

# Data units conversion

|       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |          |          |          |          |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $2^0$ | $2^1$ | $2^2$ | $2^3$ | $2^4$ | $2^5$ | $2^6$ | $2^7$ | $2^8$ | $2^9$ | $2^{10}$ | $2^{11}$ | $2^{12}$ | $2^{13}$ |
| 1     | 2     | 4     | 8     | 16    | 32    | 64    | 128   | 256   | 512   | 1024     | 2048     | 4096     | 8192     |

| Name     | Symbol | Value  |
|----------|--------|--|
| bit      | b      | 1b = 0, 1b = 1   |
| byte     | B      | 1B = 8b  |
| kilobyte | KB     | 1KB = 1024B = $2^{10}$ B = $1024 \cdot 8b = 8192b = 2^{13}b$                                     |
| megabyte | MB     | 1MB = 1024KB = $2^{10}$ KB = $2^{20}$ B = $2^{20} \cdot 2^3 = 2^{23}b$                           |
| gigabyte | GB     | 1GB = 1024MB = $2^{10}$ MB = $2^{10} \cdot 2^{10} \cdot 2^{10} = 2^{30}$ B = $2^3 \cdot 2^{23}b$ |
| terabyte | TB     | 1TB = 1024GB = $2^{43}b$   |
| petabyte | PB     | 1PB = 1024TB   |
| ...      | ...    | ...  |

$$1\text{MB} = 8\text{Mb}$$

$$1\text{GB} = 8\text{Gb}$$

$$32768\text{B} = 2^{15}\text{B} = 2^{15} \cdot 2^3 = 2^{18}b$$

$$2^{18}b \div 2^{10} = 2^8\text{Kb (kilobits)}$$

$$2^8\text{Kb} \div 2^{10} = 2^{-2}\text{Mb (megabits)}$$

$$2^{-2}\text{Mb} \div 2^{10} = 2^{-12}\text{Gb (gigabits)}$$

$$0,25\text{TB} = 2\text{Tb} = 2^1 \cdot 2^{10} = 2^{11}\text{Gb}$$

$$2048\text{GB} = 2^{11}\text{GB} = 2^{11} \cdot 2^{10} \cdot 2^{10} = 2^{31}\text{KB}$$

**Exercise 1.** How long will it take to download a 1GB file with a 300Mb/s constant link?

$$1\text{GB} = 1024\text{MB} = 8192\text{Mb}$$

$$8192/300 = 27,3\text{s}$$

**Exercise 2.** Can we save 250 800KB files on a 32GB pendrive?

$$32\text{GB} = 2^5 \cdot 2^{10} = 2^{15}\text{MB} \cdot 2^{10} = 2^{25}\text{KB} = 33554432\text{KB}$$

$$33554432/800 \approx 41943$$

Answer: Yes, we can.