

# Number Systems And Computer Hardware

## Binary Ruins Everything

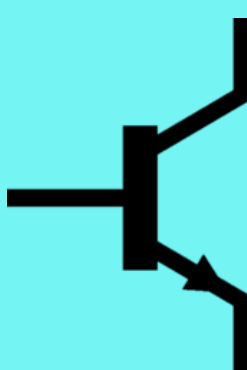
- **Bi-nary**: A number system that uses **2** digits 0 & 1

128's	64's	32's	16's	8's	4's	2's	1's	
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	= 1000101
128	+	32	+	4	+	1		= 165

- The above sequence is **8-bit** (1 byte)
- A **64-bit** storage can store numbers up to 9,223,372,036,854,775,808

## Transistors

- Turns off and on **billions of times/sec**
- **7 nanometers** thick

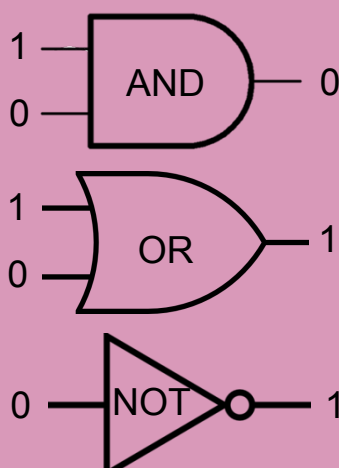


When it is **on**, it sends **1**

When it is **off**, it sends **0**

## Logic Gates

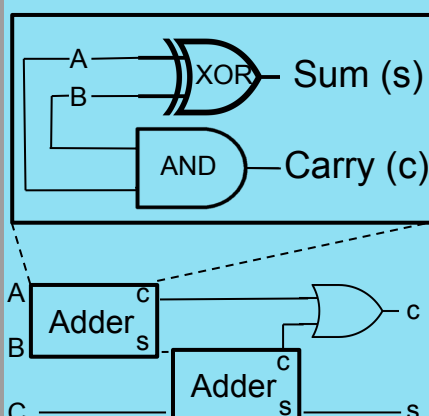
Takes **input(s)** & gives **output** based off logic arguments



Logic Gates are Created From Transistors

## The ALU

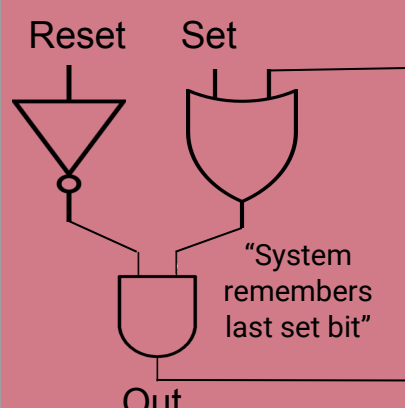
Performs **Arithmetic** & **Logic** Operations on Binary



Repeat these steps to create complex ALUs

## The RAM

Allows data to be **read and stored** inside the **memory**



Combine similar components to form RAM

**Keyboard** - a circuit fires, sending a string of binary information every time a button is pressed

**Hard Drives** - Binary data is stored on a ferromagnetic material, which changes the direction of magnetism when it is measured

**Monitor** - creates an image from binary bits it receives that encodes RGB data

**Sound Card** - samples the voltage of an analog signal many times a second, and records the voltage in 4, 8, 16, 24, or 32 bits. Recording the voltage with 24-bits is approximately the quality of a CD

**Motherboard** - a circuit that uses electricity to communicate binary data with different parts (CPU, Hard Drive, Different cards etc.)

**Network Adapter** - converts radio waves to binary data in a similar way sound cards work and passes it on to the CPU

**Printer** - receives CMYK data from binary bits and uses it to determine the pattern of the ink when the image is actually printed

**Scanners** - reflects light on a scanned image and back unto a photosensitive material, which transfers the color data via electrical signals in binary bits

**Everything Else** - All hardware can only recognize two states: on & off. Although other bases may be more efficient when packaging data together, at the end the computer will only recognize the binary data

## What about Octal & Hexadecimal

- *Binary is great and all, but it's **hard to read**. We need to simplify it* and group them into higher-based systems
- Base-10 may seem natural, but it's hard to convert to binary

The bases of Octal and Hexadecimal are **powers** of base-2 (4-bits are encoded in ever 2 hex digits)

- Html colors are often represented as a 6-digit Hex Code

#6BDEDE

#A4E5F5

#C4COED

#D17B88

#D999B9

## Letters + Words?

- Letters were encoded in 2-digit hex code in WWII
- ASCII encodes capital/lowercase letters, & punctuation in 7 bits (It's how Mark Watney talked to Houston)
  - ASCII was designed for English and didn't take in account foreign languages and emojis 🐼
- In 1992, Unicode solved this problem with more bits. It is consisted of 17 planes and each plane is represented by 16-bits. Altogether, Unicode can store 1,114,112 digits