Introduction to vector base Animation

Vector animation refers to animation where the art or motion is controlled by vectors rather than pixels. It often allows cleaner, smoother animation because images are displayed and resized using mathematical values instead of stored pixel values. Before understanding the science behind vector animation, it's important to know the difference between the two major graphic types: bitmap and vector graphics.

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Vector graphics, on the other hand, consist of paths defined by a start and endpoint. These paths can be anything from a line to a series of lines that create a shape like a square or a circle. Despite the simplistic nature of a vector's building block, paths are used to create extremely complex diagrams. Each path object carries its own mathematical statement that defines how the object should be displayed.





