

# Chapter 1: A Tour of Computer System

## 1.1 Information is Bits + Context

本节主要介绍了文件信息在计算机系统中是以什么形式存储的，比如我们的hello.c源文件，在计算机系统中是如何识别每个字符。

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#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("hello, world\n");
    return 0;
}
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- Our hello program begins life as a **source** program (or source file) that the programmer creates with an editor and saves in a text file called hello.c.
- The source program is a sequence of **bits**, each with a value of 0 or 1, organized in 8-bit chunks called **bytes**.
- Each **byte** represents some text character in the program.
- Most computer systems represent text characters using the **ASCII** standard that represents each character with a unique byte-size integer value.

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	<b>NUL</b> (null)	32	20	040	<b>&amp;#32;</b> <b>Space</b>		64	40	100	<b>&amp;#64;</b> <b>@</b>		96	60	140	<b>&amp;#96;</b> <b>`</b>	
1	1	001	<b>SOH</b> (start of heading)	33	21	041	<b>&amp;#33;</b> <b>!</b>		65	41	101	<b>&amp;#65;</b> <b>A</b>		97	61	141	<b>&amp;#97;</b> <b>a</b>	
2	2	002	<b>STX</b> (start of text)	34	22	042	<b>&amp;#34;</b> <b>"</b>		66	42	102	<b>&amp;#66;</b> <b>B</b>		98	62	142	<b>&amp;#98;</b> <b>b</b>	
3	3	003	<b>ETX</b> (end of text)	35	23	043	<b>&amp;#35;</b> <b>#</b>		67	43	103	<b>&amp;#67;</b> <b>C</b>		99	63	143	<b>&amp;#99;</b> <b>c</b>	
4	4	004	<b>EOT</b> (end of transmission)	36	24	044	<b>&amp;#36;</b> <b>\$</b>		68	44	104	<b>&amp;#68;</b> <b>D</b>		100	64	144	<b>&amp;#100;</b> <b>d</b>	
5	5	005	<b>ENQ</b> (enquiry)	37	25	045	<b>&amp;#37;</b> <b>%</b>		69	45	105	<b>&amp;#69;</b> <b>E</b>		101	65	145	<b>&amp;#101;</b> <b>e</b>	
6	6	006	<b>ACK</b> (acknowledge)	38	26	046	<b>&amp;#38;</b> <b>&amp;</b>		70	46	106	<b>&amp;#70;</b> <b>F</b>		102	66	146	<b>&amp;#102;</b> <b>f</b>	
7	7	007	<b>BEL</b> (bell)	39	27	047	<b>&amp;#39;</b> <b>'</b>		71	47	107	<b>&amp;#71;</b> <b>G</b>		103	67	147	<b>&amp;#103;</b> <b>g</b>	
8	8	010	<b>BS</b> (backspace)	40	28	050	<b>&amp;#40;</b> <b>(</b>		72	48	110	<b>&amp;#72;</b> <b>H</b>		104	68	150	<b>&amp;#104;</b> <b>h</b>	
9	9	011	<b>TAB</b> (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	<b>&amp;#41;</b> <b>)</b>		73	49	111	<b>&amp;#73;</b> <b>I</b>		105	69	151	<b>&amp;#105;</b> <b>i</b>	
10	A	012	<b>LF</b> (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	<b>&amp;#42;</b> <b>*</b>		74	4A	112	<b>&amp;#74;</b> <b>J</b>		106	6A	152	<b>&amp;#106;</b> <b>j</b>	
11	B	013	<b>VT</b> (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	<b>&amp;#43;</b> <b>+</b>		75	4B	113	<b>&amp;#75;</b> <b>K</b>		107	6B	153	<b>&amp;#107;</b> <b>k</b>	
12	C	014	<b>FF</b> (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	<b>&amp;#44;</b> <b>,</b>		76	4C	114	<b>&amp;#76;</b> <b>L</b>		108	6C	154	<b>&amp;#108;</b> <b>l</b>	
13	D	015	<b>CR</b> (carriage return)	45	2D	055	<b>&amp;#45;</b> <b>-</b>		77	4D	115	<b>&amp;#77;</b> <b>M</b>		109	6D	155	<b>&amp;#109;</b> <b>m</b>	
14	E	016	<b>SO</b> (shift out)	46	2E	056	<b>&amp;#46;</b> <b>.</b>		78	4E	116	<b>&amp;#78;</b> <b>N</b>		110	6E	156	<b>&amp;#110;</b> <b>n</b>	
15	F	017	<b>SI</b> (shift in)	47	2F	057	<b>&amp;#47;</b> <b>/</b>		79	4F	117	<b>&amp;#79;</b> <b>O</b>		111	6F	157	<b>&amp;#111;</b> <b>o</b>	
16	10	020	<b>DLE</b> (data link escape)	48	30	060	<b>&amp;#48;</b> <b>0</b>		80	50	120	<b>&amp;#80;</b> <b>P</b>		112	70	160	<b>&amp;#112;</b> <b>p</b>	
17	11	021	<b>DC1</b> (device control 1)	49	31	061	<b>&amp;#49;</b> <b>1</b>		81	51	121	<b>&amp;#81;</b> <b>Q</b>		113	71	161	<b>&amp;#113;</b> <b>q</b>	
18	12	022	<b>DC2</b> (device control 2)	50	32	062	<b>&amp;#50;</b> <b>2</b>		82	52	122	<b>&amp;#82;</b> <b>R</b>		114	72	162	<b>&amp;#114;</b> <b>r</b>	
19	13	023	<b>DC3</b> (device control 3)	51	33	063	<b>&amp;#51;</b> <b>3</b>		83	53	123	<b>&amp;#83;</b> <b>S</b>		115	73	163	<b>&amp;#115;</b> <b>s</b>	
20	14	024	<b>DC4</b> (device control 4)	52	34	064	<b>&amp;#52;</b> <b>4</b>		84	54	124	<b>&amp;#84;</b> <b>T</b>		116	74	164	<b>&amp;#116;</b> <b>t</b>	
21	15	025	<b>NAK</b> (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	<b>&amp;#53;</b> <b>5</b>		85	55	125	<b>&amp;#85;</b> <b>U</b>		117	75	165	<b>&amp;#117;</b> <b>u</b>	
22	16	026	<b>SYN</b> (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	<b>&amp;#54;</b> <b>6</b>		86	56	126	<b>&amp;#86;</b> <b>V</b>		118	76	166	<b>&amp;#118;</b> <b>v</b>	
23	17	027	<b>ETB</b> (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	<b>&amp;#55;</b> <b>7</b>		87	57	127	<b>&amp;#87;</b> <b>W</b>		119	77	167	<b>&amp;#119;</b> <b>w</b>	
24	18	030	<b>CAN</b> (cancel)	56	38	070	<b>&amp;#56;</b> <b>8</b>		88	58	130	<b>&amp;#88;</b> <b>X</b>		120	78	170	<b>&amp;#120;</b> <b>x</b>	
25	19	031	<b>EM</b> (end of medium)	57	39	071	<b>&amp;#57;</b> <b>9</b>		89	59	131	<b>&amp;#89;</b> <b>Y</b>		121	79	171	<b>&amp;#121;</b> <b>y</b>	
26	1A	032	<b>SUB</b> (substitute)	58	3A	072	<b>&amp;#58;</b> <b>:</b>		90	5A	132	<b>&amp;#90;</b> <b>Z</b>		122	7A	172	<b>&amp;#122;</b> <b>z</b>	
27	1B	033	<b>ESC</b> (escape)	59	3B	073	<b>&amp;#59;</b> <b>;</b>		91	5B	133	<b>&amp;#91;</b> <b>[</b>		123	7B	173	<b>&amp;#123;</b> <b>{</b>	
28	1C	034	<b>FS</b> (file separator)	60	3C	074	<b>&amp;#60;</b> <b>&lt;</b>		92	5C	134	<b>&amp;#92;</b> <b>\</b>		124	7C	174	<b>&amp;#124;</b> <b> </b>	
29	1D	035	<b>GS</b> (group separator)	61	3D	075	<b>&amp;#61;</b> <b>=</b>		93	5D	135	<b>&amp;#93;</b> <b>]</b>		125	7D	175	<b>&amp;#125;</b> <b>}</b>	
30	1E	036	<b>RS</b> (record separator)	62	3E	076	<b>&amp;#62;</b> <b>&gt;</b>		94	5E	136	<b>&amp;#94;</b> <b>^</b>		126	7E	176	<b>&amp;#126;</b> <b>~</b>	
31	1F	037	<b>US</b> (unit separator)	63	3F	077	<b>&amp;#63;</b> <b>?</b>		95	5F	137	<b>&amp;#95;</b> <b>_</b>		127	7F	177	<b>&amp;#127;</b> <b>DEL</b>	

- The hello.c program is stored in a file as a sequence of **bytes**. Each byte has an integer value that corresponds to some character.

#	i	n	c	l	u	d	e	SP	<	s	t	d	i	o	.
35	105	110	99	108	117	100	101	32	60	115	116	100	105	111	46
h	>	\n	\n	i	n	t	SP	m	a	i	n	(	)	\n	{
104	62	10	10	105	110	116	32	109	97	105	110	40	41	10	123
\n	SP	SP	SP	SP	p	r	i	n	t	f	(	"	h	e	l
10	32	32	32	32	112	114	105	110	116	102	40	34	104	101	108
l	o	,	SP	w	o	r	l	d	\	n	"	)	;	\n	SP
108	111	44	32	119	111	114	108	100	92	110	34	41	59	10	32
SP	SP	SP	r	e	t	u	r	n	SP	0	;	\n	}	\n	
32	32	32	114	101	116	117	114	110	32	48	59	10	125	10	

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ascii value of '#' = 35
value in bits: 0b 0010 0011
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ascii value of 'i' = 105
value in bits: 0b 0110 1001
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ascii value of 'n' = 110
value in bits: 0b 0110 1110
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...
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- finally it will be a binary file in computer system:

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0010 0010 0110 1001 0110 1110 ...
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- The representation of hello.c illustrates a fundamental idea: All information in a system—including disk files, programs stored in memory, user data stored in memory, and data transferred across a network—is represented as a bunch of **bits**. The only thing that distinguishes different data objects is the context in which we view them.

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0b 0110 1110 can be 110 in integer, 'n' in character ...
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