

Binary Numbers

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Bits and Bytes

- Everything stored in a computer is essentially a binary number.
0110110010100111
- Each digit in a binary number is one *bit*.
 - a single 0 or 1
 - based on two voltages: "low" = 0, "high" = 1
- One *byte* is 8 bits.
 - example: 01101100

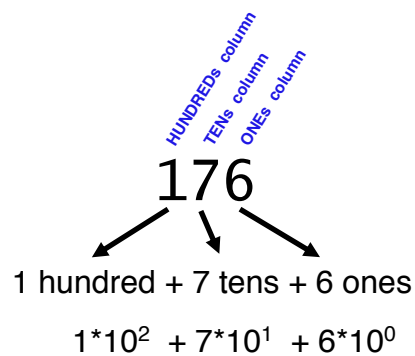
Bits of Data

- A given set of bits can have more than one meaning.

<u>binary</u>	<u>decimal integer</u>	<u>character</u>
01100001	97	'a'
01000110	70	'F'

Representing Integers in Decimal

- In base 10 (decimal), each column represents a power of 10.



Representing Integers in Binary

- In base 2 (binary), each column represents a power of 2.

128's column
SIXTY-FOUR's column
THIRTY-TWO's column
SIXTEEN's column
EIGHT's column
FOUR's column
TWO's column
ONE's column

10110000

$$1 \cdot 2^7 + 0 \cdot 2^6 + 1 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$
$$128 + 0 + 32 + 16 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0$$

also 176!

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- If the rightmost bit is 0, the number is even.
- If the rightmost bit is 1, the number is odd.

Binary to Decimal (On Paper)

- Number the bits from right to left
 - example:

0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0
- For each bit that is 1, add 2^n , where n = the bit number

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decimal value = $2^6 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0$
 $64 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 1 = 93$

- another example: what is the integer represented by 1001011?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2^6 + 2^3 + 2^1 + 2^0 \\
 &= 64 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 75
 \end{aligned}$$

Decimal to Binary (On Paper)

- Go in the reverse direction: determine which powers of 2 need to be added together to produce the decimal number.

$$\begin{aligned}75 &= 64 + 8 + 2 + 1 \\&= 2^6 + 2^3 + 2^1 + 2^0 \\&= 1001011\end{aligned}$$

- Start with the largest power of 2 less than or equal to the number, and work down from there.

- example: what is 53 in binary?

- 32 is the largest power of 2 ≤ 53 : $53 = 32 + 21$
- now, break the 21 into powers of 2: $53 = 32 + 16 + 5$
- now, break the 5 into powers of 2: $53 = 32 + 16 + 4 + 1$
- 1 is a power of 2 (2^0), so we're done: $53 = 32 + 16 + 4 + 1$
 $= 2^5 + 2^4 + 2^2 + 2^0$
 $= 110101$

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90 (decimal) \rightarrow _____ (binary)

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- B. 111xxx1
- C. 101xxx0
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an x denotes a "hidden" bit that we aren't revealing

Hint: You shouldn't need to perform the full conversion (i.e., you shouldn't need to determine the hidden bits)!

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 need a 1 for bits 6 and 4,
 but *not* for bit 5.

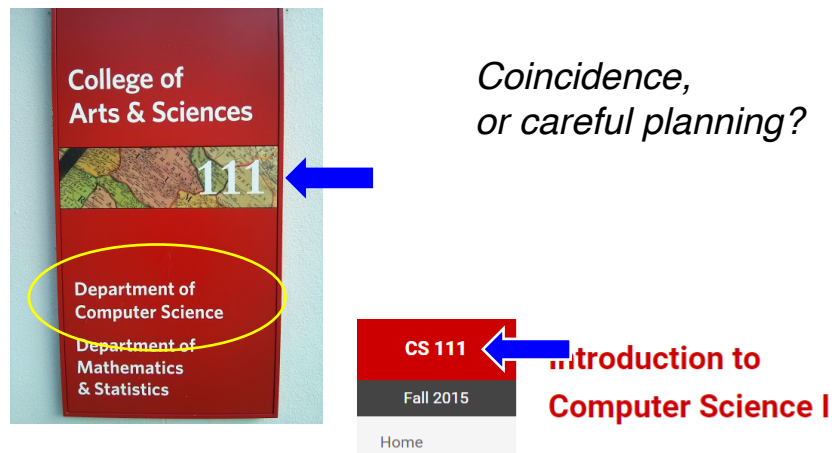
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A Binary Address!




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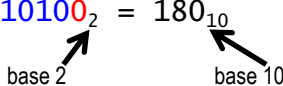
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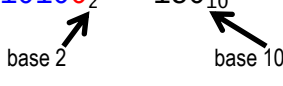
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30
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Recall: Decimal to Binary (On Paper)

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- This is a **left-to-right** conversion.
 - we begin by determining the leftmost digit
- The first step is tricky to perform computationally, because we need to determine the largest power.

Decimal to Binary: Right-to-Left

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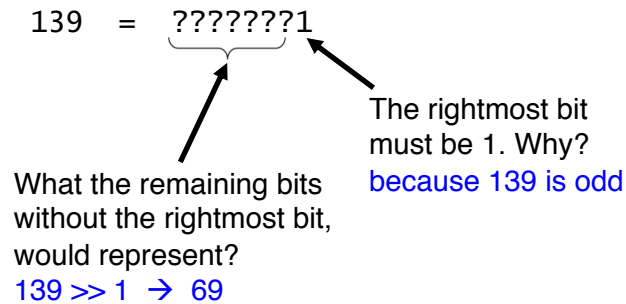
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What the remaining bits
without the rightmost bit,
would represent?

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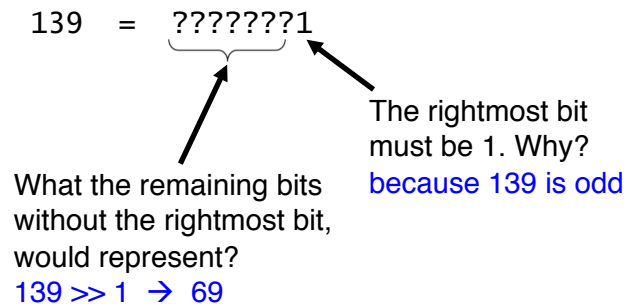
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- To convert 139: recursively convert 69, then put a 1 at the end!

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139 >> 1 → 69 = ??????1

69 >> 1 → 34 = ?????0

34 >> 1 → 17 = ????1

17 >> 1 → 8 = ???0

8 >> 1 → 4 = ??0

4 >> 1 → 2 = ?0

$$2 \gg 1 \rightarrow 1 = 1$$

139 = 10001011

dec_to_bin() Function

- dec_to_bin(n)
 - takes an integer n
 - should return a *string* representation of n's binary representation

```
>>> dec_to_bin(139)
'10001011'
>>> dec_to_bin(13)
'1101'
```

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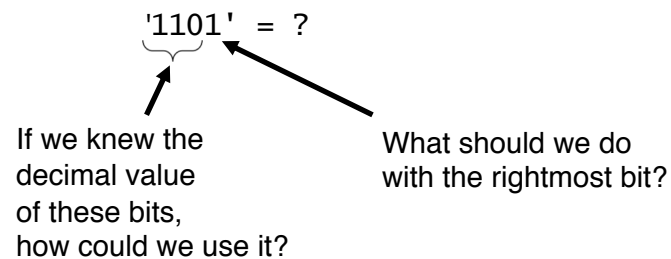
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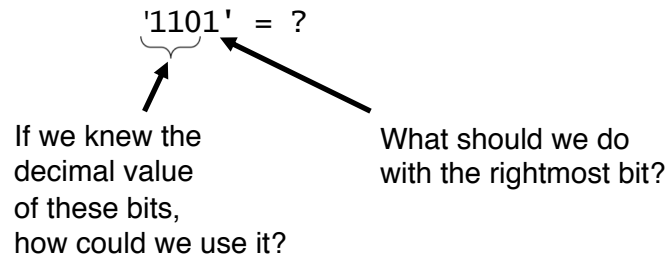
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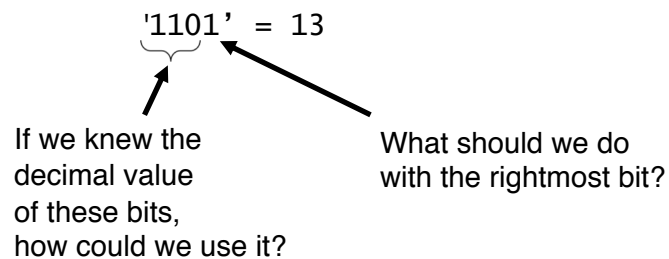
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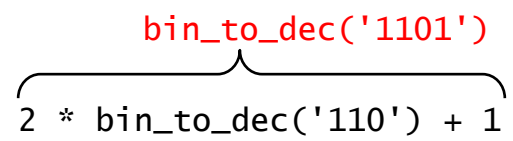
- To convert '1101': 13
 - recursively convert '110' : 6
 - double the result: $2 * 6 = 12$
 - add 1 for the rightmost bit: $12 + 1 = 13$

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```
bin_to_dec('1101')
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$$2 * \text{bin_to_dec}('110') + 1$$

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Binary Addition Fundamentals

- $0 + 0 = 0$
- $0 + 1 = 1$
- $1 + 0 = 1$
- $1 + 1 = 10$
- $1 + 1 + 1 = 11$

Adding Decimal Numbers

$$\begin{array}{r} ^1 ^1 \\ 12537 \\ + \quad 9272 \\ \hline 21809 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 01110 \\ + 11100 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$0 + 0 = 0$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 011\color{red}{1}0 \\ + 111\color{red}{0}0 \\ \hline \color{blue}{1}0 \end{array}$$

$\color{red}{1} + \color{red}{0} = \color{violet}{1}$

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$$\begin{array}{r} \color{violet}{1} \\ 01\color{red}{1}10 \\ + 11\color{red}{1}00 \\ \hline \color{blue}{0}10 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} ^1 ^1 \\ 0\color{red}{1}110 \\ + 1\color{red}{1}100 \\ \hline 1010 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 + 1 + 1 = 11 \end{array}$$

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 - images, sounds, movies, floating-point numbers, etc...
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