

# OUTLINE

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- 4 Difference between signed and unsigned characters.

# OVERVIEW

HELLO!



01001000 01100101 01101100 01101100 01101111 00100001

# ASCII TABLE

Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char
0	0	[NULL]	32	20	[SPACE]	64	40	@	96	60	`
1	1	[START OF HEADING]	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
2	2	[START OF TEXT]	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
3	3	[END OF TEXT]	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
4	4	[END OF TRANSMISSION]	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	5	[ENQUIRY]	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
6	6	[ACKNOWLEDGE]	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	7	[BELL]	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
8	8	[BACKSPACE]	40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h
9	9	[HORIZONTAL TAB]	41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i
10	A	[LINE FEED]	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	B	[VERTICAL TAB]	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
12	C	[FORM FEED]	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
13	D	[CARRIAGE RETURN]	45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
14	E	[SHIFT OUT]	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
15	F	[SHIFT IN]	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
16	10	[DATA LINK ESCAPE]	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
17	11	[DEVICE CONTROL 1]	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	[DEVICE CONTROL 2]	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	[DEVICE CONTROL 3]	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
20	14	[DEVICE CONTROL 4]	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
21	15	[NEGATIVE ACKNOWLEDGE]	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	[SYNCHRONOUS IDLE]	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	[ENG OF TRANS. BLOCK]	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	[CANCEL]	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	[END OF MEDIUM]	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
26	1A	[SUBSTITUTE]	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	[ESCAPE]	59	3B	;	91	5B	[	123	7B	{
28	1C	[FILE SEPARATOR]	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	
29	1D	[GROUP SEPARATOR]	61	3D	=	93	5D	]	125	7D	}
30	1E	[RECORD SEPARATOR]	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	[UNIT SEPARATOR]	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	[DEL]

# OVERVIEW

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char some_variable_name = 'N';
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char some_variable_name = 65;
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# SIZE AND RANGE OF CHARACTER

Size:

1 byte = 8 bits

Range:

Unsigned: 0 to 255

Signed: -128 to +127





## SIGNED VS UNSIGNED

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc} & -2^7 & 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ -128 = & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

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## SIGNED VS UNSIGNED

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc} & -2^7 & 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ -126 = & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc} & 2^7 & 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ +130 = & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

# SIGNED VS UNSIGNED

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc} & -2^7 & 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ -1 = & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc} & 2^7 & 2^6 & 2^5 & 2^4 & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ +255 = & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

# SUMMARY

1. Size of character = 1 byte
2. Signed character range: -128 to +127
3. Unsigned character range: 0 to 255
4. Negative values won't buy you any additional powers
5. In traditional ASCII table, each character requires 7 bits.
6. In extended ASCII table, each character utilize all 8 bits.