**ΩPresentation Notes**

1. What does the ASCII acronym stand for?
   1. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
2. What is the ASCII code used for?
   1. Representing and storing text in computers
      1. Computers can only understand numbers (binary)
      2. Text symbols must be encoded as numbers
   2. Encoding text for electronic communication (e.g. web)
3. Encoding characters (i.e. letters on the keyboard) into ASCII code numbers  
   1. What is the ASCII code for the letter “A”
      1. 65
   2. What is the ASCII code for the letter “a”
      1. 97
   3. Why are they different?
      1. Upper case and lower case are different symbols. The computer doesn’t really know what the alphabet is or how to read and write.
   4. What is the ASCII code for the space bar?
      1. The ASCII code also includes some “un-printable” characters.
4. Decoding ASCII code numbers into characters and letters   
   1. What character corresponds to ASCII code 61 decimal
      1. =
   2. What character corresponds to ASCII code 8 decimal
      1. backspace
   3. Why is the character 8 not the same as ASCII code 8
      1. Character “8” is text symbol, code 8 is an number. Symbols and numbers are different things to a computer.
   4. What is the range of non-printable characters in ASCII
      1. Codes 0 to 31

1. How would you code the string “Hello” in ASCII?
   1. H (72) e (101) l (108) l (108) o (111)
2. How would you code the string “127” in ASCII?
   1. 1 (49) 2 (50) 7 (55)
3. What is the difference between 127 and “127”?
   1. 127 is an integer number. Computers don’t need to use ASCII for numbers.
   2. “127” is a string of text symbols. A human might see this as the number 127. A computer doesn’t know it’s a number.

**Student Questions**

1. Why do computers have to convert characters (i.e. letters on the keyboard) into numbers? Why can’t computers just use the letters directly?
   1. Because computers use binary code. So letters are assigned a numerical value for the computer to easily process letters.
2. How do computers communicate with people who speak different languages and use different alphabets? What is used instead of the ASCII code table?
   1. People who speak different languages would use a different encoding format, for example UTF-8 is often used.
3. Research online-documentation for the Python **ord()** function. Provide some sample code that demonstrates the use of the **ord()** function.
   1. Returns an integer representing the Unicode code point of the given Unicode character.

# code point of integer

print(ord('5'))

# code point of alphabet

print(ord('A'))

# code point of character

print(ord('$'))

1. Research online-documentation for the Python **chr()** function. Provide some sample code that demonstrates the use of the **chr()** function.
   1. The chr() method returns a character (a string) from an integer (represents Unicode code point of the character).

print(chr(97))

print(chr(65))

print(chr(1200))

1. Write a Python program that uses the ord() and chr() functions to do the following:
   1. Read a single character (i.e. single letter or keyboard symbol) from the console input.
   2. Convert the character to an ASCII code number.
   3. Add 3 to the code number.
   4. Convert the new code number back to a character (i.e. single letter or keyboard symbol)
   5. Print the new character to the console output.

myCharacter = input ("Please enter a character ")

print (ord(myCharacter))

myCode = (ord(myCharacter))

print (myCode + 3)

print ("Your new character is:")

print(chr(myCode + 3))

1. Enhance your program to add the following features:
   1. After reading the single character from console input, check to make sure that the character is a letter (i.e. a to z or A to Z). Print a warning message if the character is not a letter.
   2. After converting the code number back to a character, print a “\*” if the character is not a letter.

myCharacter = input ("Please enter a character ")

print (ord(myCharacter))

myCode = (ord(myCharacter))

print (myCode + 3)

print ("Your new character is:")

print(chr(myCode + 3))

myNewCode = (myCode + 3)

if (myNewCode > 48 and myNewCode < 57):

print ("\*")

**Extension (Optional)**

1. Extend your program to operate on a string read in from the console input.
   1. Use a loop to process the string as a sequence of single characters
   2. Use your original code process the characters
   3. Append the characters to make a new output string
   4. Print the new string to console output