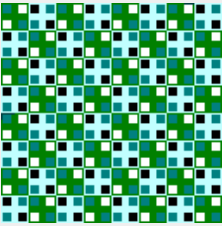
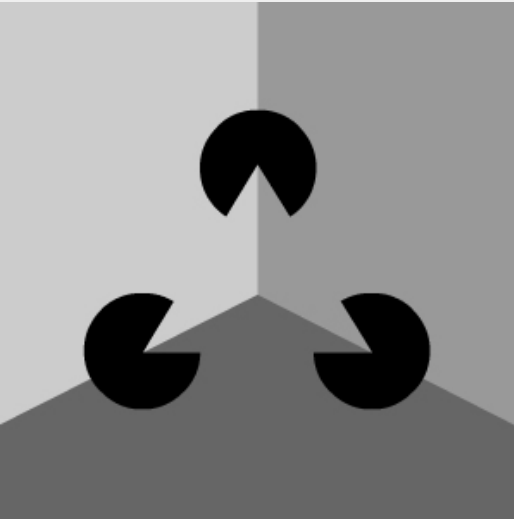
## Best Visual Illusion contest 2007 results

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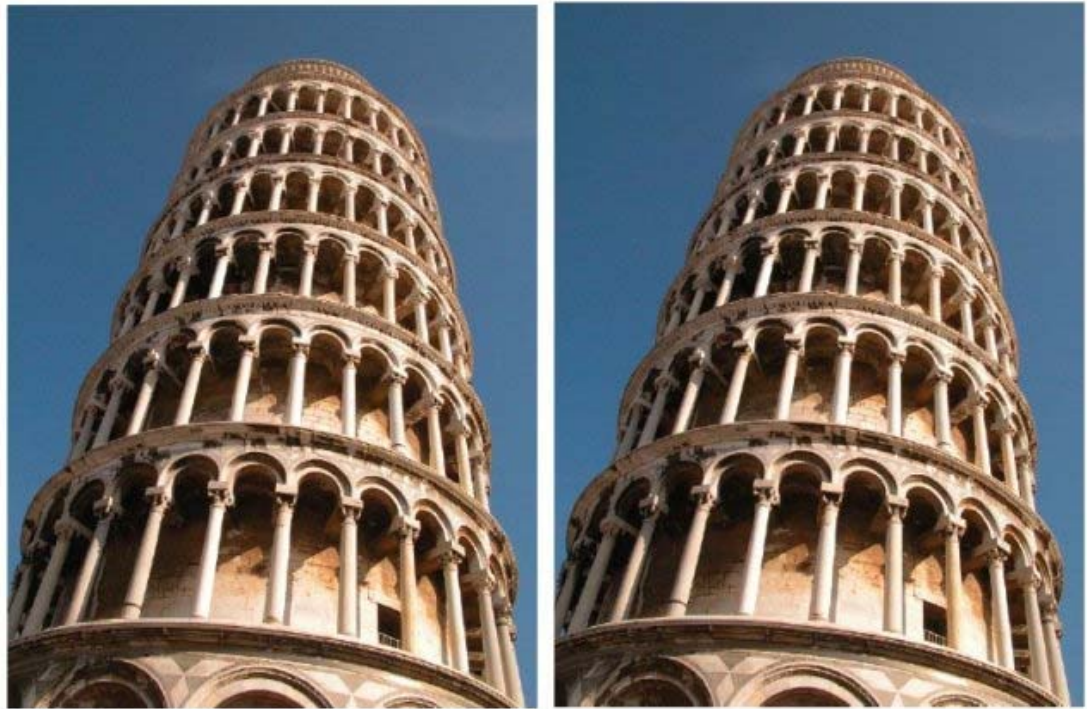
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Author	Message
<p><b>yy2bggggs</b></p>  <p>Joined: 17 Oct 2006 Posts: 623</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Posted: Tue May 15, 2007 6:50 am    Post subject: Best Visual Illusion contest 2007 results <a href="#">quote</a></p> <p>The 3rd annual Best Visual <b>Illusion</b> of the Year <b>Contest</b> was held last weekend, 12 May, in Sarasota, Florida by the Neural Correlate Society.</p> <p>The results are in, and the illusions are visible!</p> <p>The winning illusions are:</p> <p><b>3rd place</b>  <a href="#">Where has all the motion gone?</a>            By <a href="#">Arthur Shapiro</a> and Emily Knight</p> <p>This is built on various gradient illusions with a changing background. Blurring the image results in drastically increased motion.</p> <p>(sorry, no preview)</p> <p><b>2nd place</b>  <a href="#">The illusory contoured tilting pyramid</a>            By <a href="#">Pietro Guardini</a> and <a href="#">Luciano Gamberini</a></p> <p>This <b>illusion</b> uses pacmen occluders on a simple gradient corner to produce a solid triangular pyramid. As the background corner image is animated, the pyramid rotates.</p>  <p><b>1st place</b>  <a href="#">The leaning tower illusion</a>            By <a href="#">Frederick Kingdom</a>, <a href="#">Ali Yoonessi</a> and <a href="#">Elena Gheorghiu</a> (of <a href="#">McGill vision research</a>)</p>

Two identical photos of various towers or similarly oriented objects, placed side by side, exhibit drastic illusory divergence.



For other finalist 2007 illusions, check out the Neural Correlate Society web site at <http://illusioncontest.neuralcorrelate.com/>

(I am not affiliated with NCS, VSS, or anything else that cool)

Last edited by yy2bggggs on Tue May 15, 2007 11:30 am; edited 2 times in total

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**Gelsamel**



Joined: 05 Oct 2006  
 Posts: 1997  
 Location: Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

Posted: Tue May 15, 2007 9:11 am Post subject:

[quote](#)

Awesome.

A zig is one something-th of a zag.

**Quote:**

My soul is my own now. I do not fight for you, Dark Master!

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**The LuigiManiac**



Joined: 29 Apr 2007  
 Posts: 524  
 Location: Trapped in a hypothetical situation somewhere in

Posted: Tue May 15, 2007 1:21 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)

My head hurts from looking at this thread.

Something will come to me eventually.

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Avatar taken from TheFunniest, heavily modified by me. I do not claim ownership of it or the Hat Guy.

Ontario...help?

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4=5

Joined: 28 Apr 2007  
Posts: 60  
Location: washington, home of steampunk

Posted: Tue May 15, 2007 3:45 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)

the first one I don't see any **illusion**, the second is boreing, I didn't see any pyrimid until I was told that I coul, the third one is kinda cool

**Belial wrote:**

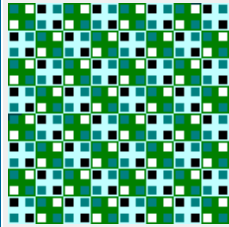
I think your percentage might even be a little high, but don't quote me on that...

you're only on the internet, you don't REALLY exist

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yy2bggggs



Joined: 17 Oct 2006  
Posts: 623

Posted: Tue May 15, 2007 4:02 pm Post subject:

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**4=5 wrote:**

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Joined: 19 Mar 2007  
Posts: 53  
Location: Brownsville, PA

Posted: Tue May 15, 2007 4:25 pm Post subject:

[quote](#)

One day, I will rise above these and see only truth!

\*twitch\*

The last one is genius.

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Our truth is only as good as our assumptions.

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RealGrouchy

Moderators never lie, so it must be true



Joined: 18 May 2006  
Posts: 755  
Location: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Posted: Wed May 16, 2007 1:47 am Post subject:

[quote](#)

Second one is tetrahedron, not pyramid.

I didn't get the first one in the case it was presented, but when most of the crap was out of the way I got it.

Third one is just incredible in its simplicity.

- RG >

Ouch. My sould hurts.

RIP no-genius. Tim Finnegan would be proud.

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**Owijad**



Joined: 23 Feb 2007  
 Posts: 917  
 Location: Mas-a-choo-sits

Posted: Wed May 16, 2007 3:12 am Post subject:



the winner is pretty nifty, although optical **illusion** can't pull the wool over my eyes when it comes to "which is larger"/"are they the same image?" tricks, as I can just cross my eyes and line them up to see if there are any discrepancies.

My brother and I write a daily [webcomic](#) that is approximately 750 times less popular than xkcd.

(But Belial, you don't understand. I *like* my genes!)

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**NathanielK**



Joined: 02 May 2007  
 Posts: 18  
 Location: Maryland, USA

Posted: Wed May 16, 2007 9:46 am Post subject:



I can't see the **illusion** in the 3rd place winner, and I can only see the second place **illusion** after being told what to look for. The tower one is cool, but someone should have nominated [this](#).

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**Gelsamel**



Joined: 05 Oct 2006  
 Posts: 1997  
 Location: Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

Posted: Wed May 16, 2007 9:57 am Post subject:



How can you not get the 3rd place winner one? It owns!

**Quote:**

The 1st normal state you can't see much, but when you add the color you see this degenerated shifting first up-right, then when it reaches the other color down-left.  
 The 2nd one doesn't do anything, showing that you need the side bars with a different color gradient.  
 The 3rd shows a flipping up-top, then a flipping down bottom when blur is added.  
 Also, the top in the middle is changing colors from black to white (Or dark grey to white), it all happens at the same time, but it seems as though the bar gradually changes from one side to the other.

At least that's my take on it.

And NathanielK that's a famous **illusion** which has been around for a long time, this **contest** was to come up with one of you're own.

A zig is one something-th of a zag.

**Quote:**

My soul is my own now. I do not fight for you, Dark Master!

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**NathanielK**

Posted: Wed May 16, 2007 11:37 am Post subject:





Joined: 02 May 2007  
Posts: 18  
Location: Maryland, USA

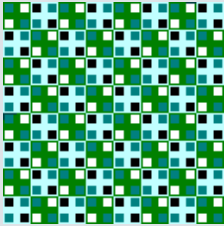
Ah, I hadn't noticed the buttons on the bottom. I see the effects on the second and third parts, but nothing on the first or fourth.

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yy2bggggs



Joined: 17 Oct 2006  
Posts: 623

Posted: Wed May 16, 2007 1:15 pm Post subject:



**Gelsamel wrote:**

And NathanielK that's a famous **illusion** which has been around for a long time, this **contest** was to come up with one of you're own.

Not to mention, that's Professor Akiyoshi Kitaoka's famous **illusion**. Professor Kitaoka is a judge for the Best Visual **Illusion** of the Year **contest**.

<http://www.psy.ritsumei.ac.jp/~akitaoka/illnews5e.html>

He's also attending the VSS, which is scheduled through today in Sarasota, FL as well.

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