

# BU CodeBreakers 2017

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Digital System Representations: Decimal, Binary, ASCII

# Today's Schedule

## Find your nametags

09:00-10:15      Digital system representation

10:30 - 11:45      Worksheet 1

12:00 - 01:45      Review + Exercise IV/V

02:00 - 03:00      Exercise IV/V

**Guest Speaker tomorrow morning 9am (Room: B18)**



# Review

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>>> for i in [1, 3, 5, 7]:  
    print (i)
```

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>>> for c in 'CodeBreakers':  
    print (c)
```

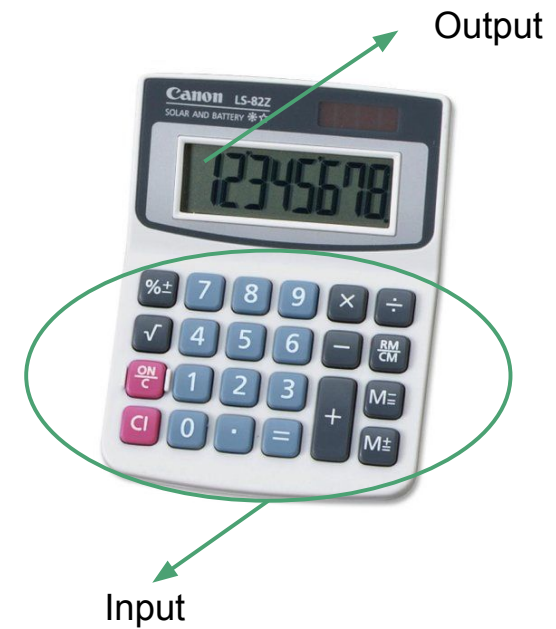
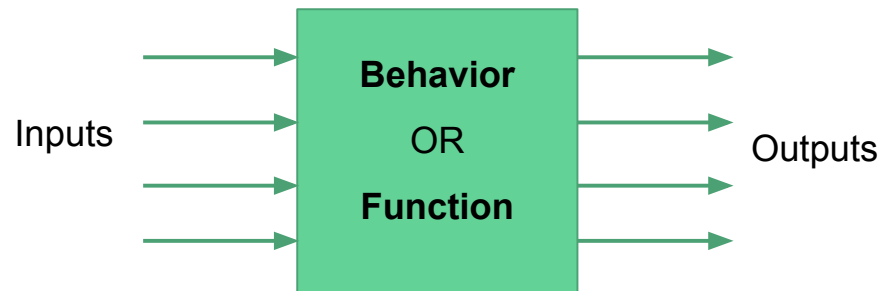
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>>> i = 0  
>>> while i<10:  
    print (i)  
    i = i+1
```

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>>> range(9, -1, -1)
```

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# System

- Set of components that work together to achieve a certain task



# Digital System

- Modern computing system are digital i.e. everything is represented by **digits**
- How do I represent text “Codebreakers” with digits/numbers?

Solution I : Sequencing with integers [a→ 0, b→ 1, c→ 2, ....., z→ 25]

**C**: 2,      **o**: 14,      **d**: 3,      **e**: 4,

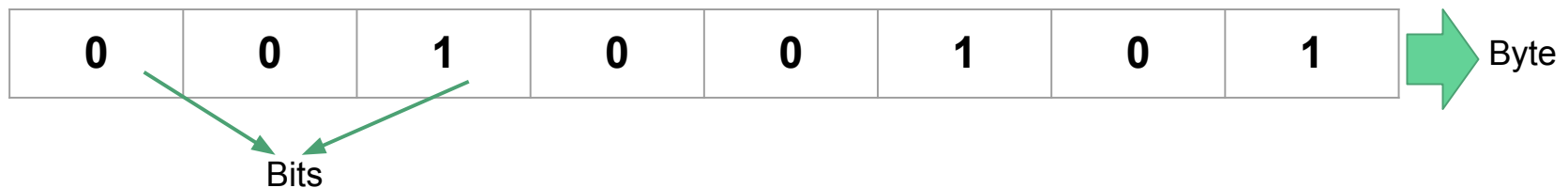
**b**: 1,      **r**: 17,      **e**: 4,      **a**: 0,      **k**: 10,      **e**: 4,      **r**: 17,      **s**: 18

- Modern computing systems:  
physical signals [temperature, electricity] → digital conversion → COMPUTE!



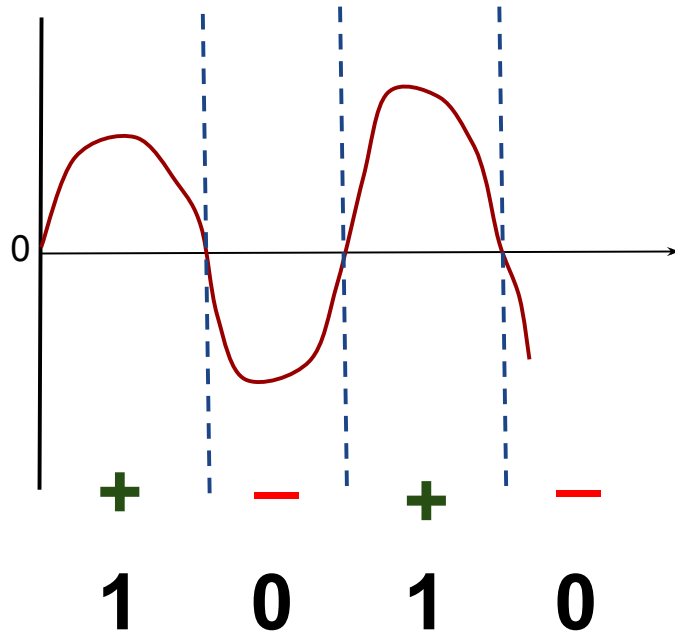
# Bit & Byte

- A bit is the smallest unit of information
  - It represents one 2-way decision or a 2-way choice
  - yes / no, true / false, on / off ...
- Typical value: either 0 or 1
- All information in a computer is **stored** and **processed** as bits
- A byte is 8 bits that are treated as a unit



# Why Binary?

- Simplicity



## \*4-bit binary representation

Now we can pretty much represent anything by:

1. Real-world signals → Binary
2. Binary → Decimal Numbers?
3. Binary → Characters?

# Decimal Numbers Review

- How many digits are there?
    - Ten: 0, 1, ..., 9
  - **42** → **4** tens + **2** ones
  - **234** → **2** hundreds + **3** tens + **4** ones
  - **1234?**
    - 1** thousands + **2** hundreds + **3** tens + **4** ones
    - 1** \* 1000 + **2** \* 100 + **3** \* 10 + **4** \* 1
    - 1** \* 10<sup>3</sup> + **2** \* 10<sup>2</sup> + **3** \* 10<sup>1</sup> + **4** \* 10<sup>0</sup>
  - **Decimal numbers are sums of powers of 10**
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# Binary Number System

- Uses bits to represent any number
  - Only uses 2 digits: 0, 1
  - Recall: Decimal numbers are sums of powers of 10. *What about binary numbers?*
  - Binary numbers are sums of powers of 2
  - **5** → 4 + 1 → **1** four + **0** two + **1** one
  - **22** → 16 + 4 + 2 → **1** sixteen + **0** eight + **1** four + **1** two + **0** one  
→ **1** \* 2<sup>4</sup> + **0** \* 2<sup>3</sup> + **1** \* 2<sup>2</sup> + **1** \* 2<sup>1</sup> + **0** \* 2<sup>0</sup>
- ⇒ **22** decimal → **10110** binary
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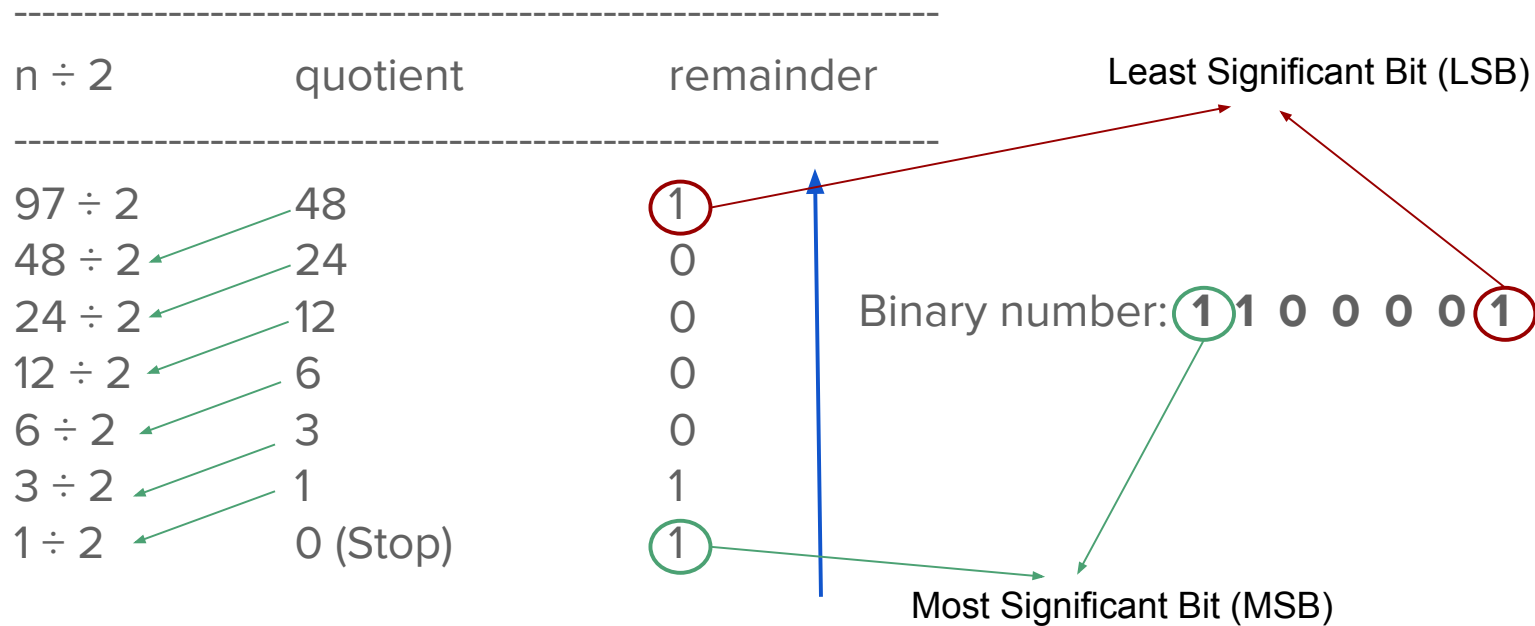
## Decimal → Binary

1. Start with a number (n)
2. Divide n by 2
3. Remainders: 0/1 → append to Binary number
4. Quotient → new n
5. Continue from Step 2 until quotient becomes zero
6. Final result is the reverse of your current Binary number



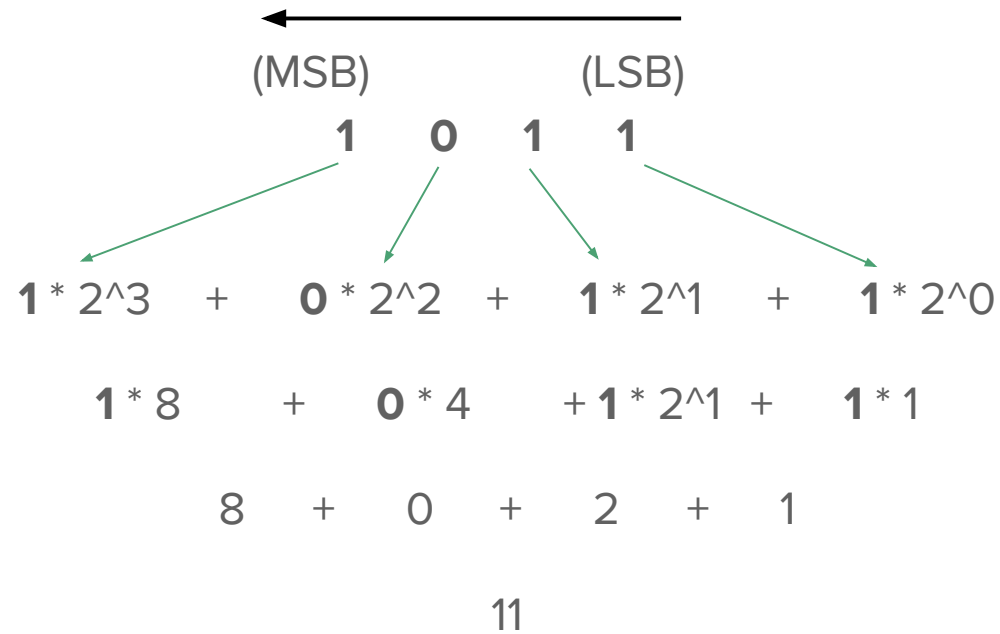
# Decimal → Binary

- Convert  $n = 97$  to binary



# Binary → Decimal

Convert from Binary to Decimal



# Bitwise Operations

AND (&)	0	0	1	1
	1	0	1	0
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	0	0	1	0

XOR (^)	0	0	1	1
	1	0	1	0
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	1	0	0	1

OR ( )	0	0	1	1
	1	0	1	0
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	1	0	1	1

NOT (~)	0	1
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	1	0

&, |, ^ and ~ are bit-wise operators in Python

# Summary

Binary → Language of Computers

Decimal → Language of Humans

- Base conversions to communicate back and forth with computers
  - Decimal → Binary
  - Binary → Decimal



WHAT ABOUT  
CHARACTERS?

# Recall

- Digital Systems
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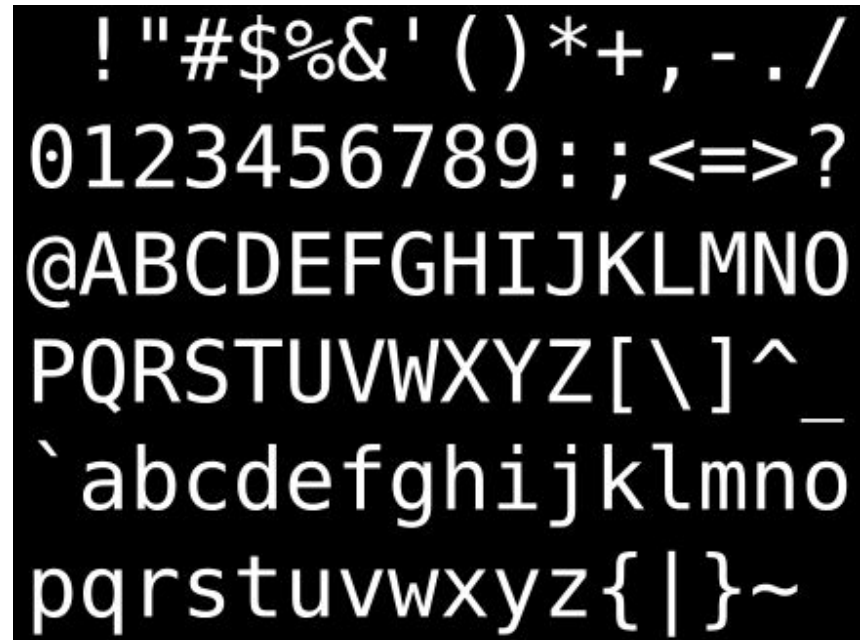




HOW TO REPRESENT  
CHARACTERS VIA  
DIGITS?

# ASCII

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- Number representation of a character
- Arbitrary but agreed upon representation in US and rest of the world



! " # \$ % & ' ( ) \* + , - . /  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ?  
@ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O  
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z [ \ ] ^ \_  
` a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o  
p q r s t u v w x y z { | } ~



## Character → ASCII

Note that UPPER  
and lower letters are  
considered to be  
different characters

What's the ASCII  
representation of

H E L L O ?

72 69 76 76 79 63

Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char
32	[space]	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
43	+	59	;	75	K	91	[	107	k	123	{
44	,	60	<	76	L	92	\	108	l	124	
45	-	61	=	77	M	93	]	109	m	125	}
46	.	62	>	78	N	94	^	110	n	126	~
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	[backspace]

## ASCII → Character

Note that UPPER  
and lower letters are  
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What does this  
spell?

72 69 76 76 79 33

H E L L O !

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34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
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# Character $\Leftrightarrow$ Binary?

Character  $\rightarrow$  Decimal (ASCII)  $\rightarrow$  Binary

Binary  $\rightarrow$  Decimal (ASCII)  $\rightarrow$  Character



WORKSHEET I  
EXERCISE V/IV