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S.1. INTRODUCTION TO MODULE

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Division of the Module

This module is split into two parts: computer (this part) which is worth 70% and maths (the other part) which is worth 30%. The two parts are run completely independently of each other. The only time they come together is when the final overall score is calculated.

There are two separate Moodle pages (one for Computer and one for Maths)

Computer Module assessments

For the Computer section of the module, there are two assessments. One is in January 2023, which will be a Computer Based Test (covering content taught in the first teaching block). It is worth 30% of the over module score. The second is in the May/June 2023 assessment period. It will be computer based. This assessment will be worth 40% of the overall module score.

Both assessments are closed book however a formula sheet will be provided for the January assessment. Nothing is provided for the May/June assessment.

The pass mark for the entire module is 40%, this score is generated from all the computer assessments AND all the maths assessments.

Module structure

There will be a one hour lecture per week, where content is introduced to us. This will be delivered using worksheets for the first 10 weeks.

There will also a practical session each week where the cohort is split into smaller groups. These sessions will be a chance to practice the ideas introduced in the lectures. There will be more members of staff around at the practical sessions to help out.

More Information on Practical Sessions

There are practical session guidelines available in the induction slides or on Moodle.

Content in each Week

There is a teaching plan on Moodle which outlines the content covered each week as well as the weeks in which the exams will be held.

S.2. BINARY ARITHMETIC

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Number Systems

There are a number of different number systems and different methods to convert between them.

Denary (Base 10)

Used most commonly, this is the one most people learn.

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|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 10^x | 10^3 | 10^2 | 10^1 | 10^0 |
| $10^x =$ | 1000 | 100 | 10 | 1 |
| | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

The total of the numbers above would be calculated in the following way:

$$4251 = (1000 \times 4) + (100 \times 2) + (10 \times 5) + (1 \times 1)$$

Denary is also known as base 10, this means each column can have one of ten possible values (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Binary (Base 2)

This is base 2, this means each column can have one of two possible values (0, 1). The columns are also different. Moving from right to left, the columns double each time.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2^x | 2^7 | 2^6 | 2^5 | 2^4 | 2^3 | 2^2 | 2^1 | 2^0 |
| $2^x =$ | 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

The largest value which can be stored in 8-bits of binary is 11111111_2 or 255_{10} .

Hexadecimal (Base 16)

Also known as Hex. Using this method, numbers up to 255 can be stored in two characters. This is used a lot in computing, especially in graphics and website development. Each column can have one of 16 values (1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F). The letters are used to represent two-digit numbers as seen below.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Hex: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Decimal: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

To calculate the value held in a Hex number, we calculate in a similar way to Denary and Binary as seen below.

| | | | | |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 16^x | 16^3 | 16^2 | 16^1 | 16^0 |
| $16^x =$ | 4096 | 256 | 16 | 1 |
| | D | 3 | C | E |

$$D3CE = (13 \times 4096) + (3 \times 256) + (12 \times 16) + (14 \times 1) = 54222$$

Binary To Denary

Denary To Binary

Denary to Hex

Binary Addition

Basic Rules

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0 + 0 & = & 0 \\ 0 + 1 & = & 1 \\ 1 + 1 & = & 1 \\ 1 + 1 & = & 10 \end{array}$$

Binary Addition Example

1. Draw out the binary addition columns

$$+ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ 1 \ 0 \\ + \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} \\ \\ + \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- $$\begin{array}{r} 1110 \\ + \quad 0111 \\ \hline 0011 \end{array}$$

- $$\begin{array}{r} 1110 \\ + 0111 \\ \hline 1001 \end{array}$$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 1 |
| x | 1 | 0 |

$$\begin{array}{cc} & 1 & 1 \\ \text{x} & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 1 |
| x | 1 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 1 |
| x | | 1 | 0 |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| + | 1 | 1 | |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 |

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ - & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

This gives us the final answer of $110 - 001 = 101$

Binary Division

Binary division follows much the same procedure as ‘bus stop’ decimal division.

Binary Division Example

Divide $110 \div 10$

1. Draw out the division columns as you would for a standard decimal ‘bus stop’ division.

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \overline{) 110} \end{array}$$

2. Start by looking for factors and find 11 is greater than 10. We then write the number of times the value goes into 11 at the top, and the value itself underneath.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 10 \overline{) 110} \\ \underline{10} \end{array}$$

3. We then subtract to see if there is a remainder. ($11 - 10 = 01$)
The remainder is written up on the top line

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 10 \overline{) 110} \\ \underline{- 10} \\ 01 \end{array}$$

4. We then bring down the final digit in the division (0), to where we are working.

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 10 \overline{) 110} \\ \underline{10} \\ 01 \end{array}$$

5. Now, we look to see if our divisor can fit in again. It does fit again, so we subtract it. ($010 - 10 = 0$) It leaves no remainder.

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 10 \overline{) 110} \\ \underline{10} \\ 01 \\ \underline{- 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

This gives us the answer of $110 \div 10 = 11$.