

Data Representation

ASCII

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- 7 or 8 bit code that defined 128 or 256 character set
- 8 bits used for each character (1 byte)
- One of the bits used for check bit (parity bit)
- $2^7 = 128$ different characters available
- Mirrors available characters on the keyboard
- **ord()** and **chr()** converts characters to and from **ASCII**

Numerical Representations:

Data Type	Base	Digits Used
Decimal	10	0 - 9
Binary	2	0 & 1
Octal	8	0 - 7
Hexadecimal	16	0 - 9, A - F

- Convert Decimal to another base:
 1. Divide number by base and find the remainders until 0 is reached
 2. Reverse remainder
 - E.g. convert 19 to binary

Divisor (Base 2)	Quotient	Remainder
2	19	-
2	9	1
2	4	1
2	2	0
2	1	0
-	0	1

- 19 in base 2 = 1 0 0 1 1 (Go up the table of remainders)

- Convert from another base to Decimal:
 - Steps:

1. Find position of each digit
2. Sum all (digit x base^{position})

- E.g. convert binary (1 1 0 1) to decimal

Binary Digit	1	1	0	1
Position	3	2	1	0
Value	$1 \times 2^3 = 8$	$1 \times 2^2 = 4$	$0 \times 2^1 = 0$	$1 \times 2^0 = 1$

- Binary(1 1 0 1) = $8 + 4 + 1 = 13$ in decimal

- Convert from Binary to Octal:

- Steps:

1. Form groups of 3 digits from the back
2. Add 0s to the front if not enough digits
3. Convert to base 8

- E.g. convert Binary(1 0 1 1 0 = 0 1 0 1 1 0) to Octal

Group into 3s	0 1 0	1 1 0
Octal Value	$0 + (1 \times 2^1) + 0 = 2$	$(1 \times 2^2) + (1 \times 2^1) + 0 = 6$

- Binary(1 0 1 1 0) = Octal(2 6)

- Convert from Binary to other bases:

- Octal: group into 3s
- Hexadecimal: group into 4s