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A labeling of the vertices of a graph G is said to be *distinguishing* provided that no nontrivial automorphism of G preserves all of the vertex labels. The *distinguishing number* of G , denoted $D(G)$, is the minimum number of labels in a distinguishing labeling of G . The distinguishing number, first introduced by Albertson and Collins in 1996, has been widely studied and a number of interesting results exist throughout the literature.

Here, we extend this notion to list-distinguishing colorings. Given a family L of lists assigning available colors to the vertices of G , we say that G is L -distinguishable if there is a distinguishing coloring f of G such that $f(v) \in L(v)$ for all v . The *list-distinguishing number* of G , $D_\ell(G)$, is the minimum integer k such that G is L -distinguishable for any assignment L of lists with $|L(v)| = k$ for all v . In this talk, we will discuss several results and open problems concerning the list-distinguishing number. (Received March 30, 2010)