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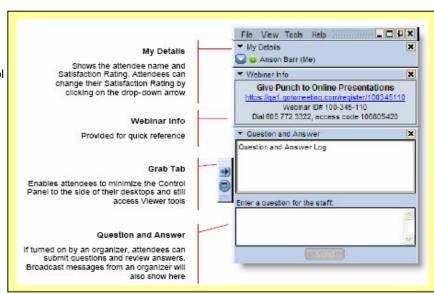
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## What is Visual Inspection?

Comparison against a master or another object

"The act of examining carefully"







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## **About Inspection**

- Visual inspection accuracy is about 80% effective
- So, we have to ask:
  - Are we seeing everything we should be?

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## **How to Inspect**

The ability to detect differences is the first item to review because:

 Inspecting electronic products vary in size, complexity, density and total amount of opportunities







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## **How Do We Train Inspectors?**

- We learn IPC-A-610
  - It tells us what a good solder joint look like
  - But how do we put this into practice?







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#### **What About J-STD-001**

- We learn J-STD-001 on how to make good solder joints, but how do we inspect those joints?
  - We compare them to pictures from all of those specifications, or
  - We can use auto-inspection comparative systems
  - We can use x-ray systems







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## **Prerequisites**

- Keep in mind we are inspecting solder joints, component anomalies, positional differences.
- We try to guess what the inside of the solder joint is all about by looking at outside characteristics.
- But can all of this information tell us if there is a good intermetallic compound layer?







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## **Prerequisites**

- We need to address our ability to distinguish what we are looking at:
  - How accurate is our ability to look at things?
  - Is there a process we can use to improve our ability to see what we are looking at?







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# A Thought on How To Improve Our Observations Skills

Let's take a look at some of the following pictures . . .

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#### **Can You Make the Distinction?**

#### Read the color not the name

YELLOW BLUE ORANGE
BLACK RED GREEN
PURPLE YELLOW RED
ORANGE GREEN BLACK
BLUE RED PURPLE
GREEN BLUE ORANGE





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## What's Happening

Left – Right Conflict Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.







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# We Need to Know What We Are Looking For

- Next few slides are to find out whether or not we can find the anomaly in the pictures.
- We need to be able to see differences as we inspect boards and this is a good example of trying to find differences.





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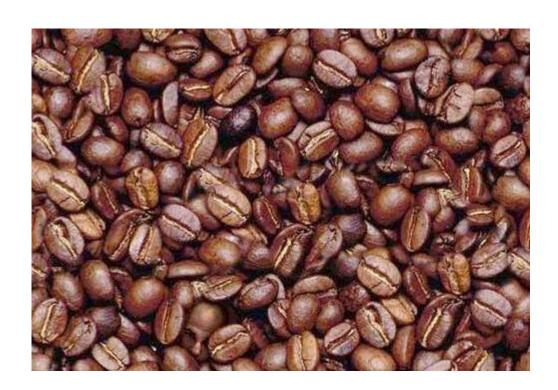


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#### Can You Find the Man?







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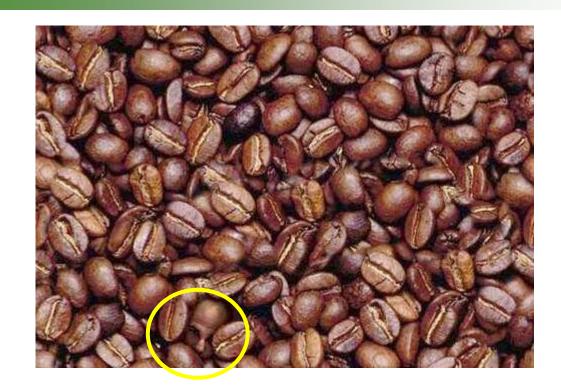


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#### **Here He Is**









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#### **Where Are The Differences?**

- Although things look the same there are some differences.
- How about this one?
- How many faces can you spot?

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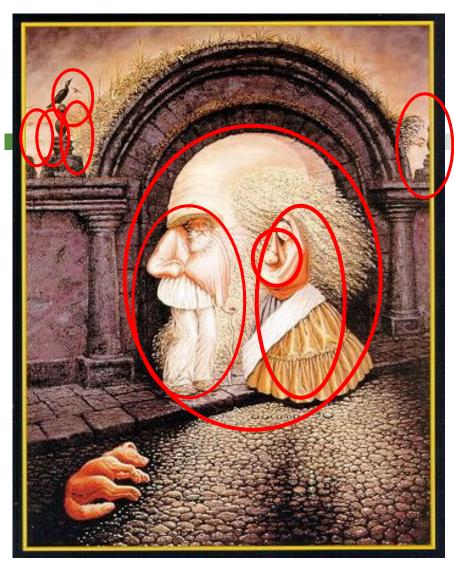
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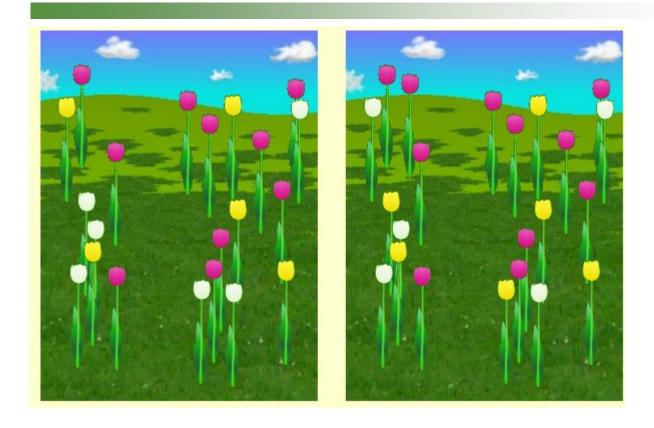


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#### **Find Four Differences**







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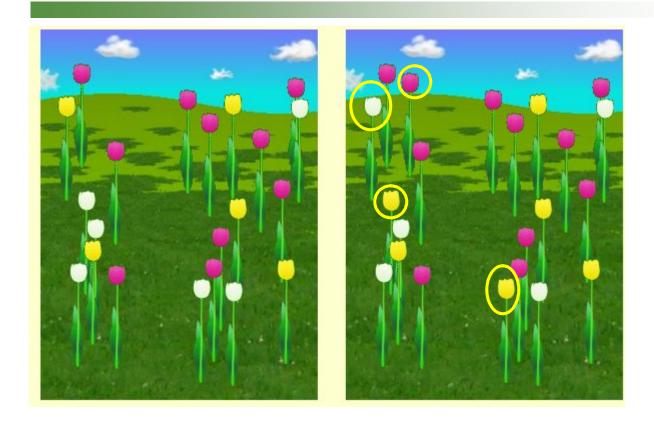


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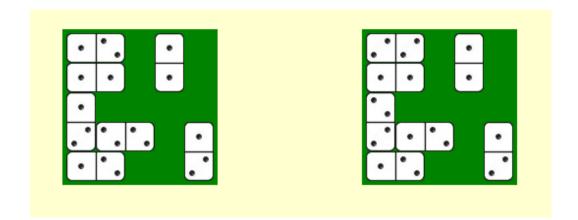


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#### **How About These Dominoes?**







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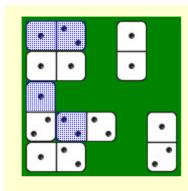


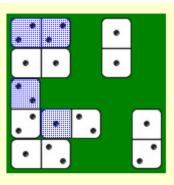
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#### **How About These Dominoes?**









#### **Text**



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How about reading the following sentence . . .

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#### **Can You Read This?**

#### The Human Mind

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#### Reflections







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#### **Does Anything Stand Out?**









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#### Count the "F" Letters

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#### Do You See the Two Words?







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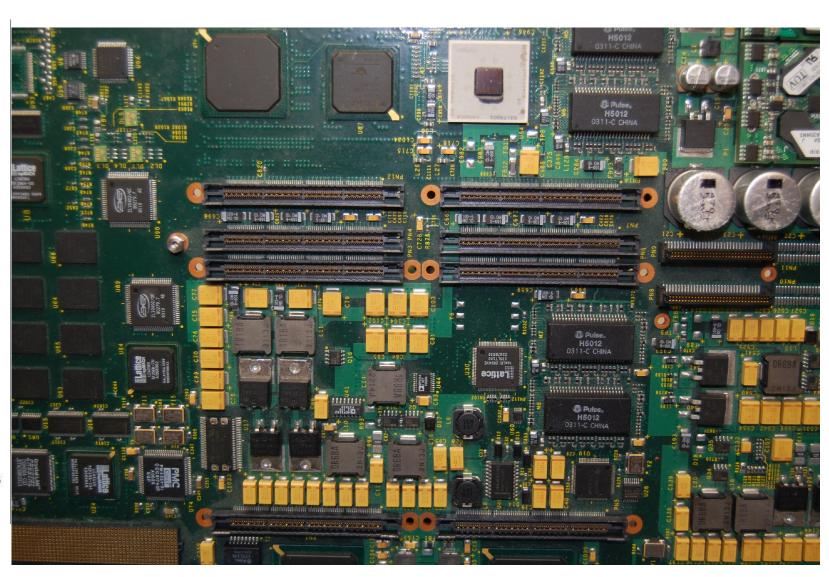


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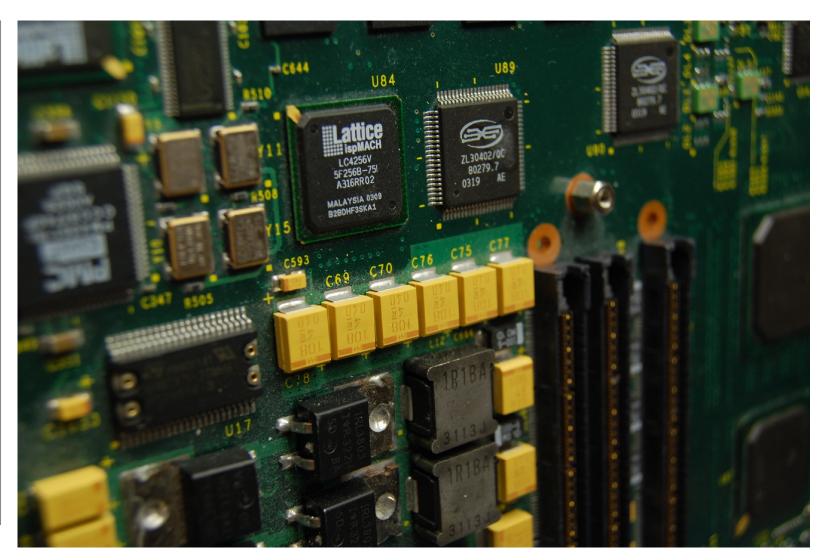
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## Upcoming . . .

- July 16 ---
  - Part II of the inspection process.
  - I'm going to provide you with how I would attack the process of inspecting printed circuit board assemblies.







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