Combinations of lenses

- When two lenses are used in combination, the image of the first lens is the object for the second lens.
- The total magnification is the product of the magnifications of the first and second lens.





























Compound Microscopes.

Magnification by 2 lenses.

Objective lens – Produces an enlarged real image of the object.

Eyepiece – Used like a simple magnifier to view the image.

The net angular magnification of the product of the two magnifications.













Two lenses

Objective lens – produces a reduced image of a distant object near the focal point. Eyepiece – used to magnify the image.





Hubble Telescope Image of M100 Spiral Galaxy (NASA)

Limits to magnification

Why can't we use light microscopes to see atoms?

- For refracting optics there are problems of chromatic and spherical aberration.
- Problems in precision in constructing the refracting and reflecting surfaces.
- Diffraction A basic problems having to do with the wave nature of light (discussed next week)