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# Positional Number Systems

- ◆ Positional number systems are number systems in which the significance of a digit depends on its position

$2^2$   $2^1$   $2^0$   
Ones  
Twos  
Fours  
(**110**)<sub>2</sub>

$$\text{Binary (BASE 2)} = \mathbf{1} \times 2^2 + \mathbf{1} \times 2^1 + \mathbf{0} \times 2^0$$

- ◆ Each positional number system is determined by a *base* that indicates how many separate symbols are used to represent numbers

# Useful Bases in Computer Science

- ◆ Only some of the possible bases are of general use in computer science

## REASON FOR USE

*Decimal* (BASE 10)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...

Humans use a decimal system

*Binary* (BASE 2)

0 1 10 ...

Representation of data in computers uses two states

*Octal* (BASE 8)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 10 ...

Useful abbreviations of binary: shorter to write, not too many symbols

*Hexadecimal* (BASE 16)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F 10 ...

# Uses of Hex

## Colour On Web Pages

### Triplets - Red:Green:Blue (RGB)

255.255.255 decimal

Color	Hexadecimal	Color	Hexadecimal	Color	Hexadecimal	Color	Hexadecimal
aqua	#00FFFF	green	#008000	dark blue	#000080	silver	#C0C0C0
black	#000000	grey	#808080	olive	#808000	teal	#008080
blue	#0000FF	lime	#00FF00	purple	#800080	white	#FFFFFF
fuchsia	#FF00FF	maroon	#800000	red	#FF0000	yellow	#FFFF00

R=255  
G=255  
B=204

Hex: #FFFFCC

Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) Code:

background a paragraph `p{ color:#FFFFCC}`

# Uses of Hex

Characters in URL addresses

Space = %20 is hex code for space in ASCII (32)

e.g. `http://www.paulssite.fake/my%20Stupid%20frontpage%20Name.html`

XML: Characters can be referred to by `&#xhhhh`

e.g. Greek Lower Case  $\alpha$  = `&#x03B1`

Hex and Octal are useful abbreviations of binary:  
shorter to write, not too many symbols.

The above codes would be significantly longer to write in  
Binary

# Bits and Bytes

10110010<sub>2</sub>

- ◆ In a binary representation, a single **binary digit** is a *bit*
- ◆ Represents the smallest unit of "information" – the answer to a yes-no (true-false) question
- ◆ A collection of eight bits is a *byte*
- ◆ Depending on the computer architecture, a *word* may be defined as a collection of 2, 4 or 8 bytes (16, 32 or 64 bits)

# Larger Collections

- ◆ The size of large collections of bits can be given in terms of prefixes similar to metric prefixes.  
Originally IEC standard

	Abbreviation	Number (of bits or bytes)
kibi <b>bit</b>	Ki <b>b</b>	$2^{10}$ (approx. $10^3 = 1$ kilo)
mebi	Mi	$2^{20}$ (approx. $10^6 = 1$ Mega)
gibi	Gi	$2^{30}$ (approx. $10^9 = 1$ Giga)
tebi	Ti	$2^{40}$ (approx. $10^{12} = 1$ Tera)
pebi	Pi	$2^{50}$ (approx. $10^{15} = 1$ Peta)
exbi	Ei	$2^{60}$ (approx. $10^{18} = 1$ Exa)
zebi	Zi	$2^{70}$ (approx. $10^{21} = 1$ Zetta)
yobi	Yi	$2^{80}$ (approx. $10^{24} = 1$ Yotta)

kibi = kilo binary

# Sizes and Hard drives

Hard Drive  
Sizes

File sizes

Hard  
Drive too  
Small

Symbol (Bytes)	Decimal Meaning	Binary Meaning	Difference in Bytes	% Difference
1 KB	$10^3$	$2^{10}$	24	2.40
1 MB	$10^6$	$2^{20}$	48576	4.86
1 GB	$10^9$	$2^{30}$	73741824	7.37
1 TB	$10^{12}$	$2^{40}$	99,511,627,776	9.95
1 PB	$10^{15}$	$2^{50}$	125,899,906,842,624	12.59

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hard\\_disk\\_drive#Units](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hard_disk_drive#Units)
- <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UnitsPolicy>



# Converting a Base $b$ to Decimal INTEGERS

- ◆ Read the number in each column as a multiplier for the corresponding power of the base

*Octal* (BASE 8)

$8^2$   $8^1$   $8^0$

$(263)_8$

$$= 2 \times 8^2 + 6 \times 8^1 + 3 \times 8^0$$

$$= 128 + 48 + 3 = (179)_{10}$$

*Hexadecimal* (BASE 16)

$16^2$   $16^1$   $16^0$

$(2AF)_{16}$

$$= 2 \times 16^2 + A \times 16^1 + F \times 16^0$$

$$= 512 + 160 + 15 = (687)_{10}$$

# Converting a Base $b$ to Decimal

## INTEGER AND FRACTIONAL PARTS

- ◆ Read the number in each column to the right of the radix point as a multiplier for the corresponding *negative* power of the base

*Binary* (BASE 2)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 & 2^{-1} & 2^{-2} & 2^{-3} \\ \hline (1 & 0 & 1 & . & 0 & 1 & 1)_2 \end{array} = 4 + 0 + 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$$

radix point

$$= (5.375)_{10}$$

# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## INTEGERS

- ◆ Divide the decimal representation by the base  $b$  and record the *remainder*
  - The result of the division should be the number of times the base  $b$  goes *evenly* into the decimal representation (integer division)

Convert  $(25)_{10}$  to binary.

$$25 / 2 = 12 \quad \text{rem } 1$$

- ◆ Divide the result by the base  $b$ . Record the remainder.

$$12 / 2 = 6 \quad \text{rem } 0$$

- ◆ Repeat until the result of the division is 0.

# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## INTEGERS

$25 / 2 = 12$	rem <b>1</b>
$12 / 2 = 6$	rem <b>0</b>
$6 / 2 = 3$	rem <b>0</b>
$3 / 2 = 1$	rem <b>1</b>
$1 / 2 = 0$	rem <b>1</b>

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$$(25)_{10} = (11001)_2$$

# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## FRACTIONAL PARTS

- ◆ To convert the fractional part of a number, multiply the decimal representation by the base  $b$  and record the *integer part* of the result

Convert  $(0.6875)_{10}$   
to binary.

$$0.6875 \times 2 = 1.375 \quad 1$$

- ◆ Reset the integer part of the result to zero and multiply again by the base  $b$ . Record the integer part of the result.

$$0.375 \times 2 = 0.75 \quad 0$$

- ◆ Repeat until the result of the multiplication is 0.

# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## FRACTIONAL PARTS

$$0.6875 \times 2 = 1.375$$

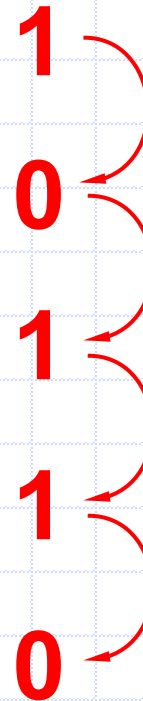
$$0.375 \times 2 = 0.75$$

$$0.75 \times 2 = 1.5$$

$$0.5 \times 2 = 1.0$$

$$0.0 \times 2 = 0.0$$

1  
0  
1  
1  
0



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$$(0.6875)_{10} = (0.1011)_2$$

# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## FRACTIONAL PARTS

$$(0.6875)_{10} = (0.1011)_2$$

$$(0.\overset{2^{-1}}{\underset{\frac{1}{2}}{1}}\overset{2^{-2}}{\underset{\frac{1}{4}}{0}}\overset{2^{-3}}{\underset{\frac{1}{8}}{1}}\overset{2^{-4}}{\underset{\frac{1}{16}}{1}})_2$$

◆ When we multiply the decimal representation by the base 2, the integer part of the result is 1 only if the number is greater than or equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$

- So the binary representation must have a 1 in the  $\frac{1}{2}$ 's column

$$= 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 0 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 \times \frac{1}{16}$$

# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## FRACTIONAL PARTS

$$(0.6875)_{10} = (0.1011)_2$$

$$(0.\overset{2^{-1}}{\underset{\frac{1}{2}}{1}}\overset{2^{-2}}{\underset{\frac{1}{4}}{0}}\overset{2^{-3}}{\underset{\frac{1}{8}}{1}}\overset{2^{-4}}{\underset{\frac{1}{16}}{1}})_2$$

- ◆ Removing the integer part of the result is the same as subtracting  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the original
  - Multiplying the fractional part of the result again by 2, the integer part of the result will be 1 only if the number is greater than or equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

$$= 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 0 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 \times \frac{1}{16}$$



# Converting Decimal to a Base $b$

## FRACTIONAL PARTS

### Stopping Conditions

- If *fractional part* = ZERO then STOP
- If *fractional part repeats* then STOP
- If *Too Many bits* then STOP

# Converting Between Bases When Neither is Decimal

- ◆ In general, the easiest way to convert from one base to another is to first convert the number in its original base to decimal and then convert to the destination base.

Convert  $(14.3)_5$  to binary.

- ◆ Convert to decimal


$$\begin{aligned}(14.3)_5 &= 1 \times 5^1 + 4 \times 5^0 + 3 \times 5^{-1} \\ &= 5 + 4 + 0.6 \\ &= (9.6)_{10}\end{aligned}$$

# Converting Between Bases When Neither is Decimal


- ◆ Convert to destination base

$$(9.6)_{10}$$

Integer Part

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 9 / 2 = 4 & \text{rem} & \mathbf{1} \\ 4 / 2 = 2 & \text{rem} & \mathbf{0} \\ 2 / 2 = 1 & \text{rem} & \mathbf{0} \\ 1 / 2 = 0 & \text{rem} & \mathbf{1} \end{array}$$


Fractional Part

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0.6 \times 2 = 1.2 & \text{int} & \mathbf{1} \\ 0.2 \times 2 = 0.4 & \text{int} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0.4 \times 2 = 0.8 & \text{int} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0.8 \times 2 = 1.6 & \text{int} & \mathbf{1} \\ & & \vdots \end{array}$$


$$(14.3)_5 = (9.6)_{10} = \mathbf{(1001.\overline{1001})_2}$$

# Converting Between Bases

## DIFFERENCES IN ACCURACY

- ◆ Some numbers that have a finite representation in one base have an infinitely repeating representation in another base

Example: A finite representation in decimal may become infinite in binary.

$$(0.6)_{10} = (0.\overline{1001})_2$$

- ◆ Only a finite number of digits are actually stored in a computer's memory, so an infinitely repeating representation must be *truncated* or *rounded off*, and this results in a loss of accuracy

# Converting Between Bases

## DIFFERENCES IN ACCURACY

Assume that a particular computer **truncates** binary representations after **4** digits. What is the loss of accuracy in storing the number  $(0.6)_{10}$

$$(0.6)_{10} = (0.\overline{1001})_2$$

$$(0.5625)_{10} = (0.1001)_2$$

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$$(0.0375)_{10}$$

The **4** digit representation **underestimates** the number by  $(0.0375)_{10}$

# Converting Between Bases

## DIFFERENCES IN ACCURACY

Assume that a particular computer **rounds off** binary representations to **4** digits. What is the loss of accuracy in storing the number  $(0.6)_{10}$

$$(0.6)_{10} = (0.\overline{1001})_2$$

$$(0.625)_{10} = (0.1010)_2$$

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$$-(0.025)_{10}$$

The **4** digit representation **over**estimates the number by  $(0.025)_{10}$

# Converting Octal to Binary

- ◆ When the original base is a *power* of the destination base, we can take advantage of a shortcut that allows us to directly convert without converting to decimal in between
  - It is this shortcut that makes both octal and hexadecimal useful in computer science

*Octal* (BASE 8)

*Binary* (BASE 2)

$$8 = 2^3$$

Each octal digit can be directly converted to a 3-digit binary number

$$(614.7)_8 = (110001100.111)_2$$

# Converting Hexadecimal to Binary

- ◆ When the original base is a *power* of the destination base, we can take advantage of a shortcut that allows us to directly convert without converting to decimal in between
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*Hexadecimal* (BASE 16)

*Binary* (BASE 2)

$$16 = 2^4$$

Each hex digit can be directly converted to a 4-digit binary number

$$(B7.C)_{16} = (10110111.1100)_2$$



# Converting Octal to Binary

- ◆ When the *destination* base is a power of the *original* base, we can take advantage of the same shortcut in reverse

*Binary* (BASE 2)

*Octal* (BASE 8)

$$2^3 = 8$$

Each group of 3 binary digits can be directly converted to an octal digit

$$(\textcircled{0}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{0}\textcircled{0}\textcircled{0}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{0}.\textcircled{1}\textcircled{0}\textcircled{0})_2 = (\textcolor{blue}{2}\textcolor{blue}{1}\textcolor{blue}{6}.\textcolor{blue}{4})_8$$

Start the grouping from the radix point and pad the number with leading and/or trailing zeros as necessary to make groups of 3

# Converting Hexadecimal to Binary

- ◆ When the *destination* base is a power of the *original* base, we can take advantage of the same shortcut in reverse

*Binary* (BASE 2)      *Hexadecimal* (BASE 16)

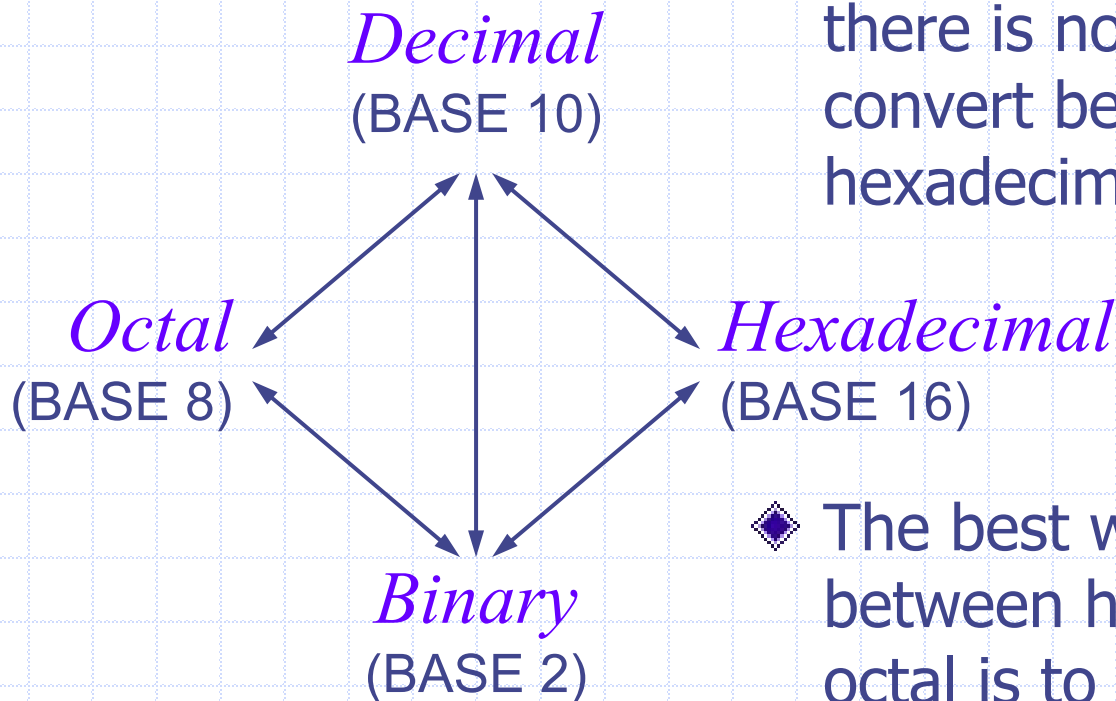
$$2^4 = 16$$

Each group of 4 binary digits can be directly converted to a hex digit

$$(\textcircled{0}1001110.\textcircled{11}\textcircled{00})_2 = (\textcolor{yellow}{4}\textcolor{blue}{E}.\textcolor{yellow}{C})_{16}$$

Start the grouping from the radix point and pad the number with leading and/or trailing zeros as necessary to make groups of 4

# Converting Between Octal and Hexadecimal



◆ Since **16** is **not** a power of **8**, there is no direct shortcut to convert between octal and hexadecimal

◆ The best way to convert between hexadecimal and octal is to first convert the original base to binary, then to the destination base

# Addition of Two Numbers in Different Bases

- Two numbers can be conveniently added only when they are expressed in the same base
- In each column, if the result of adding the two digits equals or exceeds the base, a carry-out of 1 is added to the next column to the left
- If the carry-out is 1, the digit recorded at the bottom of the column is the result of the addition, *minus the base*
- If the carry-out is 0, the digit recorded at the bottom of the column is just the result of the addition

Carry-Out

$$\begin{array}{r}
 (2B9)_{16} \\
 + (3AE)_{16} \\
 \hline
 (667)_{16}
 \end{array}$$

# Addition of Two Numbers

## OVERFLOW

- ◆ It is important to remember that in an actual computer implementation, the result of the addition must be recorded on a register having a fixed number of digits
- ◆ If the carry-out from an addition in the most significant column of the register is **1**, the result recorded on the register will be in error

- ◆ Add the following binary numbers on an 8-bit register

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\ 1\ 1\quad 1\ 1 \\ (10100110)_2 \\ + (1100111)_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

8-bit register  $(00001101)_2$

Overflow Error

# Subtraction of Two Numbers

- ◆ In each column, if the digit in the *minuend* is equal to or larger than the digit in the *subtrahend*, the result of subtracting one from the other is recorded at the bottom of the column
- ◆ If the digit in the minuend is smaller than the digit in the subtrahend, subtract 1 from the next column and add the *base* to the digit in the minuend
- ◆ If the next column has a 0, then subtract 1 from the first non-zero digit afterwards, and add the *base* to the next column. Then subtract 1 from that column, and add the *base* to the next column,...

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Minuend} \quad (301)_8 \\
 \text{Subtrahend} \quad - (77)_8 \\
 \hline
 (202)_8
 \end{array}$$

Diagram illustrating the subtraction of two numbers in base 8. The minuend is (301)<sub>8</sub> and the subtrahend is (77)<sub>8</sub>. The result is (202)<sub>8</sub>. The diagram shows the borrowing process: a red '7' is written above the minuend's digits, indicating the borrowing of 1 from the next column. The digits of the minuend are crossed out with red slashes, and the digits of the subtrahend are also crossed out with red slashes. The result (202)<sub>8</sub> is written in red below the horizontal line.