The Big Picture: What Is Programming?

INTRODUCTION



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Source Code

COBOL

```
PROCEDURE DIVISION USING L-Input-Date-DT
                   RETURNING L-Output-Day-NUM.
000-Main SECTION.
    EVALUATE RETURN-CODE
    WHEN 7
        IF TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD(L-Input-Date-DT) > 0
            MOVE 0 TO L-Output-Day-NUM
            GOBACK
        END-IF
        MOVE DATE-OF-INTEGER(INTEGER-OF-DAY(L-Input-Date-DT))
             TO WS-Input-Date-DT
    WHEN 8
        IF TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD(L-Input-Date-DT) > 0
            MOVE 0 TO L-Output-Day-NUM
            GOBACK
        END-IF
```

Python

```
def sing(b, end):
    print(b or 'no more', 'bottle'+('s' if b-1 else ''), end)

for i in range(99, 0, -1):
    sing(i, 'of beer on the wall,')
    sing(i, 'of beer,')
    print('take one down, pass it around,')
    sing(i-1, 'of beer on the wall.\n')
```

PHP

```
function last_friday_of_month($year, $month) {
 4 = 0;
 while(True) {
   \$last_day = mktime(0, 0, 0, \$month+1, \$day, \$year);
   if (date("w", $last_day) == 5) {
      return date("Y-m-d", $last_day);
   $day -= 1;
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  return date("Y-m-d", $last_day);
                                              }
                                        $day -= 1;
```

Visual Basic

```
For i = 0 To 11
   Console.Write "On the " & days(i) & " day of Christmas"
   Console.Write "My true love sent to me:"
   If i = 0 Then
      Console.Write gifts(i)
   Else
      For j = i To 0 Step - 1
         If j = 0 Then
             Console.Write "and " & gifts(0)
         Else
             Console.Write gifts(j)
             Console.WriteLine
         End If
      Next
   End If
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  results = [];
 for (month = 1; month <= 12; ++month) {
    results.push(console.log(last_friday_of_month(year, month)));
  return results:
};
(function() {
 var year;
 year = parseInt(process.argv[2]);
 return print_last_fridays_of_month(year);
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                os.makedirs(os.path.dirname(fn))
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                if ose.errno != errno.EEXIST:
                    raise
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Python Source Code

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Dictionary

enum GroundType: Int {

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case Water

case Count

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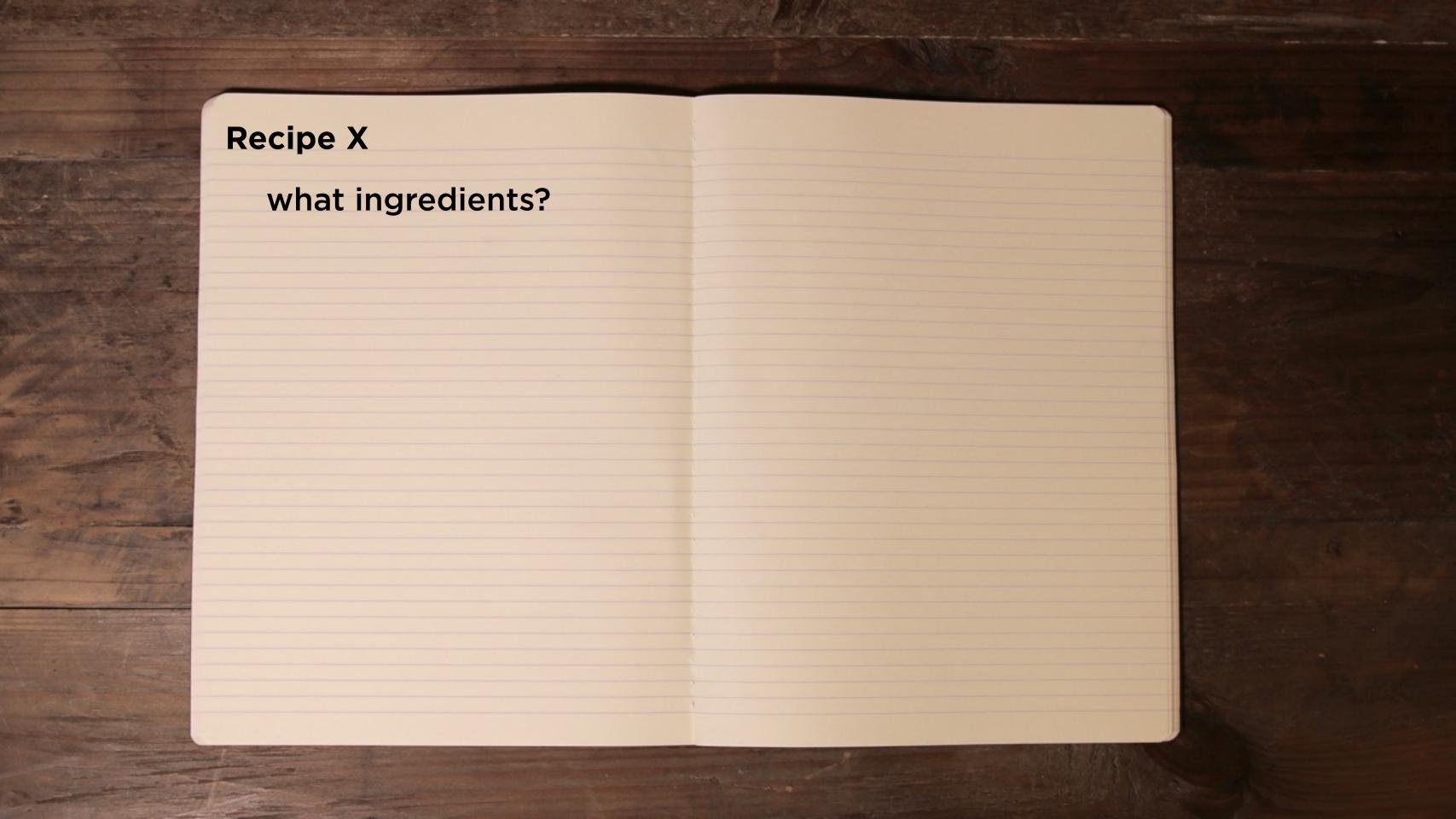
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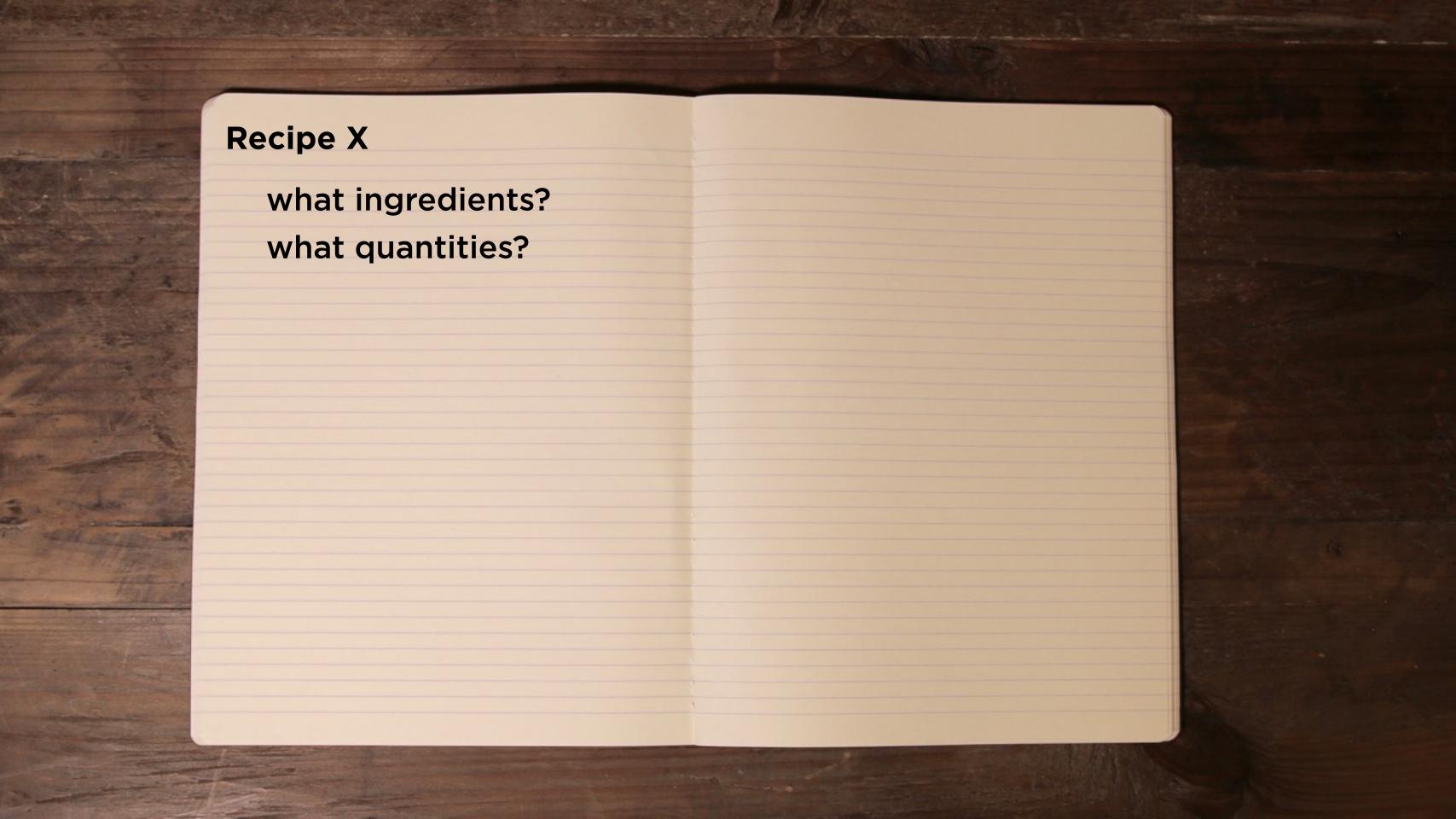
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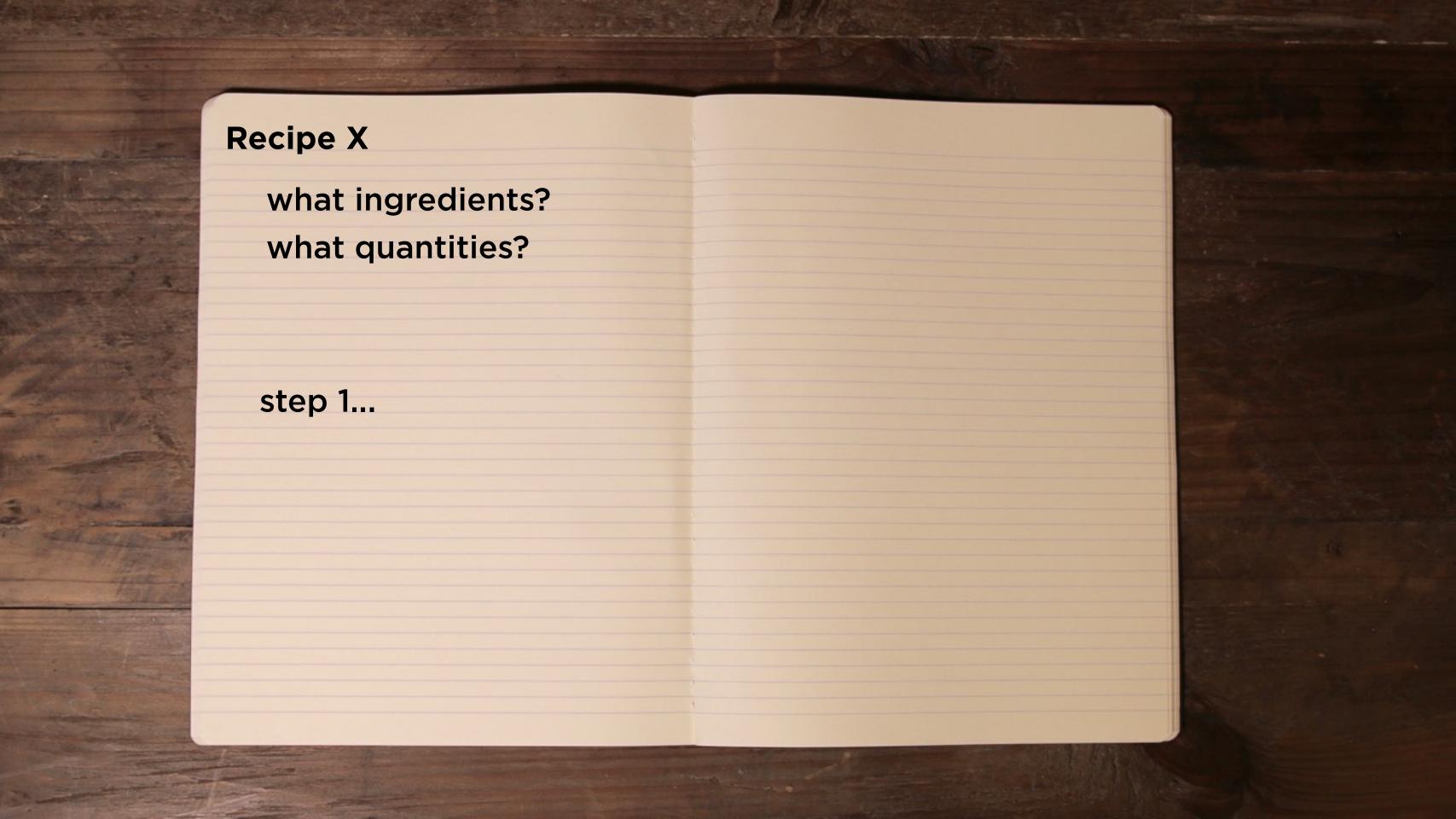
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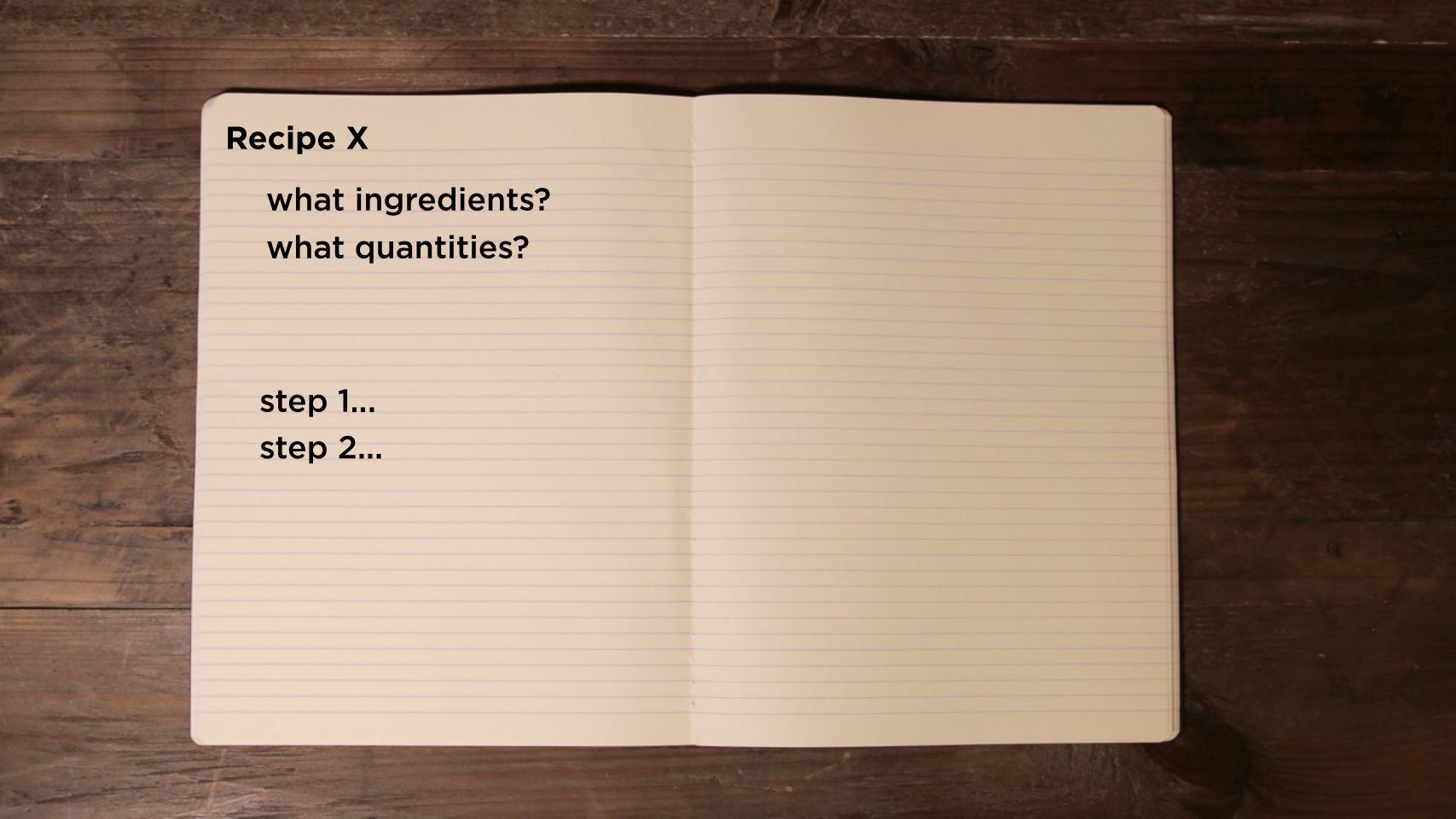


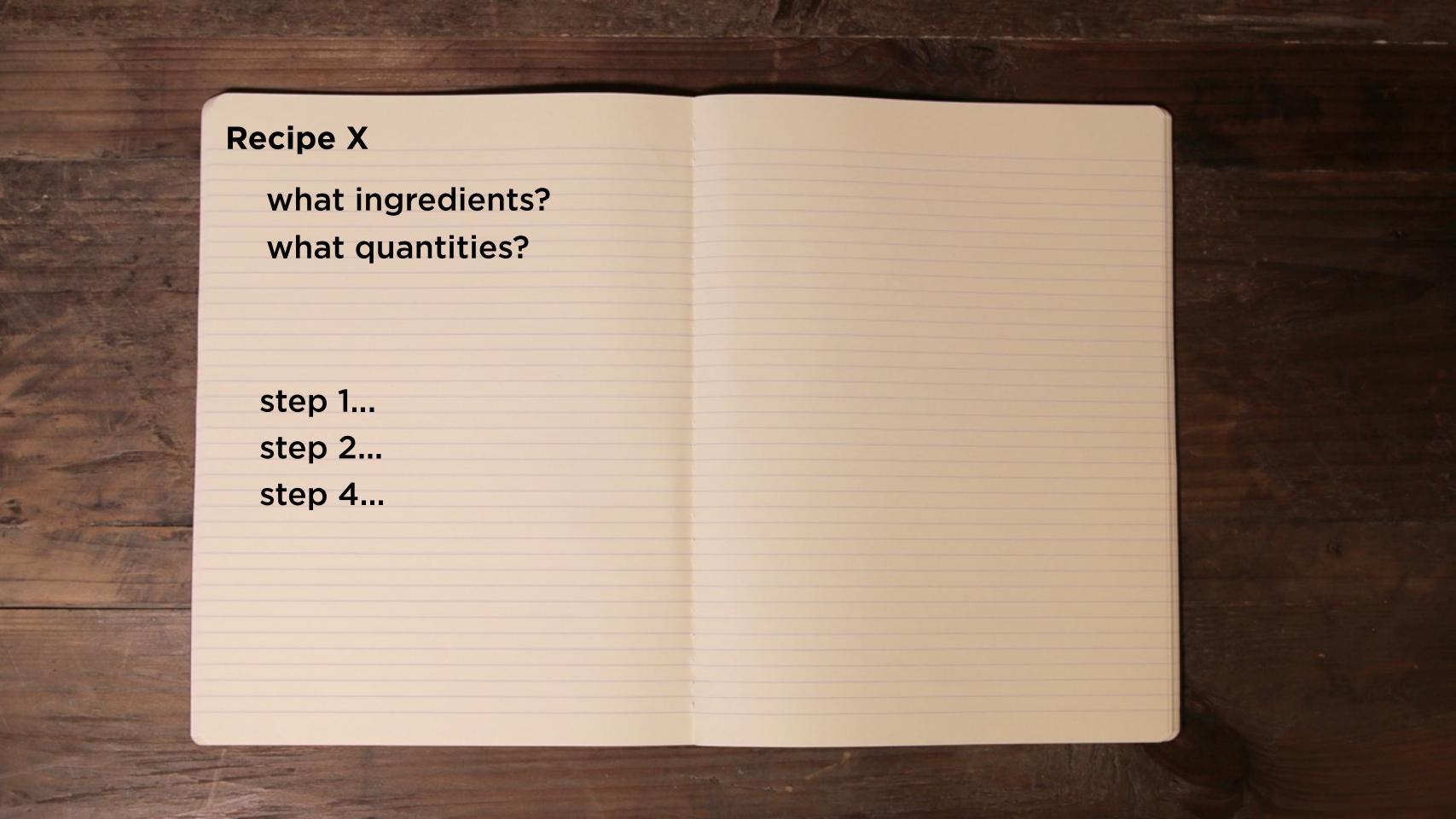


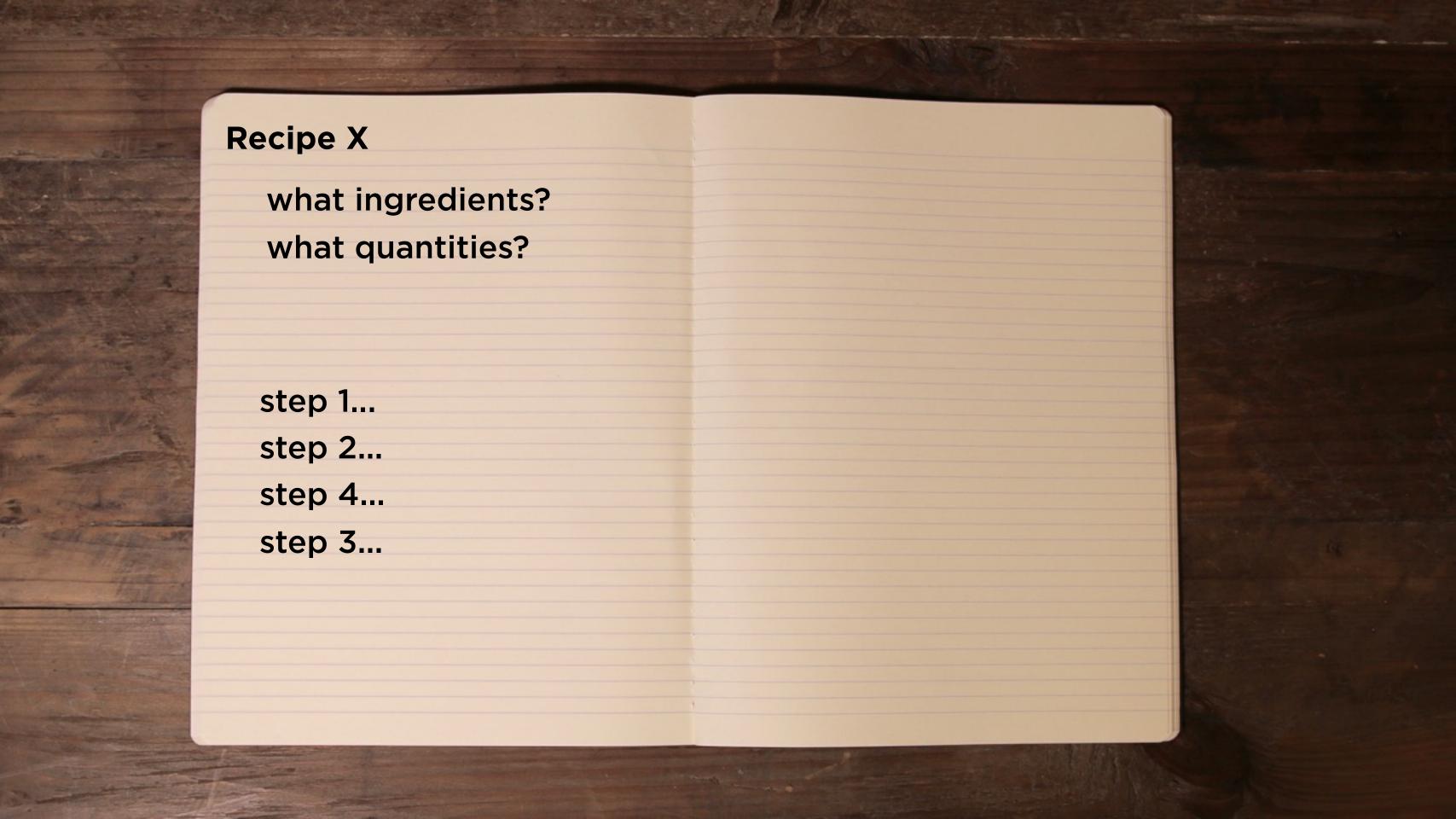


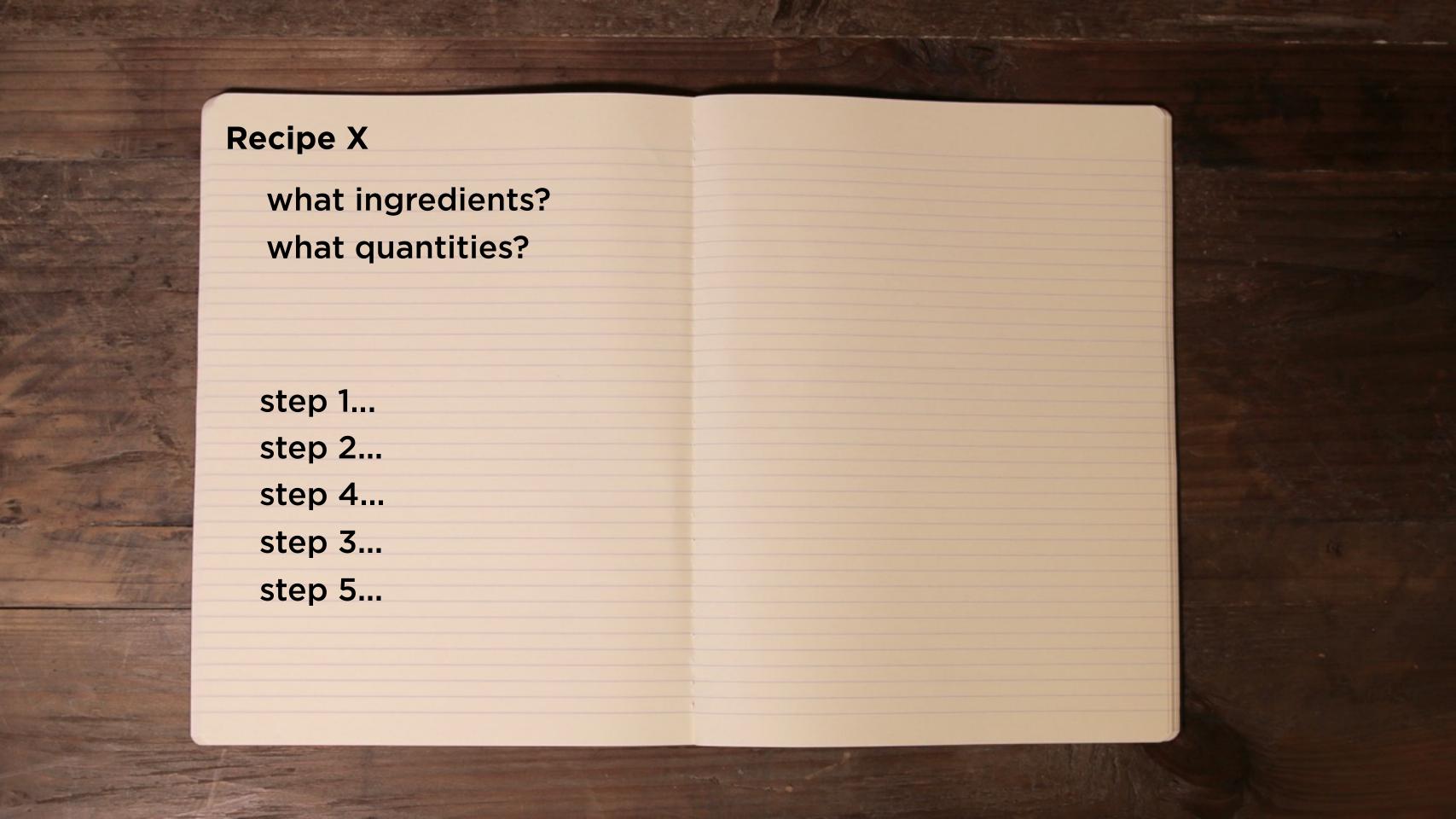


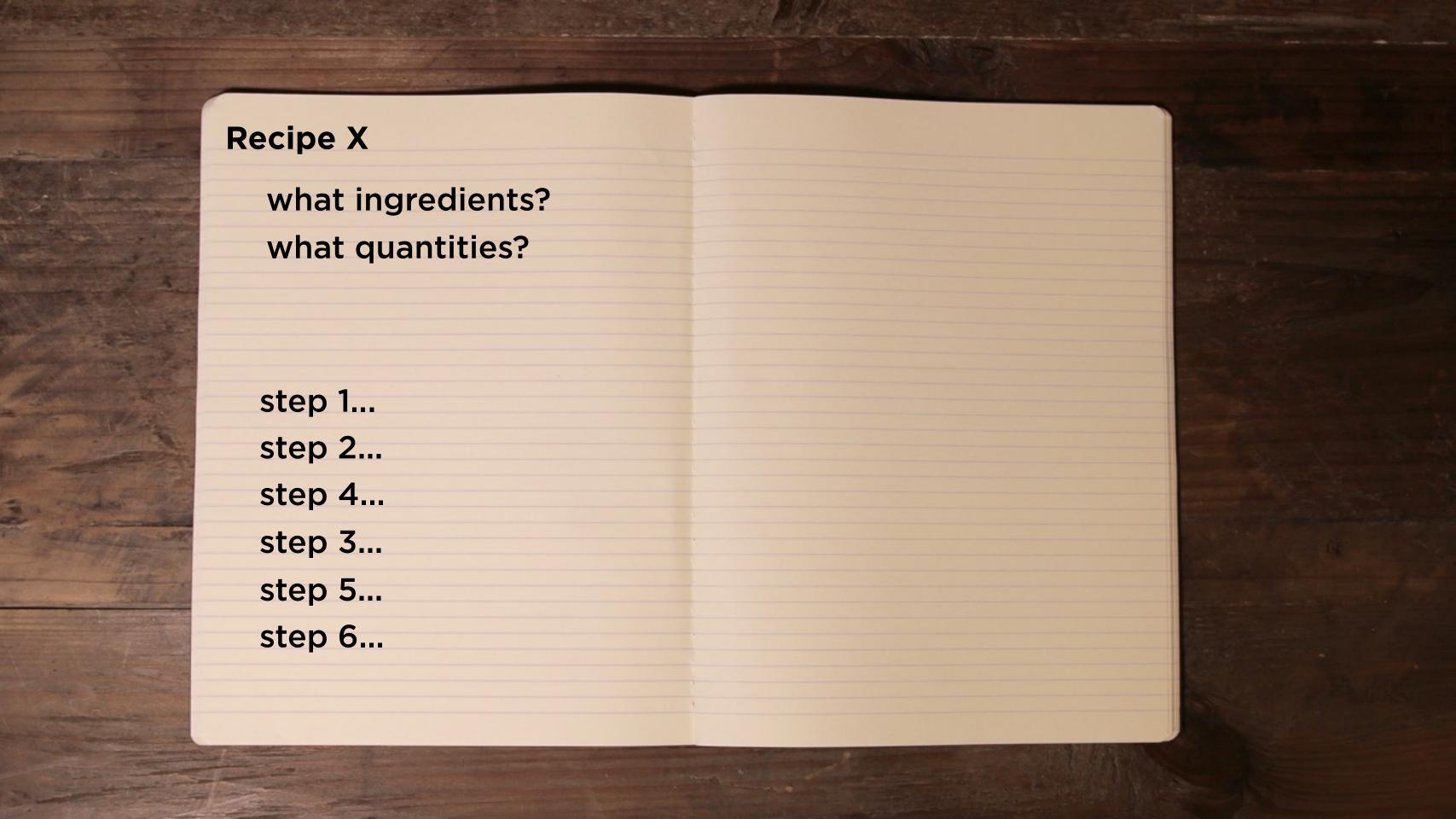


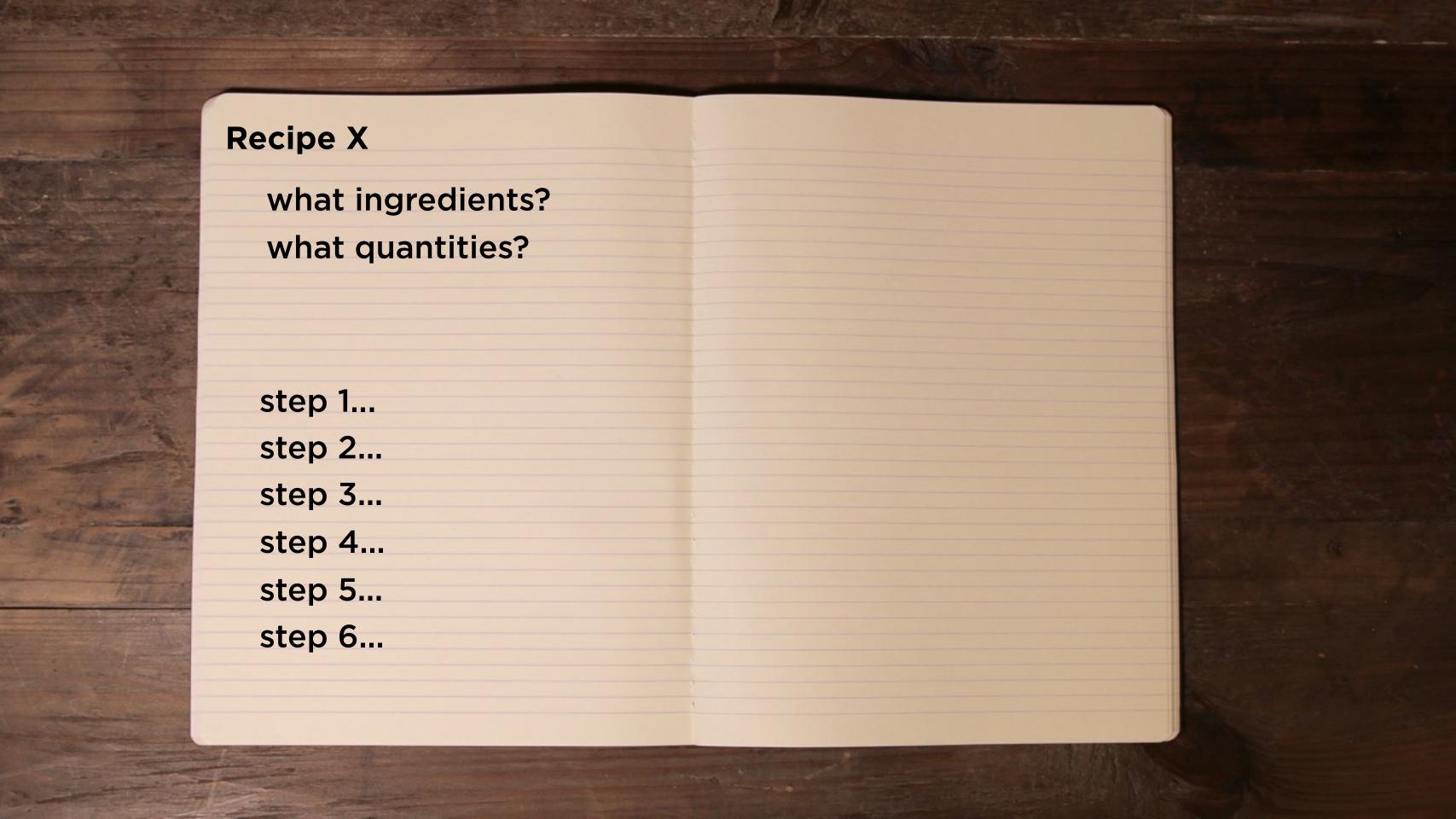












Programmer's Text Editors

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Sublime Text

Brackets

Atom

jEdit

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Emacs

TextWrangler

UltraEdit

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Coda

EditPad

BlueFish

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An exact layout makes code easier to read

Getting the Computer to Understand You

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                while (date.DayOfWeek != DayOfWeek.Friday)
                    date = date.AddDays(-1);
                yield return date;
       private static void Main(string[] arguments)
            int year;
            var argument = arguments.FirstOrDefault();
            if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(argument) |
               !int.TryParse(argument, out year))
                year = DateTime.Today.Year;
            foreach (var date in LastFridaysOfYear(year))
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        return
    fn = self._get_cache_fn(section, key, dtype)
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            os.makedirs(os.path.dirname(fn))
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```

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 end
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     case set['scope']['type']
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     when 'post'
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     else
```

ruby example

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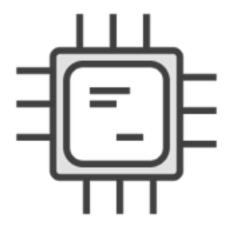
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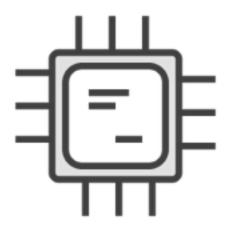
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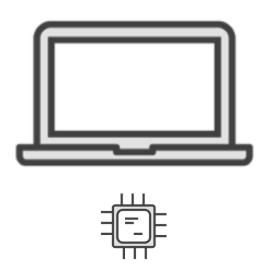
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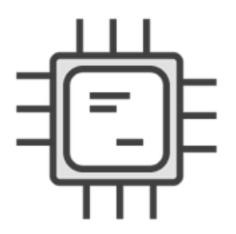
"A computer program is a list of instructions we write using a programming language the computer understands"

The entire point of programming languages is that we DON'T have to write machine code

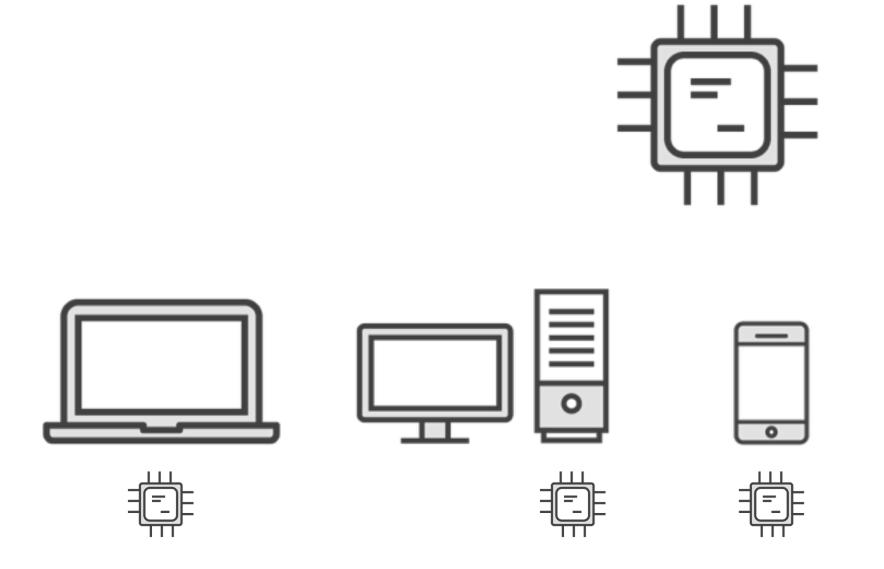


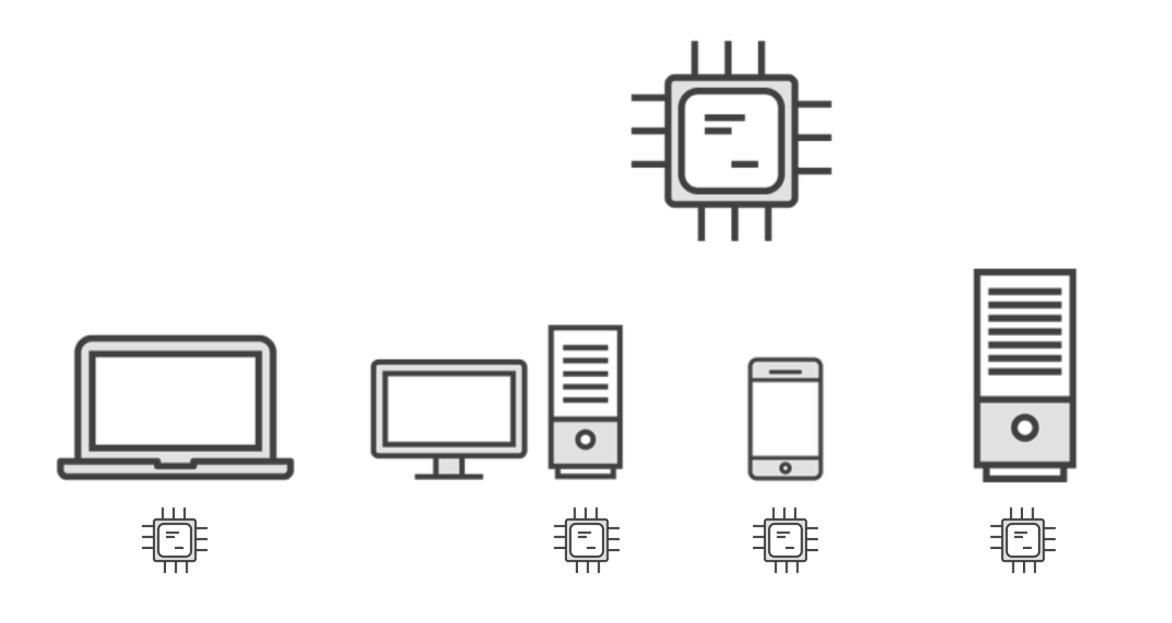


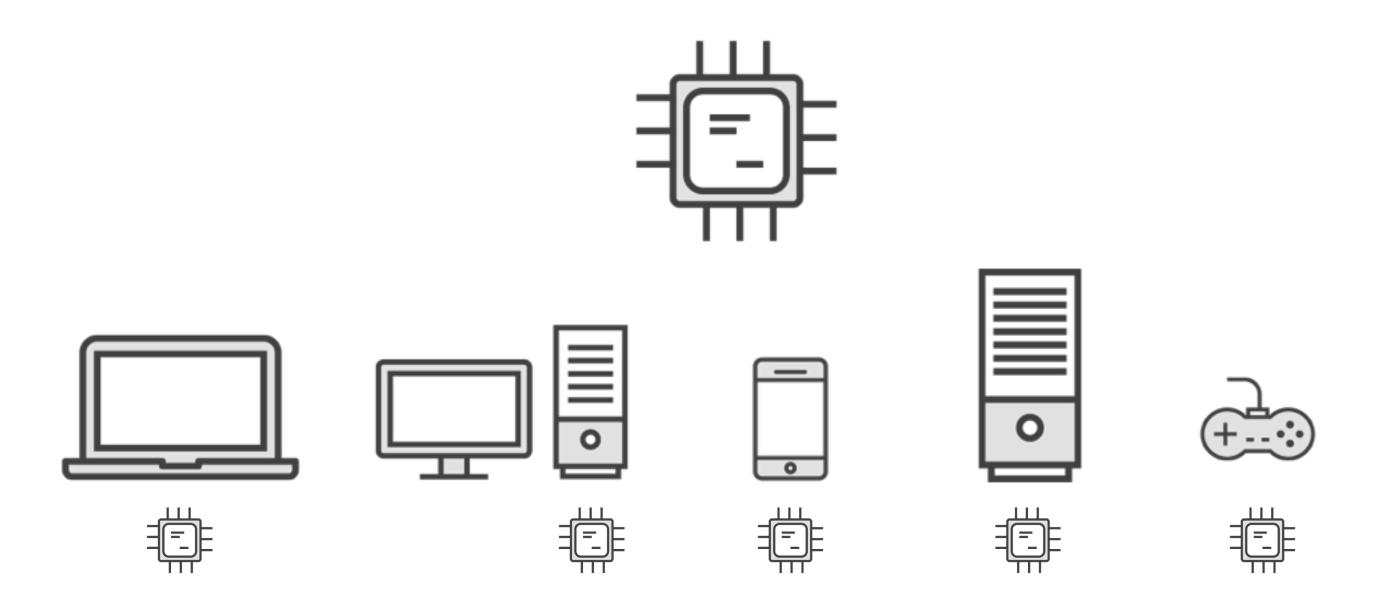














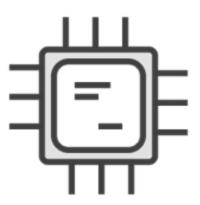


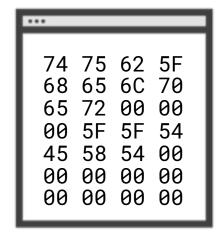
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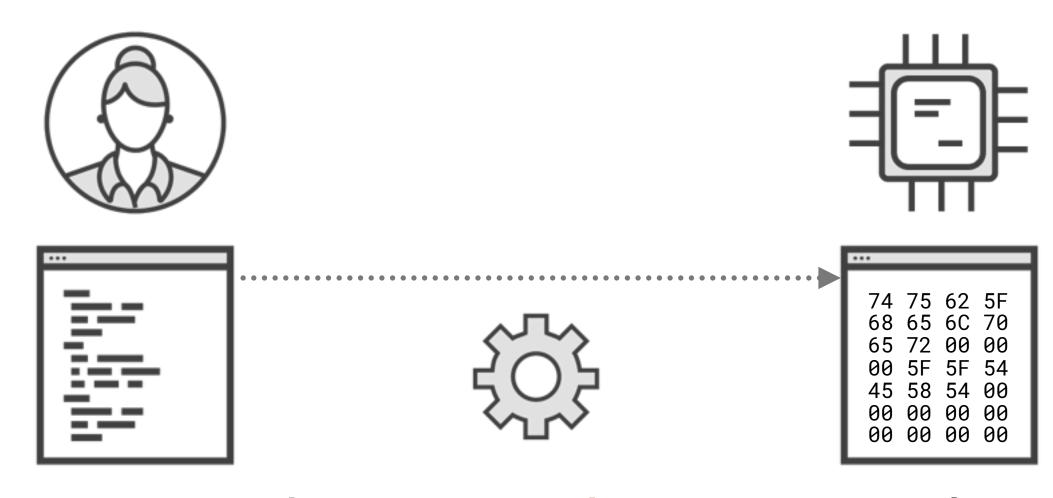


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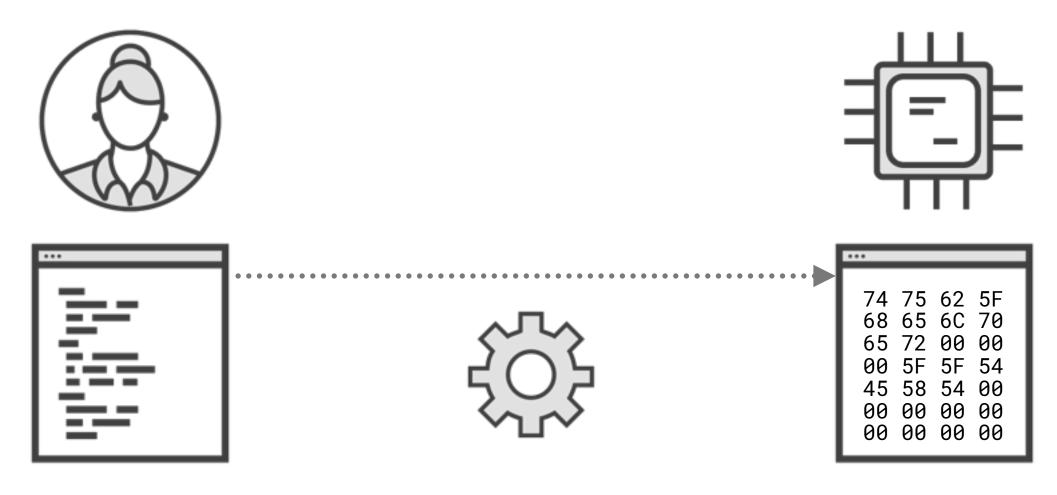
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conversion process?

CPU understands machine code



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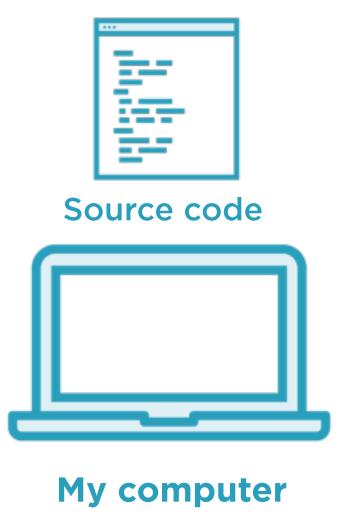
Compile or Interpret

CPU understands machine code

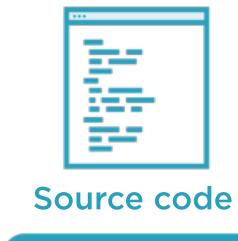






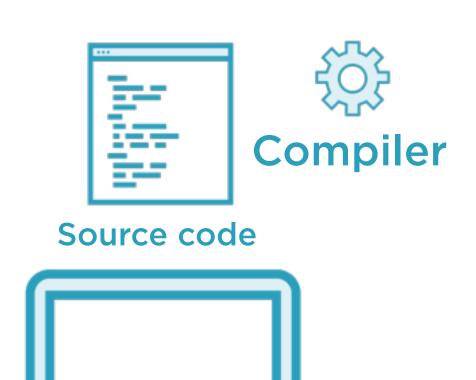






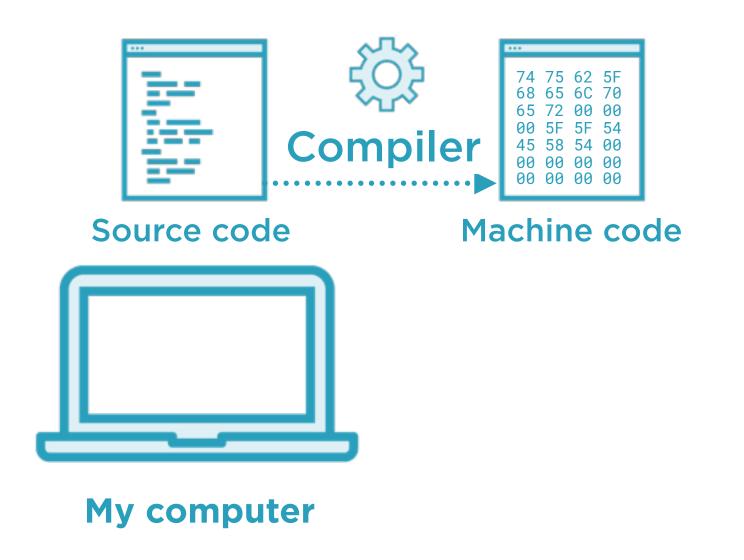




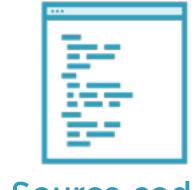












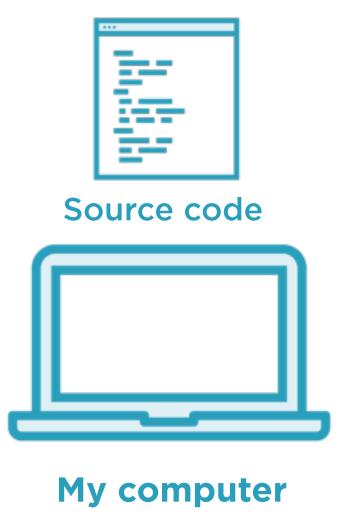
Source code



My computer

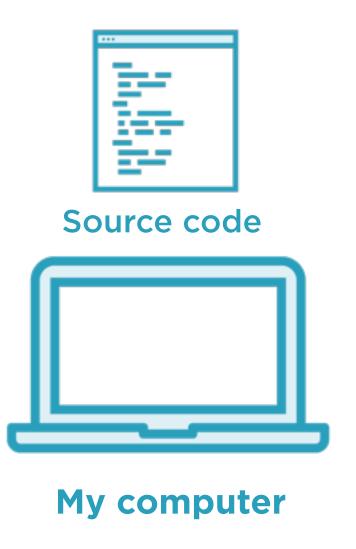


Your computer



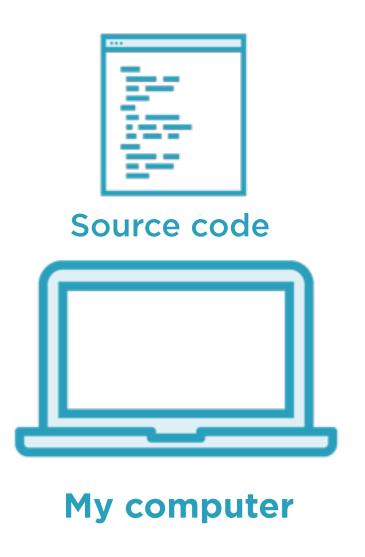


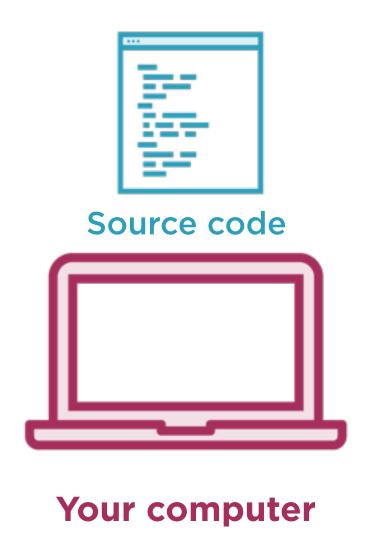
Converting Source Code to Machine Code Option 2: Interpret



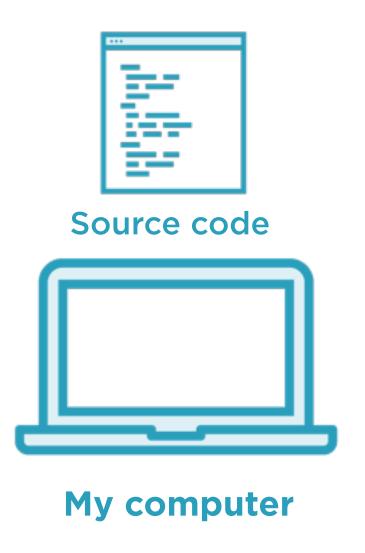


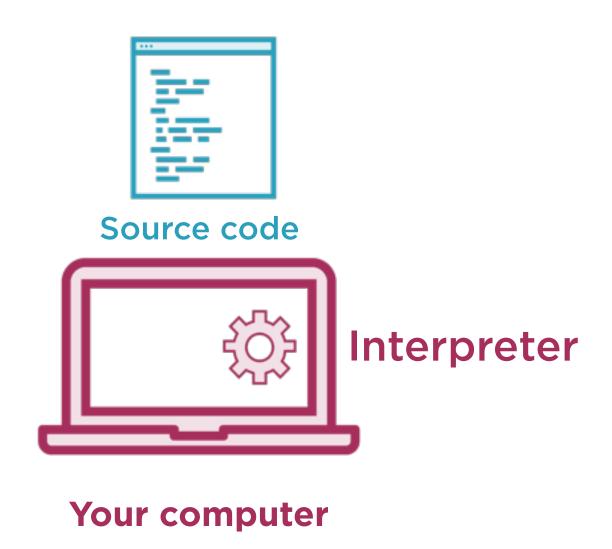
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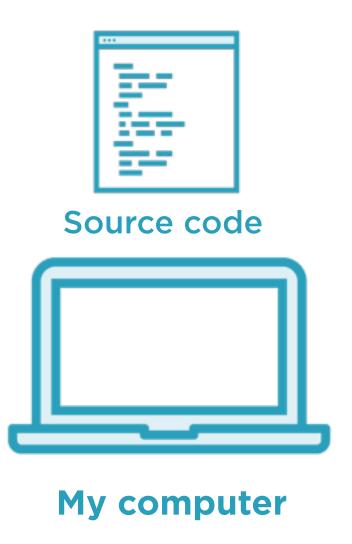


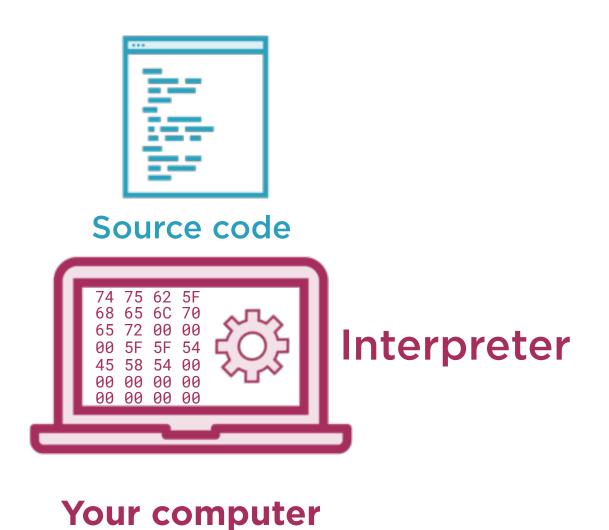
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Pros and Cons

Compiled languages

Often faster \checkmark

Platform-specific

Source code not shared XX

"Ready to run" machine code

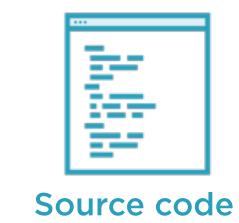
Interpreted languages

Often slower

Cross-platform

Source code is shared

Interpreter required on each computer



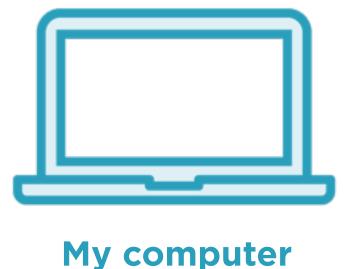




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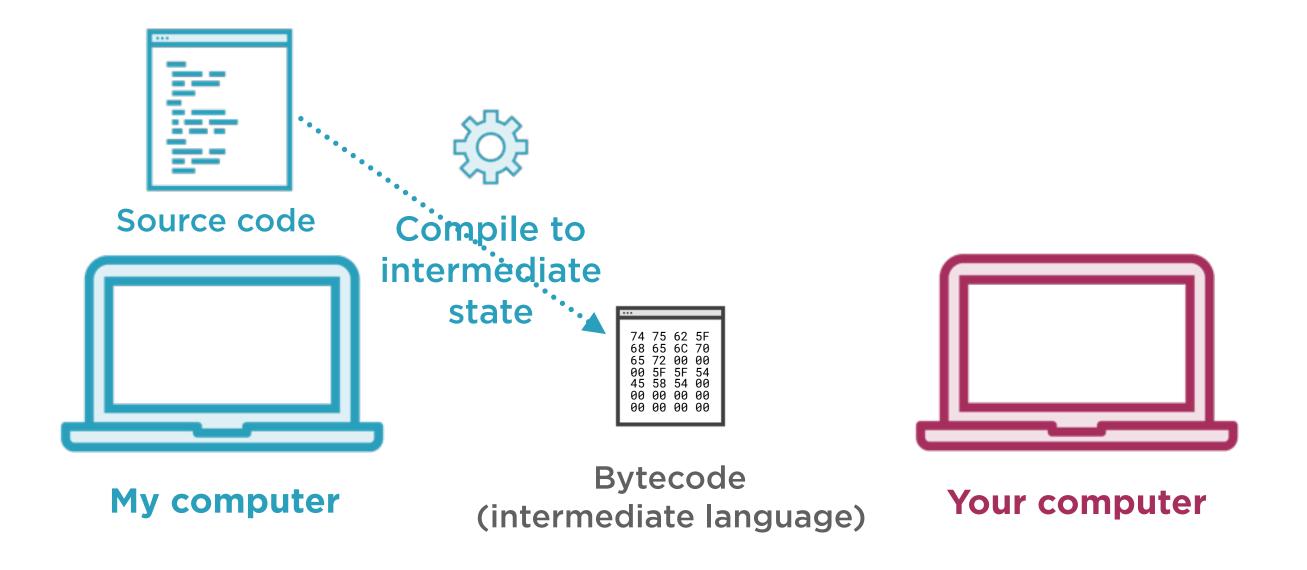


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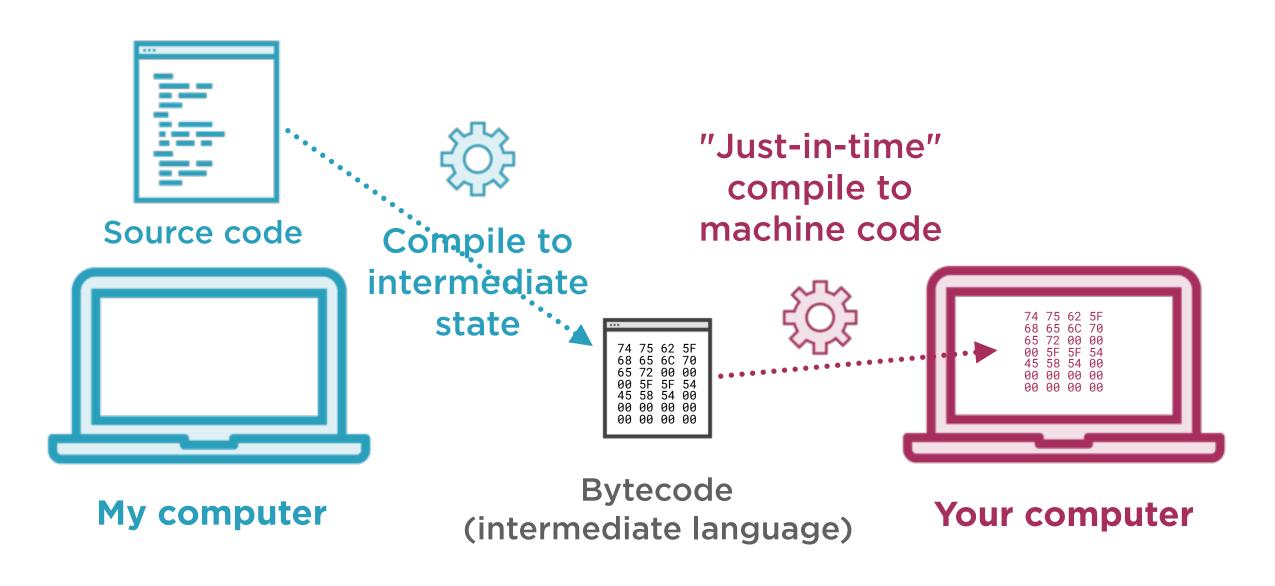




Option 3: Intermediate



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Compiled languages

C++
Swift
C

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C++ Swift C Interpreted languages

JavaScript
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PHP

Compiled languages

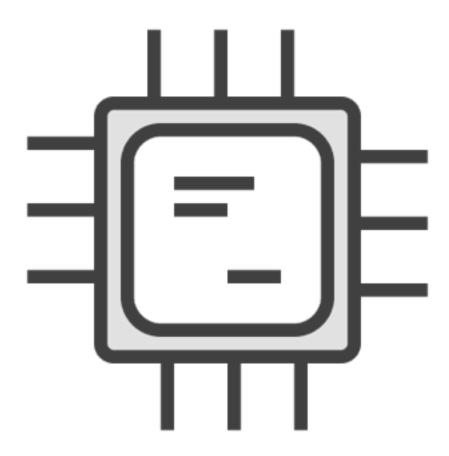
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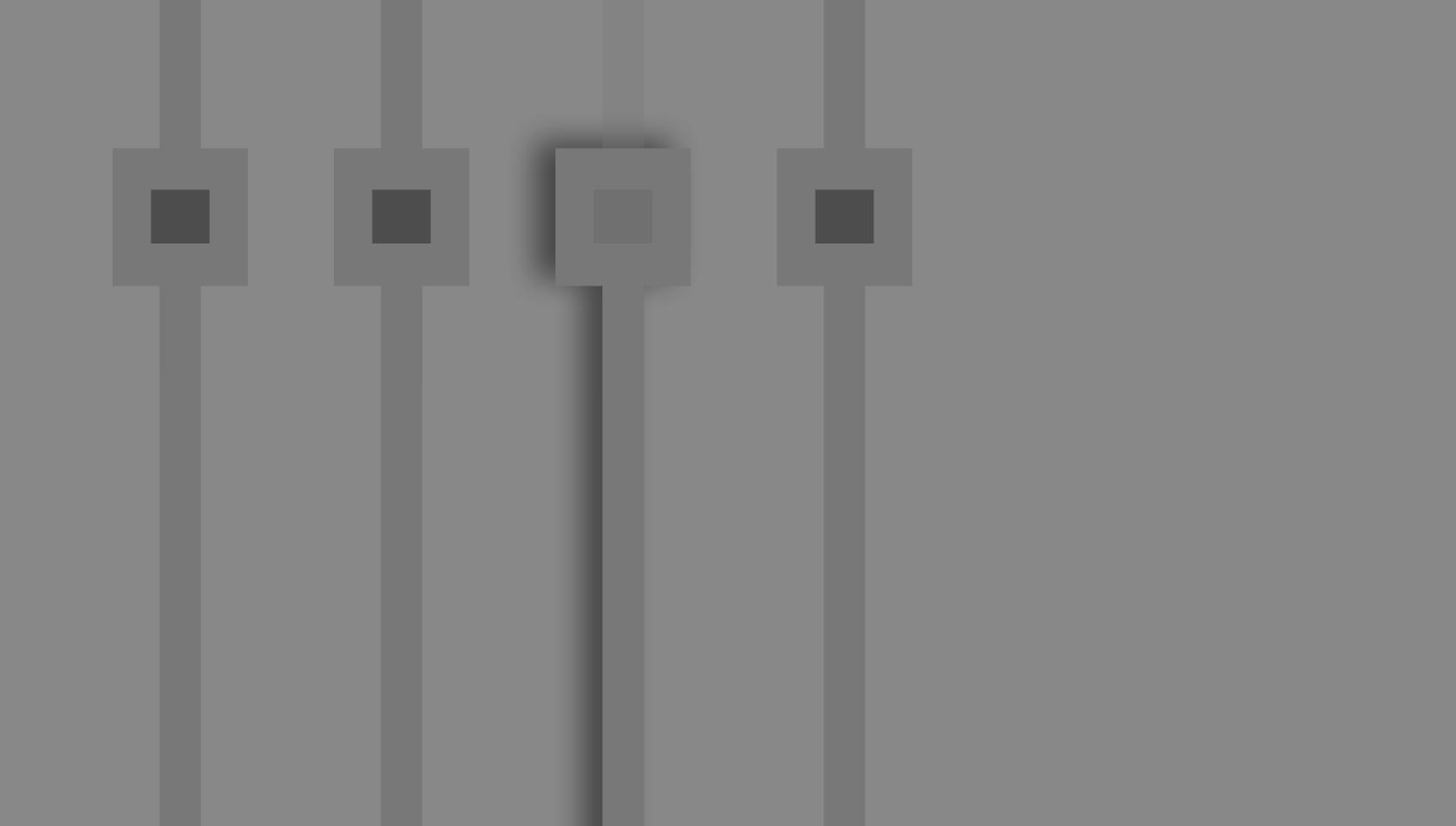
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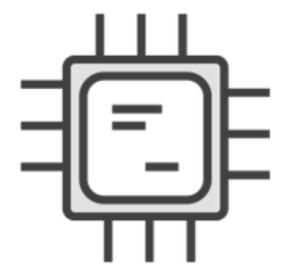
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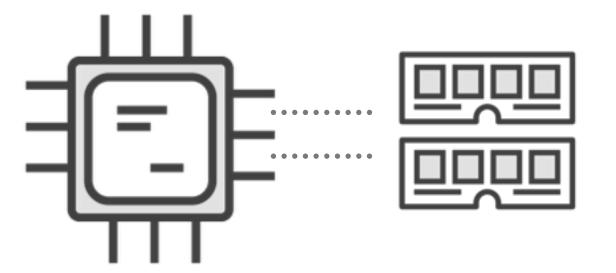
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The CPU









One Switch, Two Values



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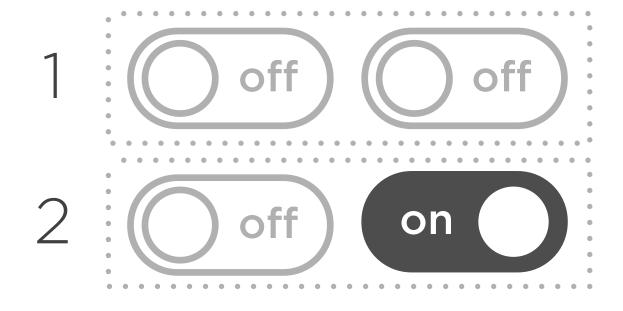


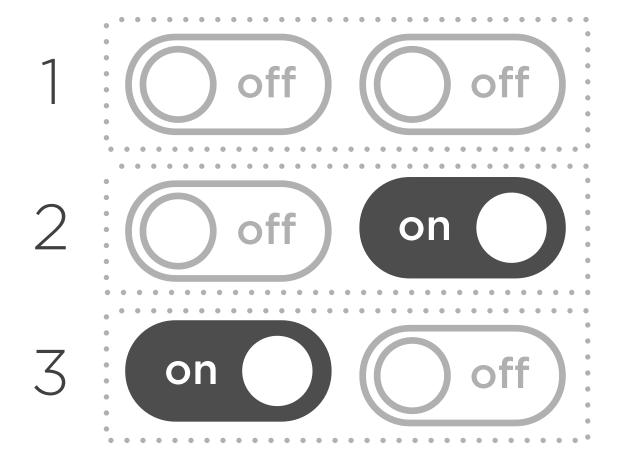
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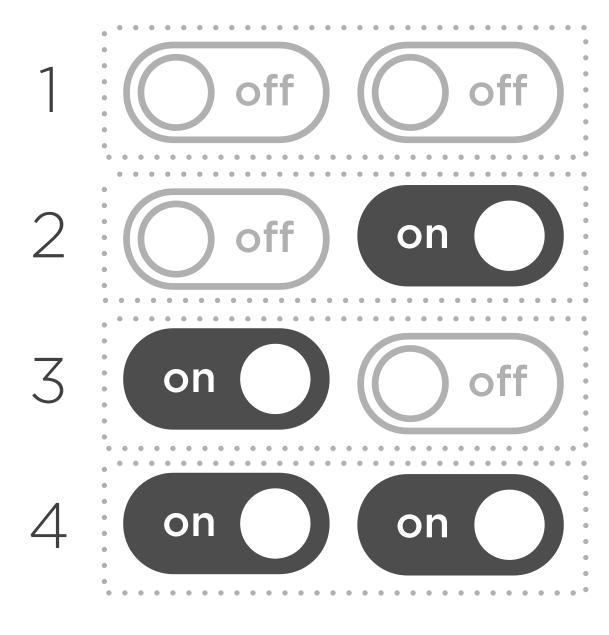


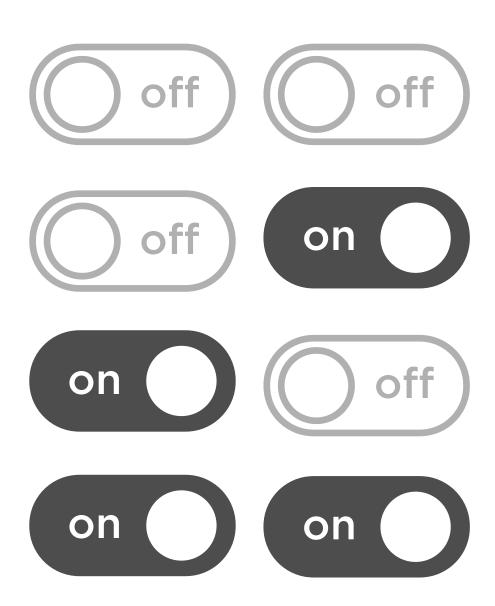


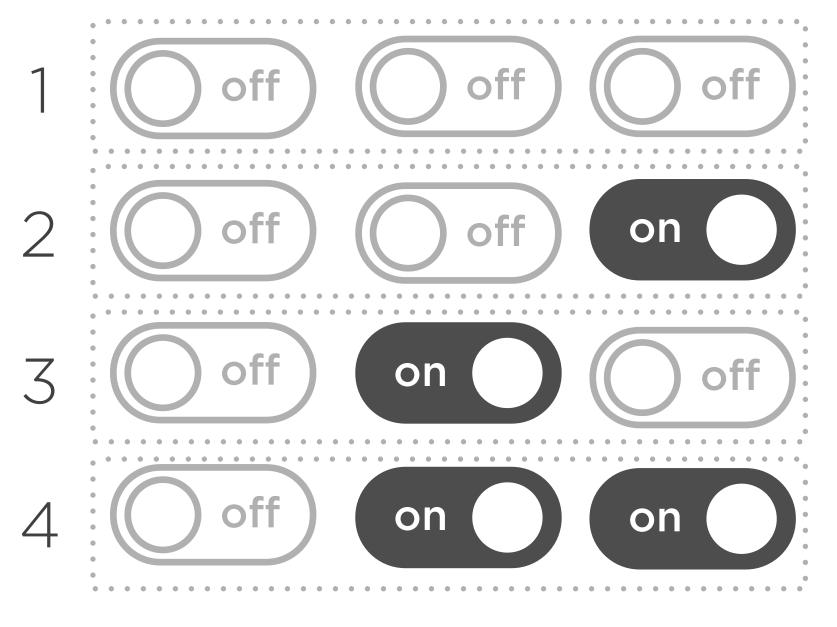


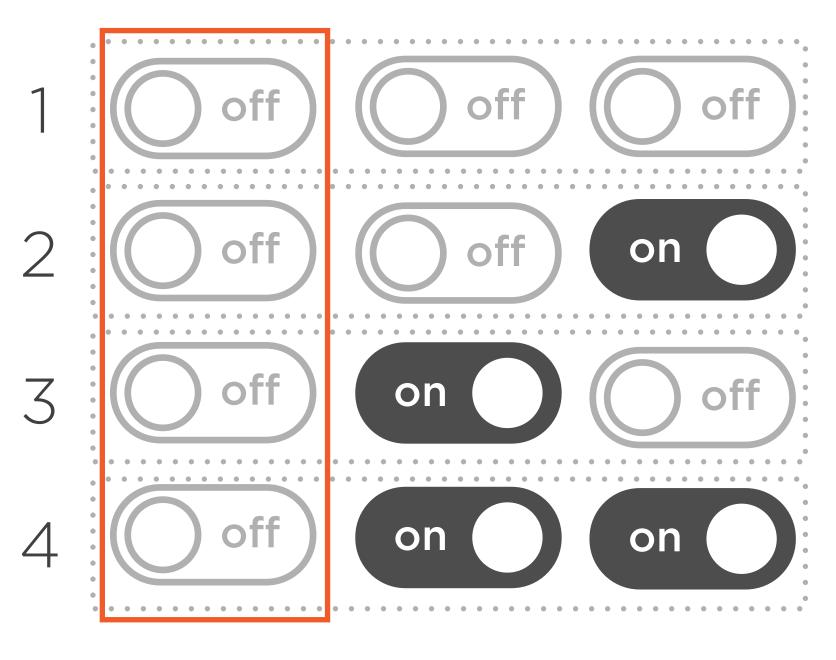


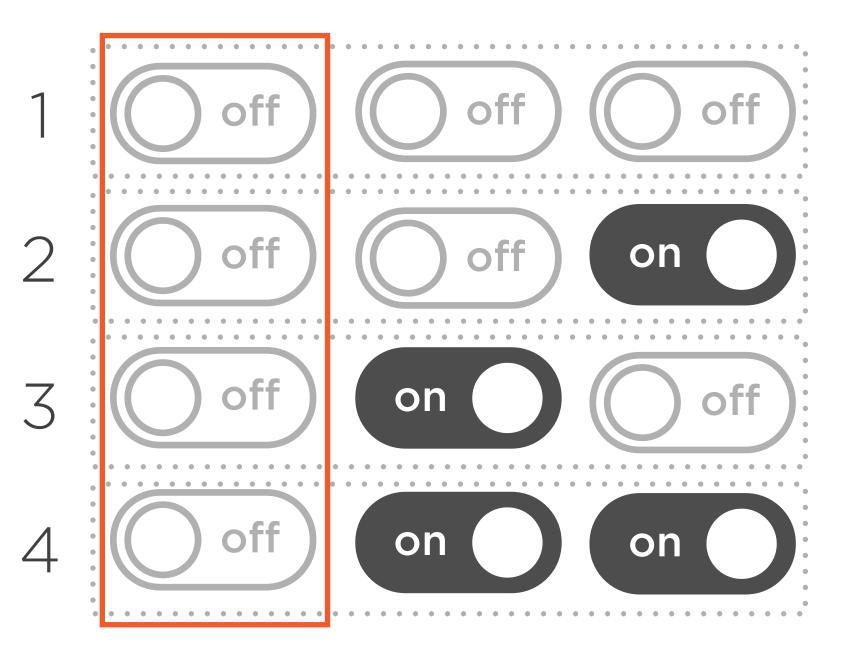


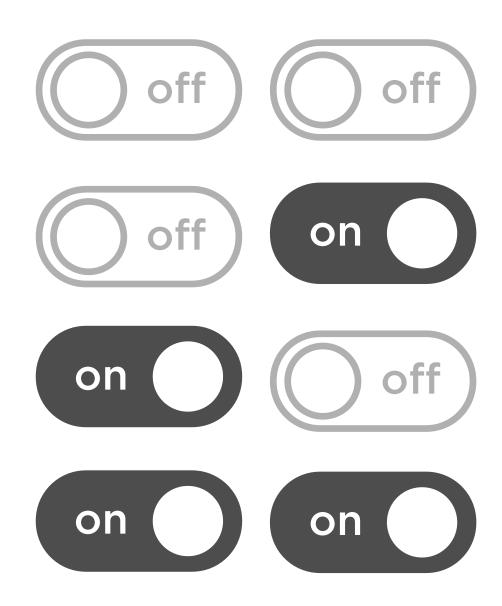


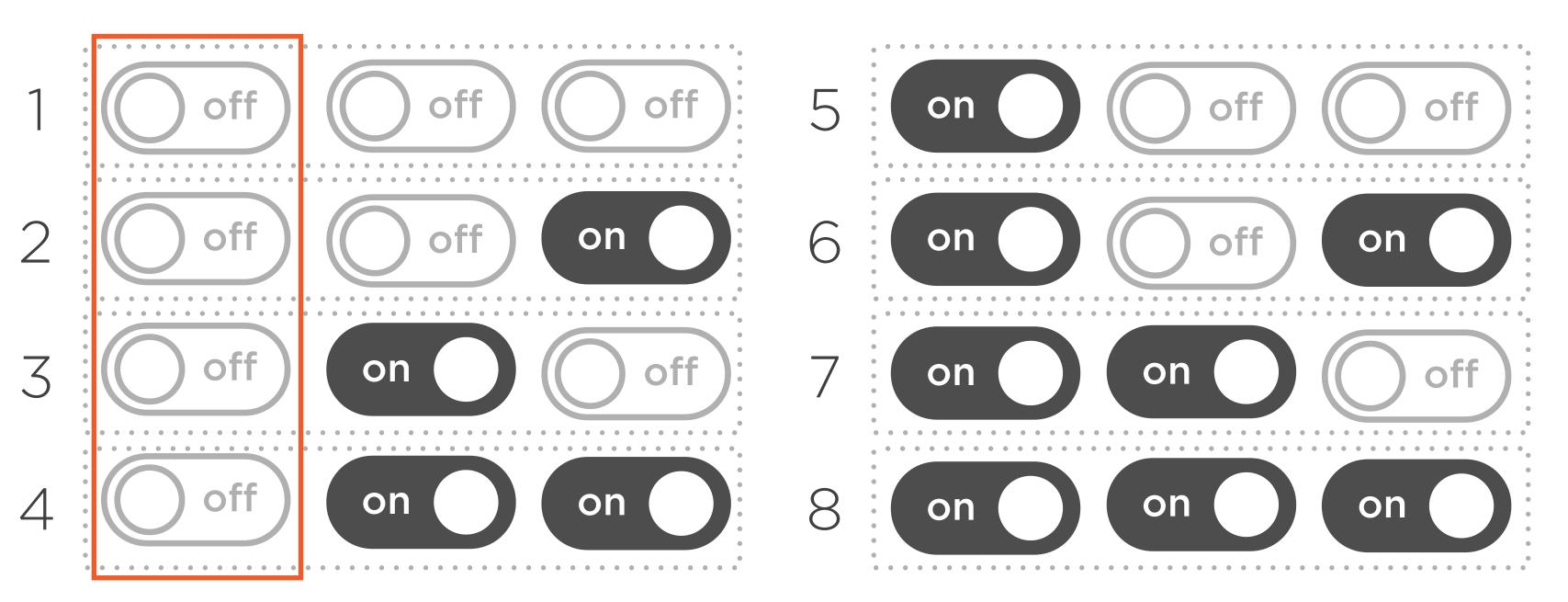


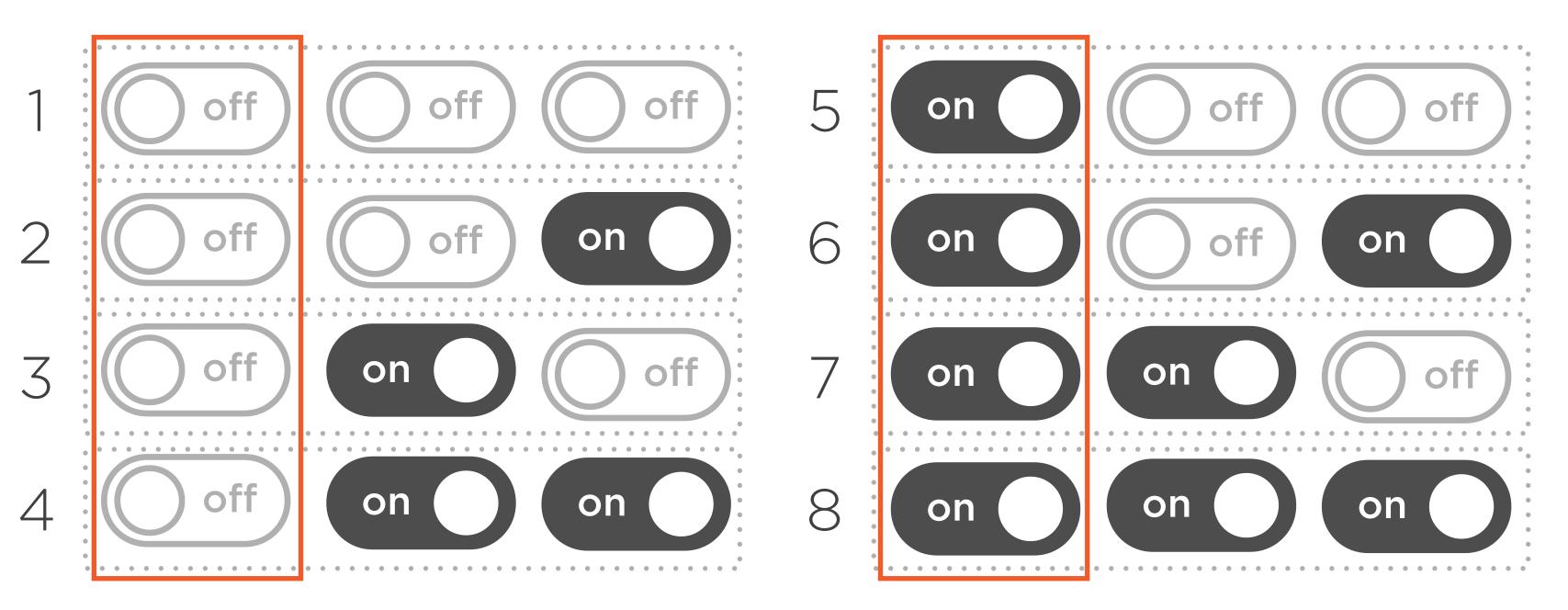




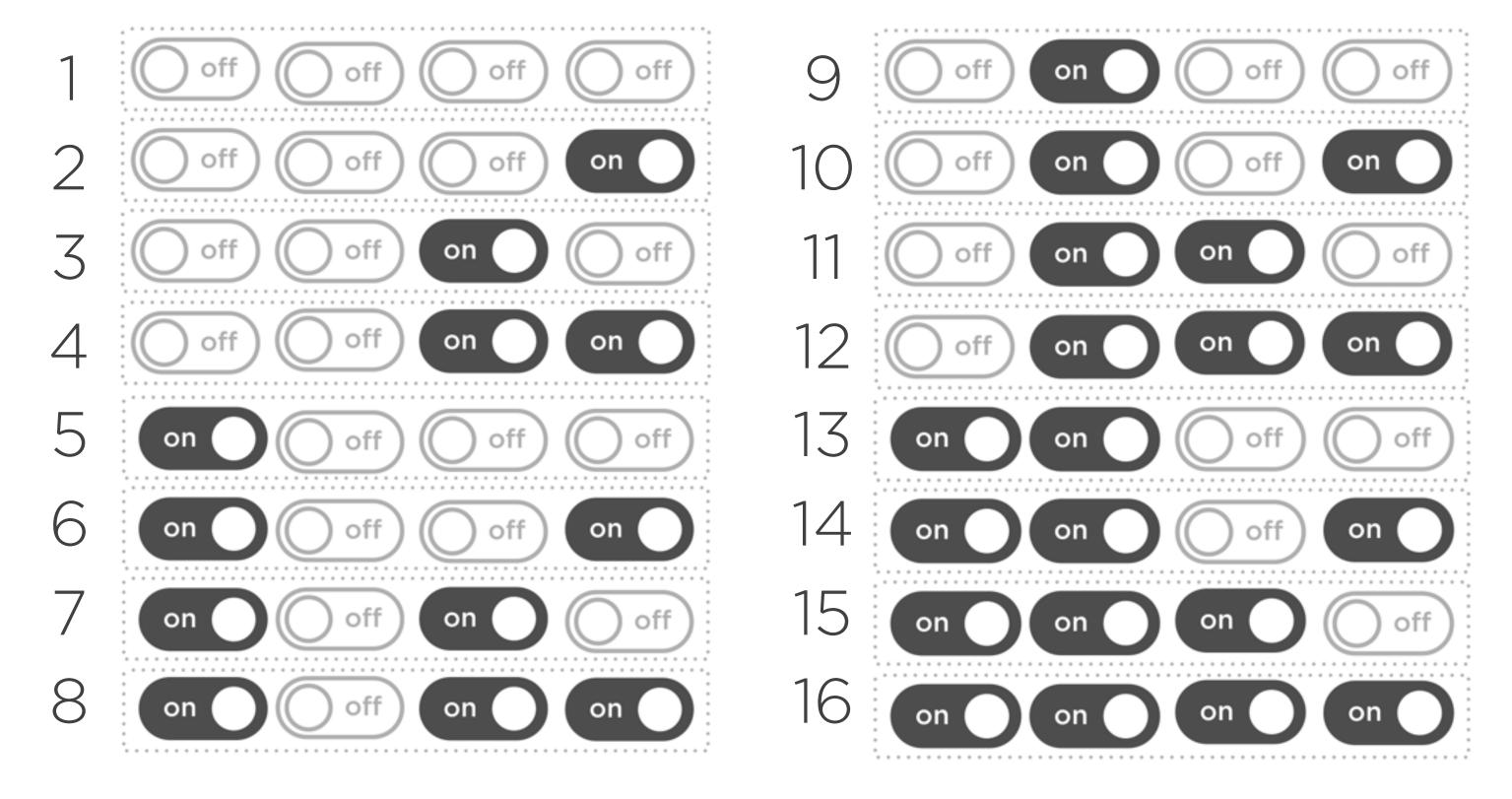




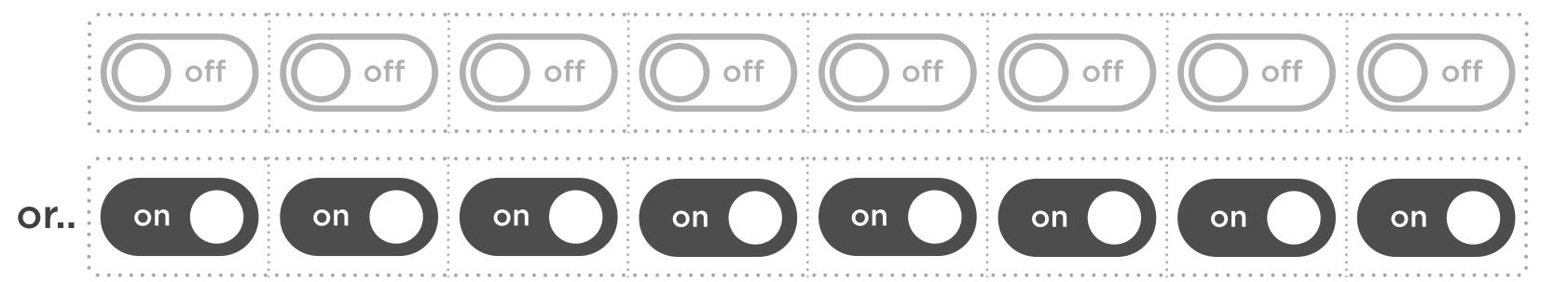


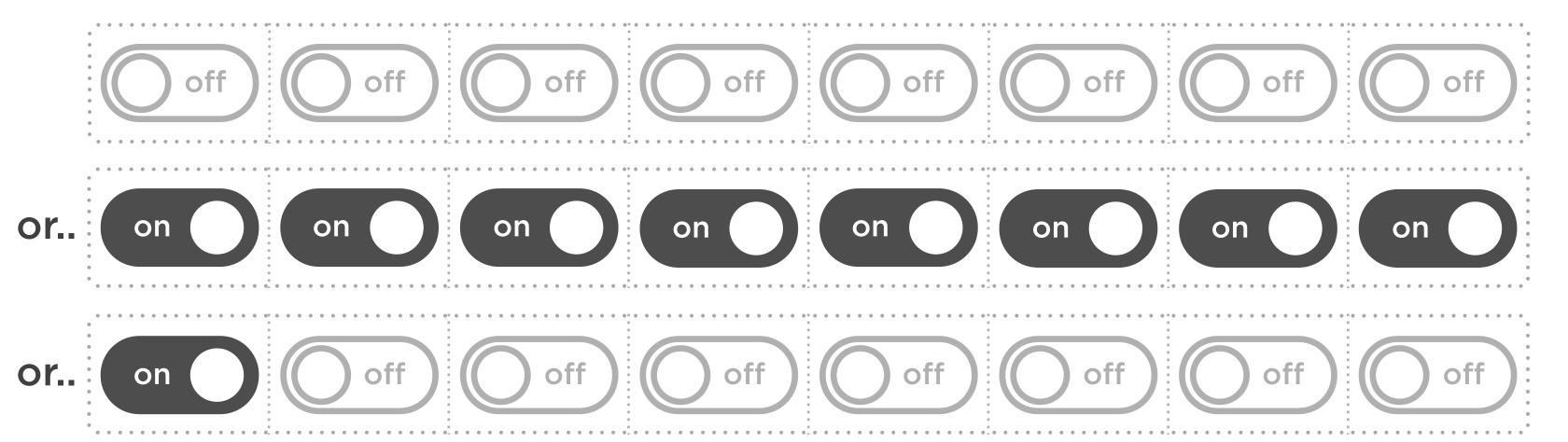


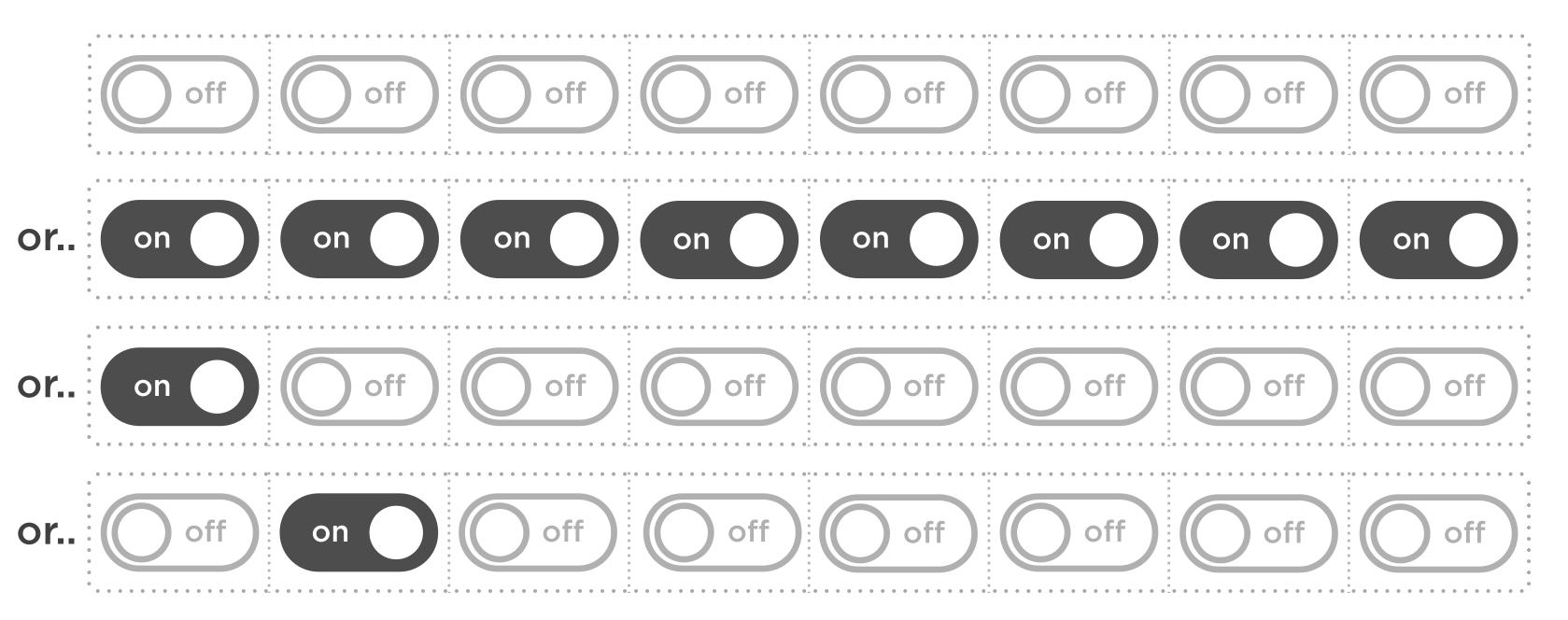
With Four Switches, 16 Arrangements











(and 252 more...)

"On, On, On, On, On, On, On"

"On, Off, Off, Off, Off, Off, Off"

"Off, On, Off, Off, Off, Off, Off"

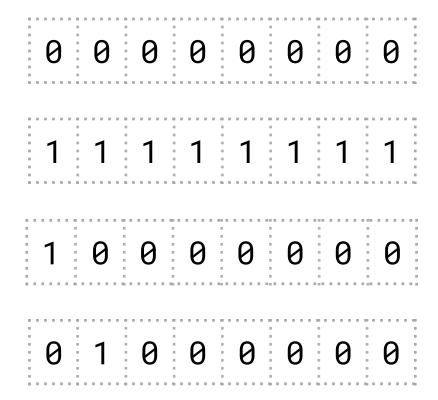
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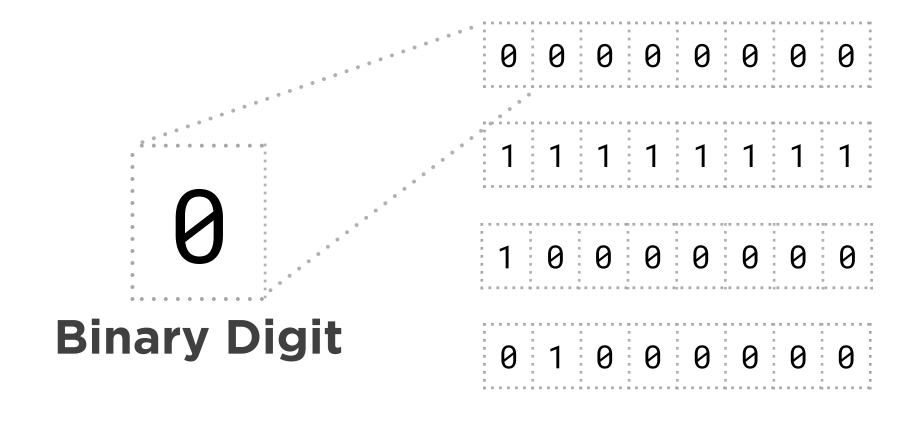
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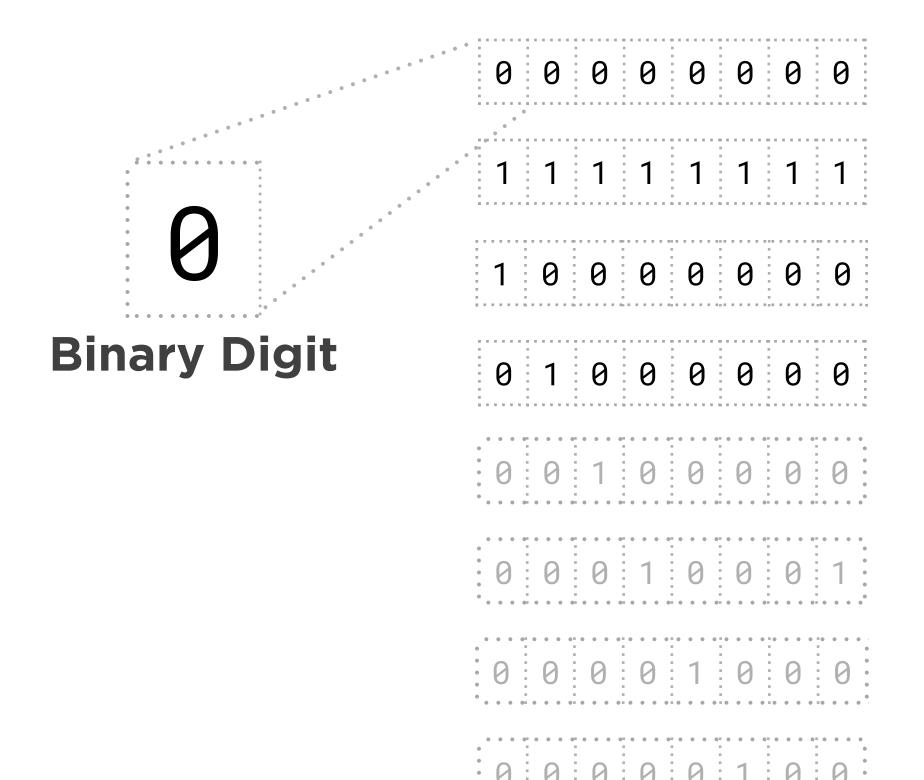
Eight Bits: 256 Arrangements



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8 bits: 256 possible values

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00000000
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8 bits: 256 possible values

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16 bits: 65,000 possible values

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00000000
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8 bits: 256 possible values

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0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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16 bits: 65,000 possible values

32 bits: +4.3 billion possible values

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00000000
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8 bits: 256 possible values

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0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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16 bits: 65,000 possible values

32 bits: +4.3 billion possible values

64 bits: 18446744073709551616 possible values

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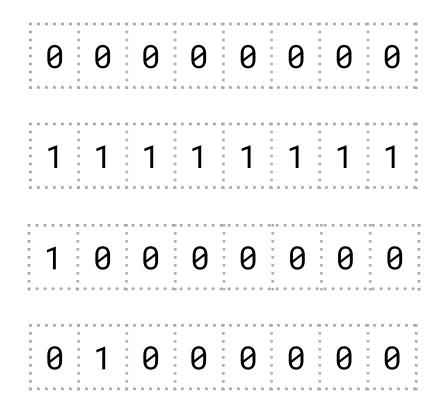
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Binary to Hexadecimal



Binary to Hexadecimal

0 0 0 0 0 0 0	in binary, is	0 0	in hex
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	in binary, is	FF	in hex
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	in binary, is	8 0	in hex
0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	in binary, is	4 0	in hex