Digital Data

Computer programs can process a wide variety of data, from numbers and text to images and video. But how is data represented digitally inside a computer?

Data

Information that can be stored in a computer, including: numbers, text, images, and device inputs.

Input

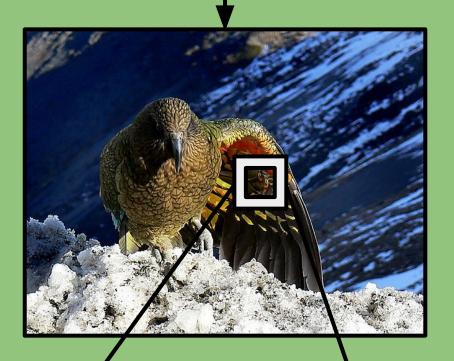
The data and user actions received by a computer program.

Program

A software application that runs on a computer, producing some outputs for some given inputs.

Output

The resulting data and actions produced by a computer program.



Automatic Photo Captioner

A kea on a snowy mountain top.



To run a program with a particular set of inputs.



Colour	Red	Green	Blue	
Hex#	70	4A	36	
Dec#	112	74	54	

ASCII Encoding					
Character	ц	0	p	•	
Dec#	116	111	112	46	

Pixel

Short for "picture element". The smallest unit of data in a digital image, representing the colour of a single, tiny square.

Binary

A number system with only two possible values: 1 and 0

Bit

Bin#

112

Short for "binary digit". A single 1 or 0 in a binary number. The smallest unit of digital data.

Byte

A binary number of 8 bits representing a decimal value between 0 and 255.

A common fundamental unit of data storage seen in: kilobytes (kB), megabytes (MB), etc.