



Module 5: Number Systems

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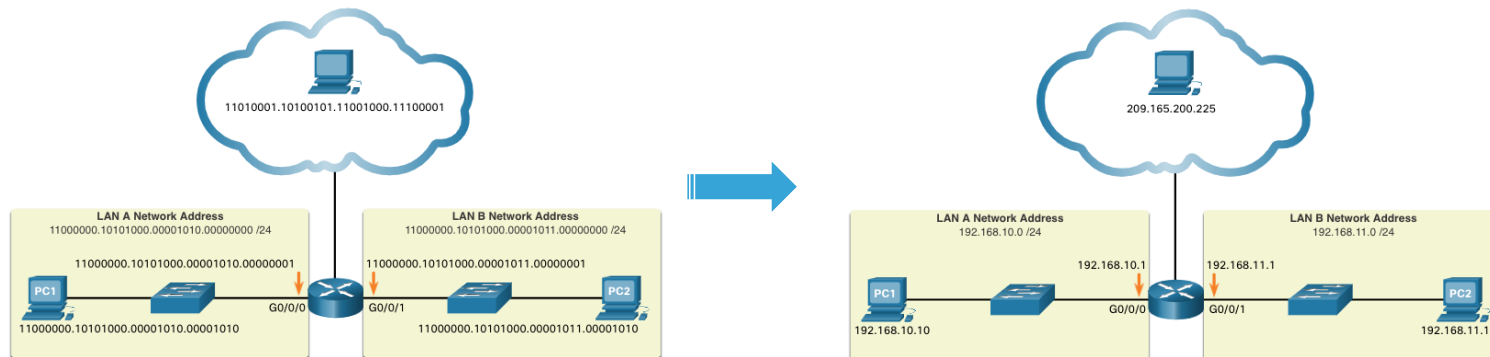


5.1 Binary Number System

Binary Number System

Binary and IPv4 Addresses

- Binary numbering system consists of 1s and 0s, called bits
- Decimal numbering system consists of digits 0 through 9
- Hosts, servers, and network equipment using binary addressing to identify each other.
- Each address is made up of a string of 32 bits, divided into four sections called octets.
- Each octet contains 8 bits (or 1 byte) separated by a dot.
- For ease of use by people, this dotted notation is converted to dotted decimal.



Binary Number System

Binary Positional Notation

- Positional notation means that a digit represents different values depending on the “position” the digit occupies in the sequence of numbers.
- The decimal positional notation system operates as shown in the tables below.

Radix	10	10	10	10
Position in Number	3	2	1	0
Calculate	(10^3)	(10^2)	(10^1)	(10^0)
Position Value	1000	100	10	1



	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
Positional Value	1000	100	10	1
Decimal Number (1234)	1	2	3	4
Calculate	1×1000	2×100	3×10	4×1
Add them up...	1000	+ 200	+ 30	+ 4
Result	1,234			

Binary Number System

Binary Positional Notation (Cont.)

The binary positional notation system operates as shown in the tables below.

Radix	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Position in Number	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Calculate	(2^7)	(2^6)	(2^5)	(2^4)	(2^3)	(2^2)	(2^1)	(2^0)
Position Value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1



Positional Value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Binary Number (11000000)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calculate	1x128	1x64	0x32	0x16	0x8	0x4	0x2	0x1
Add Them Up...	128	+ 64	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0
Result	192							

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Convert Binary to Decimal

Convert 11000000.10101000.00001011.00001010 to decimal.

Positional Value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Binary Number (11000000)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calculate	1x128	1x64	0x32	0x16	0x8	0x4	0x2	0x1
Add Them Up...	128	+ 64	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0
Binary Number (10101000)	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Calculate	1x128	0x64	1x32	0x16	1x8	0x4	0x2	0x1
Add Them Up...	128	+ 0	+ 32	+ 0	+ 8	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0
Binary Number (00001011)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Calculate	0x128	0x64	0x32	0x16	1x8	0x4	1x2	1x1
Add Them Up...	0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 8	+ 0	+ 2	+ 1
Binary Number (00001010)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Calculate	0x128	0x64	0x32	0x16	1x8	0x4	1x2	0x1
Add Them Up...	0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 0	+ 8	+ 0	+ 2	+ 0

➡ 192

➡ 168

➡ 11

➡ 10

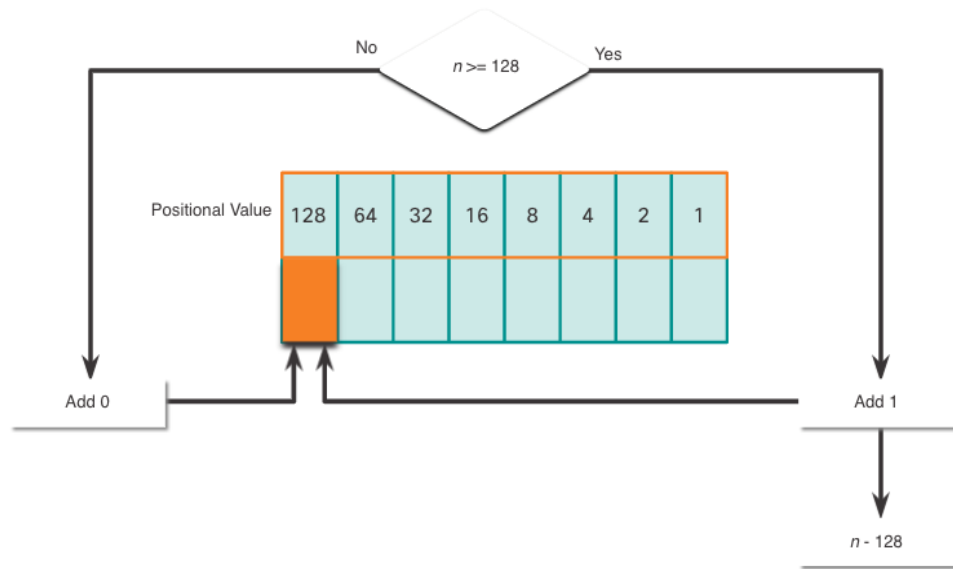
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Decimal to Binary Conversion

The binary positional value table is useful in converting a dotted decimal IPv4 address to binary.

- Start in the 128 position (the most significant bit). Is the decimal number of the octet (n) equal to or greater than 128?
- If no, record a binary 0 in the 128 positional value and move to the 64 positional value.
- If yes, record a binary 1 in the 128 positional value, subtract 128 from the decimal number, and move to the 64 positional value.
- Repeat these steps through the 1 positional value.



Decimal to Binary Conversion Example

- Convert decimal 168 to binary

Is $168 > 128$?

- Yes, enter 1 in 128 position and subtract 128 ($168-128=40$)

Is $40 > 64$?

- No, enter 0 in 64 position and move on

Is $40 > 32$?

- Yes, enter 1 in 32 position and subtract 32 ($40-32=8$)

Is $8 > 16$?

- No, enter 0 in 16 position and move on

Is $8 > 8$?

- Equal. Enter 1 in 8 position and subtract 8 ($8-8=0$)

No values left. Enter 0 in remaining binary positions

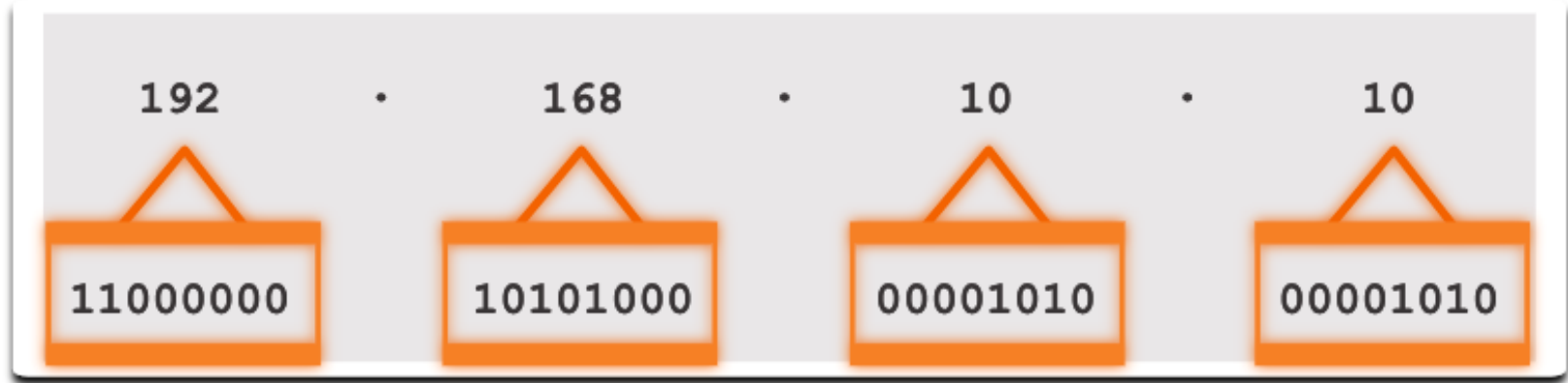
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

Decimal 168 is written as 10101000 in binary

Binary Number System

IPv4 Addresses

- Routers and computers only understand binary, while humans work in decimal. It is important for you to gain a thorough understanding of these two numbering systems and how they are used in networking.



5.2 Hexadecimal Number System

Hexadecimal Number System

Hexadecimal and IPv6 Addresses

- To understand IPv6 addresses, you must be able to convert hexadecimal to decimal and vice versa.
- Hexadecimal is a base sixteen numbering system, using the digits 0 through 9 and letters A to F.
- It is easier to express a value as a single hexadecimal digit than as four binary bit.
- Hexadecimal is used to represent IPv6 addresses and MAC addresses.

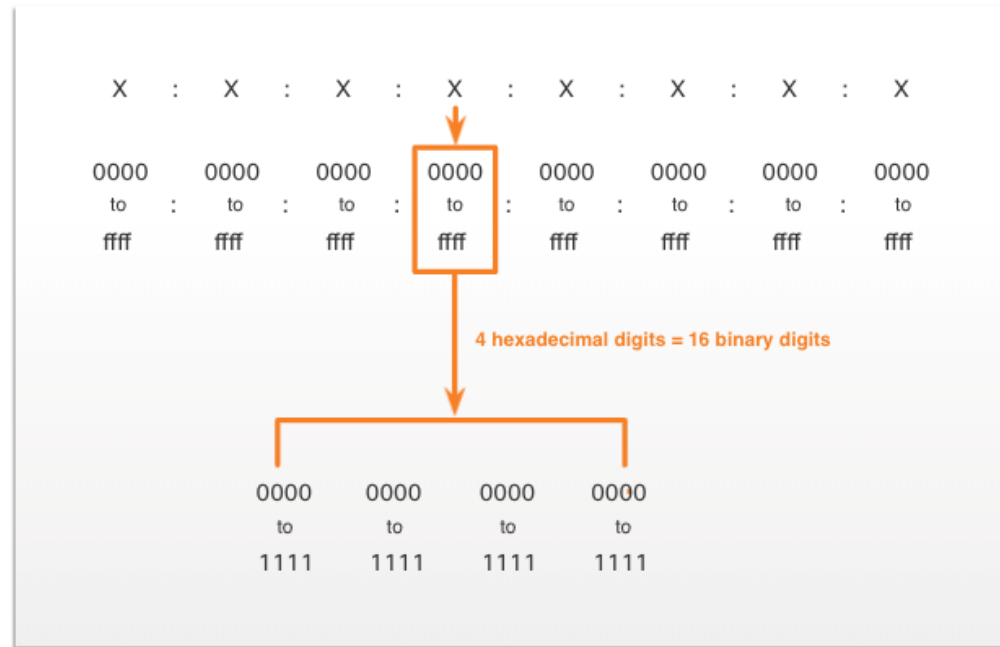
Decimal
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15

Binary
0000
0001
0010
0011
0100
0101
0110
0111
1000
1001
1010
1011
1100
1101
1110
1111

Hexadecimal
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
A
B
C
D
E
F

Hexadecimal and IPv6 Addresses (Cont.)

- IPv6 addresses are 128 bits in length. Every 4 bits is represented by a single hexadecimal digit. That makes the IPv6 address a total of 32 hexadecimal values.
- The figure shows the preferred method of writing out an IPv6 address, with each X representing four hexadecimal values.
- Each four hexadecimal character group is referred to as a hextet.



Decimal to Hexadecimal Conversions

Follow the steps listed to convert decimal numbers to hexadecimal values:

- Convert the decimal number to 8-bit binary strings.
- Divide the binary strings in groups of four starting from the rightmost position.
- Convert each four binary numbers into their equivalent hexadecimal digit.

For example, 168 converted into hex using the three-step process.

- 168 in binary is 10101000.
- 10101000 in two groups of four binary digits is 1010 and 1000.
- 1010 is hex A and 1000 is hex 8, so 168 is A8 in hexadecimal.

Hexadecimal to Decimal Conversions

Follow the steps listed to convert hexadecimal numbers to decimal values:

- Convert the hexadecimal number to 4-bit binary strings.
- Create 8-bit binary grouping starting from the rightmost position.
- Convert each 8-bit binary grouping into their equivalent decimal digit.

For example, D2 converted into decimal using the three-step process:

- D2 in 4-bit binary strings is 1101 and 0010.
- 1101 and 0010 is 11010010 in an 8-bit grouping.
- 11010010 in binary is equivalent to 210 in decimal, so D2 is 210 is decimal

What did I learn in this module?

- Binary is a base two numbering system that consists of the numbers 0 and 1, called bits.
- Decimal is a base ten numbering system that consists of the numbers 0 through 9.
- Binary is what hosts, servers, and networking equipment uses to identify each other.
- Hexadecimal is a base sixteen numbering system that consists of the numbers 0 through 9 and the letters A to F.
- Hexadecimal is used to represent IPv6 addresses and MAC addresses.
- IPv6 addresses are 128 bits long, and every 4 bits is represented by a hexadecimal digit for a total of 32 hexadecimal digits.
- To convert hexadecimal to decimal, you must first convert the hexadecimal to binary, then convert the binary to decimal.
- To convert decimal to hexadecimal, you must first convert the decimal to binary and then the binary to hexadecimal.

