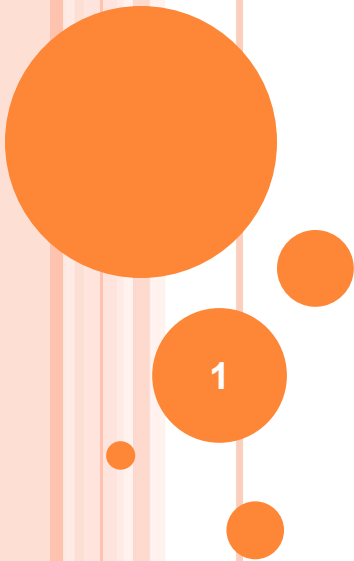


## UNIT 2

# Representation of Information in Computers



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# REPRESENTATION OF INFORMATION IN COMPUTERS

- Number Representation in Various Numeral Systems
- Data Representation in a Computer. Units of Information
- Representation of Integers
- Arithmetic Operations on Integers
- Logical Operations on Binary Numbers
- Symbol Representation
- Representation of Real Numbers

# NUMBER REPRESENTATION IN VARIOUS NUMERAL SYSTEMS

- Decimal System
- Base-b System
- Conversion from Decimal to Base-b
- Binary System
- Hexadecimal System
- Octal System

# NUMBER CATEGORIES

- Natural numbers
- Integers
- Rational numbers
- Irrational numbers
- Numbers are written using positional notation

$$943 = 9 \times 10^2 + 4 \times 10 + 3$$

Only in base 10 (decimal)

# DECIMAL SYSTEM

- The system has ten as its base
- Uses various symbols (called digits) for no more than ten distinct values (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) to represent any number
- Decimal separator indicates the start of a fractional part
- Sign symbols + (positive) or – (negative) in front of the numerals to indicate sign

# DECIMAL SYSTEM (CONT'D)

If  $i$  is an integer written in decimal form with digits  $d_j$ :

$$i = d_{n-1}d_{n-2} \dots d_1d_0$$

then  $i$  represents the sum:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} d_j * 10^j$$

where  $n$  is the total number of digits, and  $d_j$  is the  $j$ th digit from the rightmost position in the decimal number.

# BASE-B SYSTEM

- b digits is used in the representation of numbers.
- Example

$$14_{10} = 22_6 = 112_3 = 1110_2$$

- If i is an integer written in base - b with digits  $d_j$ :

$$i = d_{n-1}d_{n-2} \dots d_1d_0$$

then i represents the sum:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} d_j * b^j$$

Convert from base b  
to base 10

where n is the total number of digits, and  $d_j$  is the j th digit from the rightmost position in the decimal number.

- When the base is higher than 10, we need symbols to represent the digits that correspondent to the decimal values of 10 and beyond.

# EXAMPLE

Convert  $11101.11_2$  to Decimal

						Position of Decimal Point ←	
Binary	1	1	1	0	1	.	1 1
Position	4	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
Power of 2s	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$	$2^{-1}$	$2^{-2}$
Decimal	16	8	4	2	1	0.5	0.25

$$11101.11_2 = 1 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 1 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 0.5 + 1 \times 0.25 = 29.75_{10}$$



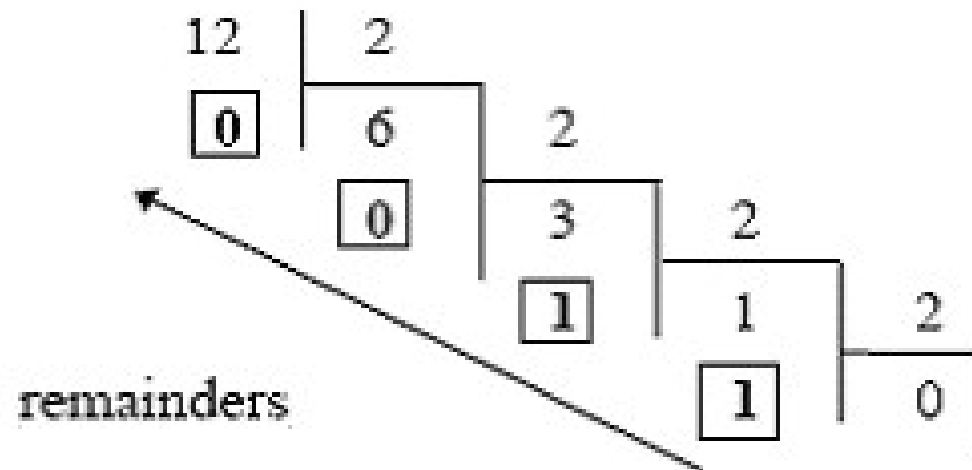
# CONVERT INTEGERS FROM DECIMAL TO BASE B

## *Remainder Method:*

- Let  $value = (d_{n-1} d_{n-2} \dots d_2 d_1 d_0)_{10}$ .
- First divide  $value$  by  $b$ , the remainder is the least significant digit  $b_0$ .
- Divide the result by  $b$ , the remainder is  $b_1$ .
- Continue this process until the result is less than  $b$ , giving the most significant digit,  $b_{m-1}$ .
- The result is  $b_{m-1} b_{m-2} \dots b_2 b_1 b_0$

# EXAMPLE 1

Use Remainder Method to convert 12 (base 10) to base 2



Result:  $12_{(10)} = 1100_{(2)}$

# CONVERT DECIMAL FRACTIONS TO BASE-B

- Begin with the decimal fraction and multiply by  $b$ . The whole number part of the result is the first digit to the right of the point.
- Disregard the whole number part of the previous result and multiply by  $b$  once again. The whole number part of this new result is the second digit to the right of the point.
- Continue this process until you get a zero as number's decimal part or until you recognize an infinite repeating pattern.

# EXAMPLE 1

Convert the decimal value .625 to a binary representation

- $0.625 \times 2 = 1.25$   
The first binary digit to the right of the point is a 1.
- $0.25 \times 2 = 0.50$ ,  
The second binary digit to the right of the point is a 0.
- $0.50 \times 2 = 1.00$   
The third binary digit to the right of the point is a 1.
- We had 0 as the fractional part of our result,

*The representation of  $.625_{(10)} = .101_{(2)}$*

## EXAMPLE 2

### Binary representation of the decimal fraction 0.1

1.  $.1 \times 2 = 0.2$   
The first binary digit to the right of the point is a 0
2.  $.2 \times 2 = 0.4$   
The second binary digit to the right of the point is also a 0.
3.  $.4 \times 2 = 0.8$   
The third binary digit to the right of the point is also a 0.
4.  $.8 \times 2 = 1.6$   
The fourth binary digit to the right of the point is a 1.
5.  $.6 \times 2 = 1.2$   
The fifth binary digit to the right of the point is a 1.
6. The next step to be performed (multiply  $2. \times 2$ ) is exactly the same action we had in step 2. We are then bound to repeat steps 2-5, then return to Step 2 again indefinitely

$.1 \text{ (decimal)} = .00011001100110011 \dots$

The repeating pattern is 0011

# BINARY SYSTEM

- All data, including programs, in a computer system is represented in terms of groups of binary digits
- A single bit can represent one of two values, 0 or 1.
- If we have several symbols to represent, we can make a one-to-one correspondence between the patterns and the symbols.
  - Example : 0, 1, 2, 3 are mapped to the patterns 00, 01, 10, 11
- A group of  $k$  binary digits (bits) can be used to represent  $2^k$  symbols

# HEXADECIMAL SYSTEM

- Hexadecimal numbers have 16 different digits, that are represented by the numbers from 0 to 9 and the letters A, B, C, D, E and F.
- Example

A	2	F	7
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$16^3$  $16^2$  $16^1$  $16^0$

→

→

→

→

$\times 16^0 =$

$\times 16^1 =$

$\times 16^2 =$

$\times 16^3 =$

decimal:

7

240

512

40960

41719

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# OCTAL SYSTEM

- The octals numbers include only the representations for the values from 0 to 7: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

- Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & 235.64_8 \\ &= 2 \times 8^2 + 3 \times 8^1 + 5 \times 8^0 + 6 \times 8^{-1} + 4 \times 8^{-2} \\ &= 157.8125_{10} \end{aligned}$$



# DATA REPRESENTATION IN A COMPUTER

## UNITS OF INFORMATION

Basic Principles  
Units of Information

# BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Data can be numbers, symbols, images, sounds . . .
- To store in computers, it's necessary to represent data in term of bit patterns
- There are different ways to encode different types of data
  - Numbers are convert to their binary representations following some standard.
  - Symbols are assigned a bit pattern
  - Other data must be digitalized.

# DATA AND COMPUTERS

- Every task, a computer manages data in some way
- In the past, computers dealt exclusively with numeric and textual data
- At present, computers are multimedia devices -> deal with different type of data:
  - Numbers
  - Text
  - Audio
  - Images and Graphics
  - Video
- All of data is stored as binary digits: strings of 1s and 0s

# ANALOG AND DIGITAL INFORMATION

- Most part of the natural world is continuous and infinite
- Computers are finite
- Information can be represented in analog or digital

# BINARY REPRESENTATION

- One binary digit can be either 0 or 1
- To represent more than 2 things, we need more binary digits
- N binary digits can represent  $2^n$  things

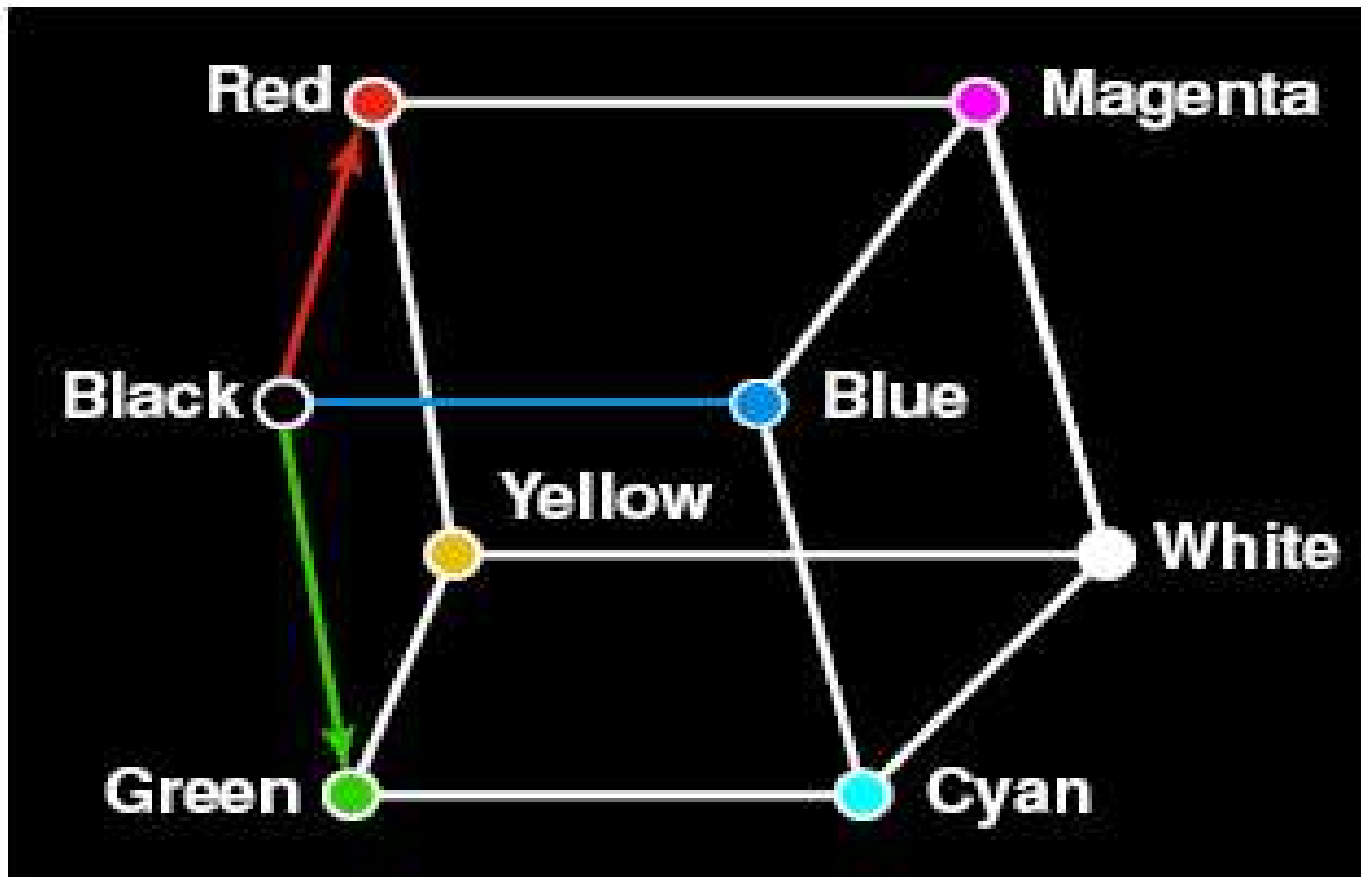
# REPRESENTING AUDIO INFORMATION

- Digitize the sound wave
- Sampling: periodically measure the voltage of the signal and record appropriate value
- Reproduce the sound: Use stored voltage values to create a new continuous electronic signal
- Audio format : WAV,AU, AIFF, VQF, MP3

# REPRESENTING COLORS

- Often expressed as an RGB (red – green – blue) value
- Three numbers indicate the contribution of each of three primary colors
- Amount of data that used to represent a color is called color depth
- HiColor: 16 bit color depth
- TrueColor: 24bit color depth

# THREE DIMENSIONAL COLOR SPACE





## SOME TRUECOLOR RGB VALUES

RGB Value			Actual Color
Red	Green	Blue	
0	0	0	black
255	255	255	white
255	255	0	yellow
255	130	255	pink
146	81	0	brown
157	95	82	purple
140	0	0	maroon

# DIGITIZED IMAGES AND GRAPHICS

- Image is a collection of individual dots called pixel
- Each pixel is composed of a single color
- The number of pixel used to represent a picture is called resolution

# CATEGORIZATION OF DATA TYPES

- Basic types : the standard scalar predefined types that one would expect to find ready for immediate use in any imperative programming language
- Structured types: made up from such basic types or other existing higher level types.

# UNITS OF INFORMATION

- The smallest unit of information a computer can use is bit (Binary Digit)
- The difference between two states (high current and low current) is represented as one of two numbers (1 or 0).
- A collection of 8 bits are put together to form a byte
- Binary prefixes can be used to quantify computer memory sizes
- Each successive prefix is multiplied by 1024 ( $2^{10}$ ) rather than the 1000 ( $10^3$ )

# UNITS OF INFORMATION

Name	Symbol	Value	Base 16	Base 10
kilo	k/K	$2^{10} = 1,024$	$= 16^{2.5}$	$> 10^3$
mega	M	$2^{20} = 1,048,576$	$= 16^5$	$> 10^6$
giga	G	$2^{30} = 1,073,741,824$	$= 16^{7.5}$	$> 10^9$
tera	T	$2^{40} = 1,099,511,627,776$	$= 16^{10}$	$> 10^{12}$
peta	P	$2^{50} = 1,125,899,906,842,624$	$= 16^{12.5}$	$> 10^{15}$
exa	E	$2^{60} = 1,152,921,504,606,846,976$	$= 16^{15}$	$> 10^{18}$
zetta	Z	$2^{70} = 1,180,591,620,717,411,303,424$	$= 16^{17.5}$	$> 10^{21}$
yotta	Y	$2^{80} = 1,208,925,819,614,629,174,706,176$	$= 16^{20}$	$> 10^{24}$

# REPRESENTATION OF INTEGERS

- Unsigned Integers
- Signed Integers

# UNSIGNED INTEGERS

- Unsigned integers are represented by a fixed number of bits (typically 8, 16, 32, and/or 64)
- Only a finite set of numbers that can be represented:
  - With 8 bits,  $0 \dots 255$  ( $00_{16} \dots FF_{16}$ ) can be represented;
  - With 16 bits,  $0 \dots 65535$  ( $0000_{16} \dots FFFF_{16}$ ) can be represented
- If an operation on bytes has a result outside this range, it will cause an 'overflow'

# SIGNED INTEGERS

- The most significant bit is set to 0 and 1 for positive and negative numbers
- Example
$$+42_{10} = \mathbf{0}0101010_2$$
and so
$$-42_{10} = \mathbf{1}1010110_2$$
- All number whose leftmost bit is 1 is considered negative



# SIGNED INTEGERS (CONT'D)

- If we have 4 bits in our representation then,
  - The most positive representable number using sign-and-magnitude is 0111
  - The most negative representable number using sign-and-magnitude is 1000
- How to represent negative number?

# TWO'S COMPLEMENT

- Representation for signed binary numbers
- Leading bit is a sign bit
  - Binary number with leading 0 is positive
  - Binary number with leading 1 is negative
- Magnitude of positive numbers is just the binary representation
- Magnitude of negative numbers is found by
  - Complement the bits: replace all the 1's with 0's, and all the 0's with 1's
  - Add one to the complemented number
- The carry in the most significant bit position is thrown away when performing arithmetic

# EXAMPLE

## Performing two's complement on the decimal 42 to get -42

- Using a eight-bit representation

42 = 00101010 Convert to binary

11010101 Complement the bits

11010101 Add 1 to the complement  
+ 00000001

11010110 Result is -42 in two's complement

# TWO'S COMPLEMENT ARITHMETIC

- Computing  $50 - 42$  using a two's complement representation with eight-bit numbers

$$50 - 42 = 50 + (-42) = 8$$

00110010      50

11010110 Two's complement of 42

Throw away the  
high-order  
carry as we are  
using a eight bit  
representation

$$\begin{array}{r} 00110010 \text{ Add 50 and -42} \\ + \quad 11010110 \\ \hline 100001000 \end{array}$$

00001000 Is the eight-bit result

# OPERATIONS ON INTEGERS

- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

# ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

- Addition
- Subtraction

# BINARY ADDITION

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 + 1 = 1$$

$$1 + 0 = 1$$

$1 + 1 = 0$ , and carry 1 to the next more significant bit

## EXAMPLE

$$00011010 + 00001100 = 00100110$$

	1	1							carries	
	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	=	26 (base 10)
+	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	=	12 (base 10)
	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	=	38 (base 10)

$$00010011 + 00111110 = 01010001$$

	1	1	1	1	1				carries
	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	= 19 (base 10)
+	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	= 62 (base 10)
	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	= 81 (base 10)



# BINARY SUBTRACTION

$$0 - 0 = 0$$

**0 - 1 = 1, and borrow 1 from the next more significant bit**

$$1 - 0 = 1$$

$$1 - 1 = 0$$

$$00100101 - 00010001 = 00010100$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & & \text{borrows} \\
 & 0 & 0 & \overset{1}{\pm} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & = & 37_{(\text{base } 10)} \\
 - & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & = & 17_{(\text{base } 10)} \\
 \hline
 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & = & 20_{(\text{base } 10)}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$00110011 - 00010110 = 00011101$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & & \text{borrows} \\
 0 & 0 & \pm & \pm & \oplus & 1 & 0 & 1 & = 51_{(\text{base } 10)} \\
 - & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & = 22_{(\text{base } 10)} \\
 \hline
 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & = 29_{(\text{base } 10)}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

# MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION

- Multiplication

- Division

# BINARY MULTIPLICATION

$$0 \times 0 = 0$$

$$0 \times 1 = 0$$

$$1 \times 0 = 0$$

$$1 \times 1 = 1, \text{ and no carry or borrow bits}$$

## EXAMPLE

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00101001 \times 00000110 = 11110110 \\
 \times \quad \begin{array}{r} 00101001 \\ 00000110 \\ \hline 00000000 \\ 00101001 \\ 00101001 \\ \hline 00111101 \end{array} \\
 00111101 \quad = \quad 246 \text{ (base 10)}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00010111 \times 00000011 = 01000101 \\
 \times \quad \begin{array}{r} 00010111 \\ 00000011 \\ \hline 00010111 \\ 00010111 \\ \hline 00100101 \end{array} \\
 00100101 \quad = \quad 69 \text{ (base 10)}
 \end{array}$$

carries

# BINARY DIVISION

Binary division follows the same rules as in decimal division .

# LOGICAL OPERATIONS ON BINARY NUMBERS

Logical Operations with One or Two Bits

Logical Operations with One or Two Integers

# LOGICAL OPERATIONS WITH ONE OR TWO BITS

**AND:** Compares 2 bits and if they are both 1, then the result is 1, otherwise, the result is 0.

**OR:** Compares 2 bits and if either or both bits are 1, then the result is 1, otherwise, the result is 0.

**XOR: (Exclusive OR) :** Compares 2 bits and if exactly one of them is 1 then the result is 1 otherwise (if the bits are the same), the result is 0.

**NOT:** Changes the value of a single bit. If it is a 1, the result is 0; if it is a 0, the result is 1.

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## Truth Table of Logical Operations

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

OR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

XOR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

NOT	0	1
	1	0

# LOGICAL OPERATIONS WITH ONE OR TWO INTEGERS

- NOT
- AND
- OR
- XOR



## NOT OPERATION

Unary operation which performs logical negation on each bit, forming the ones' complement of the given binary value. Digits which were 0 become 1, and vice versa.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{NOT } 0111 \\ = 1000\end{aligned}$$

## AND OPERATION

- An AND operation takes two binary representations of equal length and performs the logical AND operation on each pair of corresponding bits. In each pair, perform AND operation on two bits
- Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101 \\ \text{AND } 0011 \\ \hline = 0001 \end{array}$$

# OR OPERATION

- An OR operation takes two bit patterns of equal length, and produces another one of the same length by matching up corresponding bits (the first of each; the second of each; and so on) and performing the logical OR operation on each pair of corresponding bits.

- For example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101 \\ \text{OR } 0011 \\ \hline = 0111 \end{array}$$

# XOR OPERATION

- An exclusive or operation takes two bit patterns of equal length and performs the logical XOR operation on each pair of corresponding bits.
- For example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101 \\ \text{XOR } 0011 \\ \hline = 0110 \end{array}$$

# SYMBOL REPRESENTATION

Basic Principles

ASCII Code Table

Unicode Code Table

# BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Text documents can be decomposed into individual characters
- It's important to handle character data
- Character data isn't just alphabetic characters, but also numeric characters, punctuation, spaces, etc
- They need to be represented in binary
- There aren't mathematical properties for character data, so assigning binary codes for characters is somewhat arbitrary

# CHARACTER SET

- A list of characters and the codes used to represent each one.
- By using a particular character set, computer manufacturers have made the processing of data easier.
- Two popular character sets: ASCII & Unicode

# ASCII CODE TABLE

- ASCII -- American Standard Code for Information Interchange  
- permitted machines from different manufacturers to exchange data.
- The ASCII standard was developed in 1963
- ASCII standard originally used 7 bits to represent characters  
> consists of 128 binary values (0 to 127), each associated with a character or command
- The extended ASCII character set used 8 bits to represent characters. It also consists 128 characters representing additional special, mathematical, graphic and foreign characters.



# THE STANDARD ASCII CODE TABLE

Non-Printing Characters					Printing Characters											
Name	Ctrl char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char			
null	ctrl-@	0	00	NUL	32	20	Space	64	40	@	96	60	`			
start of heading	ctrl-A	1	01	SOH	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a			
start of text	ctrl-B	2	02	STX	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b			
end of text	ctrl-C	3	03	ETX	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c			
end of transmit	ctrl-D	4	04	EOT	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d			
enquiry	ctrl-E	5	05	ENQ	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e			
acknowledge	ctrl-F	6	06	ACK	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f			
bell	ctrl-G	7	07	BEL	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g			
backspace	ctrl-H	8	08	BS	40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h			
horizontal tab	ctrl-I	9	09	HT	41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i			
line feed	ctrl-J	10	0A	LF	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j			
vertical tab	ctrl-K	11	0B	VT	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k			
form feed	ctrl-L	12	0C	FF	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l			
carriage feed	ctrl-M	13	0D	CR	45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m			
shift out	ctrl-N	14	0E	SO	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n			
shift in	ctrl-O	15	0F	SI	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o			
data line escape	ctrl-P	16	10	DLE	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p			
device control 1	ctrl-Q	17	11	DC1	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q			
device control 2	ctrl-R	18	12	DC2	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r			
device control 3	ctrl-S	19	13	DC3	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s			
device control 4	ctrl-T	20	14	DC4	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t			
negative acknowledge	ctrl-U	21	15	NAK	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u			
synchronous idel	ctrl-V	22	16	SYN	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v			
end of transmit block	ctrl-W	23	17	ETB	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w			
cancel	ctrl-X	24	18	CAN	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x			
end of medium	ctrl-Y	25	19	EM	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y			
substitute	ctrl-Z	26	1A	SUB	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z			
escape	ctrl-[	27	1B	ESC	59	3B	;	91	5B	[	123	7B	{			
file separator	ctrl-\	28	1C	FS	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C				
group separator	ctrl-]	29	1D	GS	61	3D	=	93	5D	]	125	7D	}			
record separator	ctrl-^	30	1E	RS	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~			
unit separator	ctrl-`	31	1F	US	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	DEL			

# THE EXTENDED ASCII CHARACTERS

Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char
128	80	À	160	A0	Ä	192	C0		224	E0	ø
129	81	Á	161	A1	Å	193	C1		225	E1	å
130	82	Â	162	A2	Ö	194	C2		226	E2	Ä
131	83	Ã	163	A3	Ù	195	C3		227	E3	Å
132	84	Ä	164	A4	Ð	196	C4		228	E4	Æ
133	85	Å	165	A5	Ñ	197	C5		229	E5	Ë
134	86	Æ	166	A6		198	C6		230	E6	Ì
135	87	Ç	167	A7		199	C7		231	E7	Í
136	88	È	168	A8		200	C8		232	E8	Î
137	89	É	169	A9		201	C9		233	E9	Ï
138	8A	Ê	170	AA		202	CA		234	EA	Ð
139	8B	Ë	171	AB		203	CB		235	EB	Ñ
140	8C	Ì	172	AC		204	CC		236	EC	Ò
141	8D	Í	173	AD		205	CD		237	ED	Ó
142	8E	Î	174	AE		206	CE		238	EE	Ô
143	8F	Ï	175	AF		207	CF		239	EF	Õ
144	90	Ð	176	B0		208	D0		240	F0	
145	91	Ñ	177	B1		209	D1		241	F1	
146	92	Ò	178	B2		210	D2		242	F2	
147	93	Ó	179	B3		211	D3		243	F3	
148	94	Ô	180	B4		212	D4		244	F4	
149	95	Õ	181	B5		213	D5		245	F5	
150	96	Ö	182	B6		214	D6		246	F6	
151	97	×	183	B7		215	D7		247	F7	
152	98	Ø	184	B8		216	DB		248	F8	
153	99	Ù	185	B9		217	DD		249	F9	
154	9A	Ú	186	BA		218	DA		250	FA	
155	9B	Û	187	BB		219	DB		251	FB	
156	9C	Ü	188	BC		220	DC		252	FC	
157	9D	Ý	189	BD		221	DD		253	FD	
158	9E	Þ	190	BE		222	DE		254	FE	
159	9F	ß	191	BF		223	DF		255	FF	

# LIMITATIONS OF ASCII CHARACTER SET

- String data types allocated one byte per character
- The extended version of ASCII which have 256 characters is enough for English but not enough for international use
- Logographic languages such as Chinese, Japanese, and Korean need far more than 256 characters for reasonable representation.
- Vietnamese need 61 characters for representation.
- Where can we find number for our characters?

⇒ 2bytes per character?

# UNICODE CODE TABLE

Before Unicode was invented. . . .

- There were hundreds of different encoding systems
- No single encoding could contain enough characters
- Encoding systems conflict with one another : two encodings can use the same number for two different characters, or use different numbers for the same character.

# UNICODE CHARACTER SET

- Provides a unique number for every character
- Uses 16 bits per character
- Has been adopted by such industry leaders as HP, IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, Sun, and many others.
- Is supported in many operating systems, all modern browsers, and many other products.

# SOME SYMBOLS IN THE UNICODE CHARACTER SET

Code (Hex)	Character	Source
0041	A	English (Latin)
042F	Я	Russian (Cyrillic)
0E09	๐	Thai
13EA	Ꭰ	Cherokee
211E	℞	Letterlike Symbols
21CC	⇒	Arrows
282F	⠠	Braille
345F	𐤑	Chinese/Japanese/ Korean (Common)

# ADVANTAGES OF USING UNICODE

- Significant cost savings
- Enables software products to be targeted across multiple platforms, languages and countries without re-engineering.
- Allows data to be transported through many different systems without corruption.