# ColorRampConverter

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#### **FEATURES**

### 1.1 Convert Color Ramp

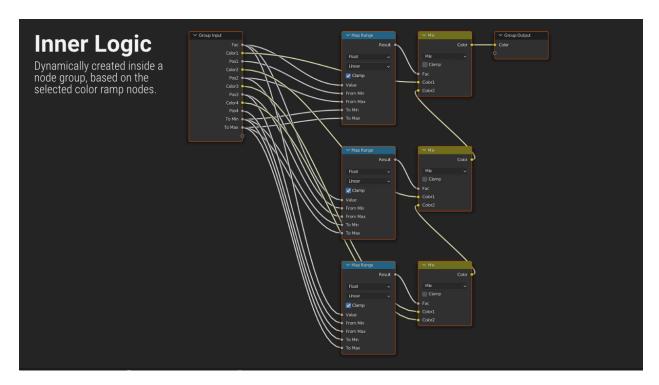
Quickly convert between custom node group solution and color ramp node.

Note: Connected links are managed automatically by the addon

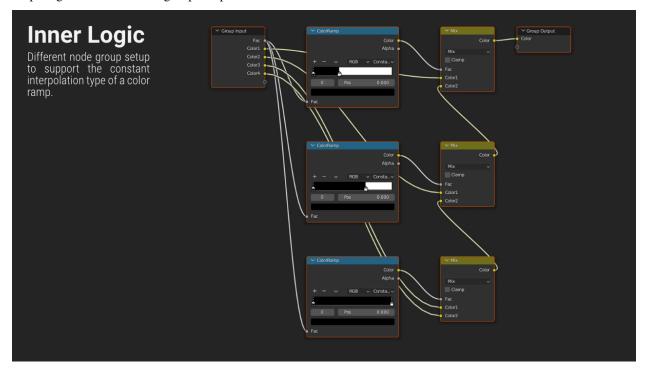
# 1.2 Addon Independent Node Groups

The created node group is NOT dependent on the addon. Additional features like that may be added as experimental options.

# 1.3 Node Group Logic



Map range node based node group setup.



Constant interpolation type support with a different node group setup.

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#### 1.4 Add Extra Nodes

Automatically add extra nodes of chosen type to the color inputs of custom node groups.

**Note:** Remove extra nodes when converting back to color ramp node (optional)

# 1.5 Any Color Input

The custom node group can accept any color input, not just color nodes specifically.

### 1.6 Panel Settings / Addon Preferences

Settings to adjust a few aspects of the addon.

### 1.7 Shader editor support

Color Ramp Converter is designed for the shader editor.

### 1.8 Compositor editor support

Although the color ramp converter is designed for the shader editor, it can be used in the compositor editor as well.

### 1.9 Geometry node editor support

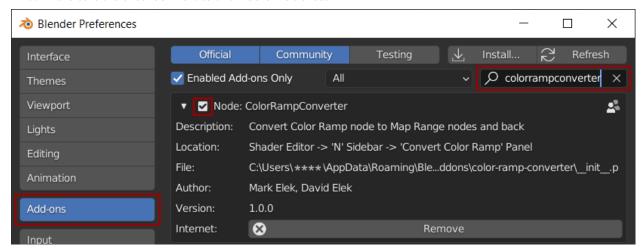
Although the color ramp converter is designed for the shader editor, it can be used in the geometry node editor as well.

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#### INSTALLATION

#### 2.1 First Installation

- 1. Go to *Edit* -> *Preferences*.
- 2. Select the Add-ons tab on the left if it is not already.
- 3. Select the *Install...* button along the top. This will open a file dialog.
- 4. Go to where you have downloaded **ColorRampConverter\_version.zip** file.
- 5. Then, click the *Install add-on from file* button.
- 6. Search for the add-on by typing colorrampconverter in the search box.
- 7. Make sure the checkbox next to this Add-on is ticked:

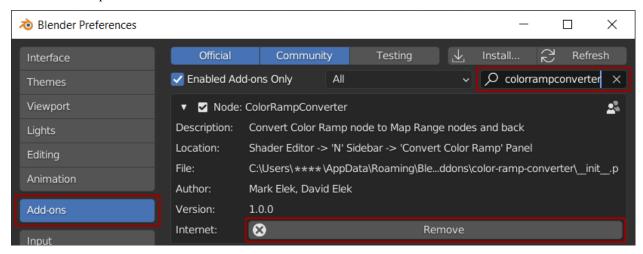


## 2.2 Upgrade

If you have previously installed the add-on:

- 1. Go to *Edit -> Preferences*.
- 2. Select the Add-ons tab on the left if it is not already.
- 3. Search for the add-on by typing *colorrampconverter* in the search box.
- 4. Select the *Remove* button for this add-on.
- 5. Restart Blender

6. Follow steps in Clean Installation.



#### 2.3 Installation Issues

Find the folder where Blender places the addon files, something like:

"C:\Users\[YOURUSERNAME]\AppData\Roaming\Blender Foundation\Blender\[YOURBLENDERVERSION]\scripts\addons"

Make sure this addon's folder has this exact name: color-ramp-converter

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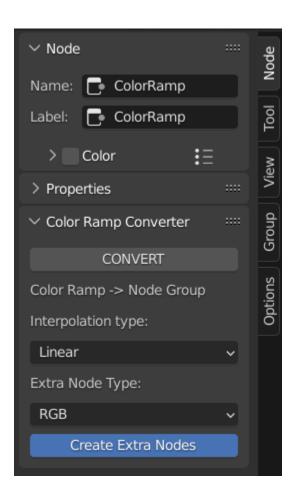
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### **QUICKSTART**

- 1. Open and *Installation* the addon if you haven't already.
- 2. Switch to any supported editor e.g. the shader editor
- 3. Create a new material
- 4. Press the 'n' key to open the editor's sidebar if it's not visible already.
- 5. Use color ramp nodes initially due to their intuitive controls.
- 6. Convert to a custom node group by pressing 'Convert' on the sidebar.
- 7. Effortlessly convert back from node group to color ramp node if necessary.

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#### **SETTINGS**



#### 4.1 Convert

Button to convert selected color ramps to custom node groups and vice versa.

Note: Add this to quick favorites for easy access by right clicking on the button and selecting 'Add to Quick Favorites'.

Note: Press 'Q' to open the quick favorites menu, select 'CONVERT'.

Warning: Select nodes to convert!

# 4.2 Interpolation Type

Set the map range node interpolation type inside converted color ramp node groups.

# 4.3 Extra Node Type

Chose the type of extra nodes.

### 4.4 Create Extra Nodes (AddonPref)

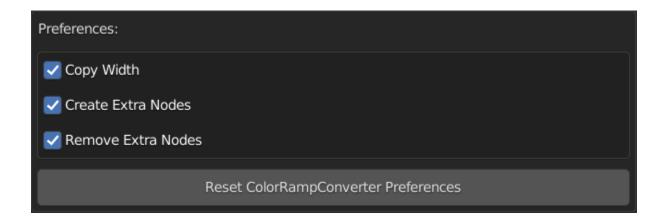
Create extra nodes for the converted node group's inputs.

**Note:** This option is an addon preference, exposed here for convenience.

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#### **ADDON PREFERENCES**



You can adjust a few aspects of the addon by going to: *Edit -> Preferences -> Add-ons -> expand ColorRampConverter* entry.

### 5.1 Copy Width

Copy the width of initial node or node group.

#### 5.2 Create Extra Nodes

Create extra nodes for the converted node group's inputs.

#### 5.3 Remove Extra Nodes

Remove extra nodes when converting back to color ramp.

### **5.4 Reset Preferences**

Reset ColorRampConverter's preferences to default values.

#### **CHANGELOG**

#### 6.1 1.2.0

August 19, 2023

- Change: The new Mix node is used by default in Blender 3.6 and above
- Support: Convert a node group back to a color ramp, even with the old types of mix nodes in it
- Tested on Blender versions: 3.5.1, and 3.6.1 for compatibility

#### 6.2 1.1.1

January 13, 2023

- Fix: node tree creation
- Tested on Blender versions: 3.4.1 for compatibility

#### 6.3 1.1.0

January 11, 2023

- Support: constant interpolation
- Fix: Converting back to color ramps sets the correct values
- Fix: Existing node trees won't be reused anymore to avoid potential issues
- Tested on Blender versions: 3.4.1 for compatibility

#### 6.4 1.0.1

October 04, 2022

- Hotfix changes
- Docs changes
- · Readme changes
- Tested on Blender versions: 3.3, and 3.2.2 for compatibility

### 6.5 1.0.0

October 04, 2022

- Initial release
- Tested on **Blender** versions: **3.3**, and **3.2.2** for compatibility

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### **CONTACT**

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- > You've come to the right place.

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