

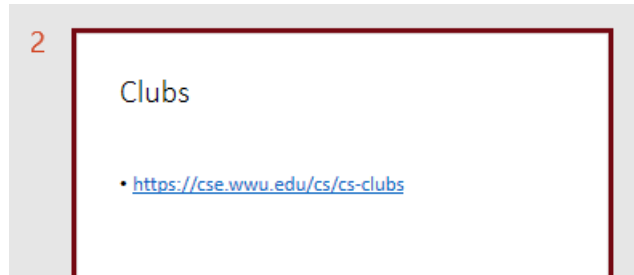
# 3: data types, Binary

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## Announcements

CS Clubs page <https://cs.wvu.edu/clubs-weekly-schedule>

<https://cs.wvu.edu/cs-mentoring-program>

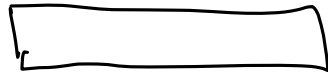


To do for future: cover modulus, string concat, etc for A1

# Hardware and storage

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## RAM



(Random  
access  
memory)

In other words it  
is a white board  
where you grab  
a random spot to  
work

Close Thorry, open thorry

Notice our variables are  
empty again. Only in RAM  
(but we saved our code to  
the HDD)

RAM saves with electricity  
Fast, Power off = wiped

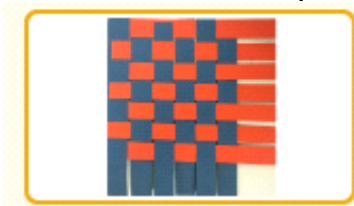
Hard drive (vs floppy  
which was  
literally floppy)

Saves using Magnetic States  $\pm$   
or electron traps      electron  
   No electron

Only 2 States!

.... how get numbers like 53  
or letters... (soon!)

## History



Weaving is taking threads and going over, under (two states)

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But if you don't just go 'over, under' but do things like,  
'over over over, under, over over over' you can get interesting patterns  
....and even super intricate art!

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On old looms this was a huge hassle

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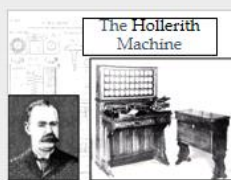
Then in 1745, Basile Bouchon invented a way to control the 'over, under' with paper tape, like one of those old player pianos. In 1805 Jacquard took Bouchon's fussy process and improved it, using cardboard punchcards, which were both more durable and more customizable

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"This portrait of Jacquard was woven in silk on a Jacquard loom and required 24,000 punched cards to create (1839). It was only produced to order. Charles Babbage owned one of these portraits ; it inspired him in using perforated cards in his analytical engine" Wikipedia, Sept 2011

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Dr. Herman Hollerith built the first electrically-driven processing machine in order to accommodate the 1890 census. This machine used punched cards, not unlike those used until the late 70's. Hollerith's company eventually changed its name to International Business Machines...

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Mechanical  
electromechanical  
electronic digital

# Binary

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lets talk about Numbers

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### Representing Numbers on Computers

How are numbers stored in memory?

Memory is made of specialized electric circuits that provide cells that can "store" information by being in one of two states, on or off.

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Each 0/1 memory location stores one **bit**.  
8 bits is called a **byte**.

Metric prefixes are used to represent numbers of bytes, e.g. **kilo**, **mega**, **giga**, etc.

In computer science, **kilo** is not actually 1000, it's 1024.

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### Representing Numbers on Computers

Usual 10 prefixes:

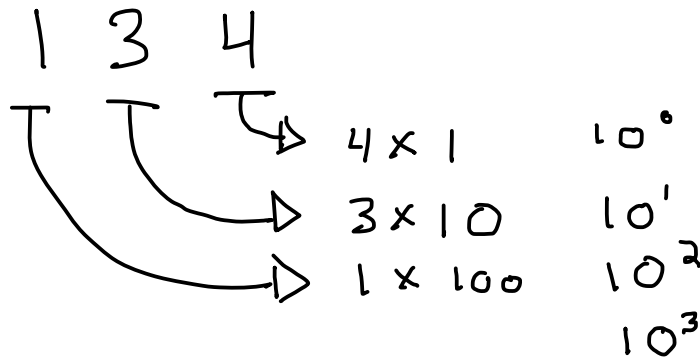
- kilo =  $10^3$  = 1000
- mega =  $10^6$  = 1 million
- giga =  $10^9$  = 1 billion
- tera =  $10^{12}$  = 1 trillion

Base 2 prefixes:

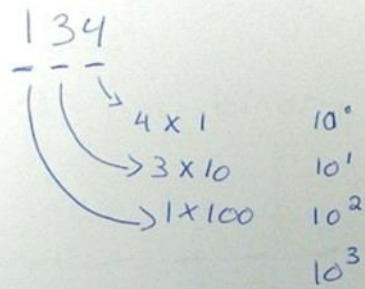
- kibibyte =  $2^{10}$  = 1,024 bytes
- mebibyte =  $2^{20}$  = 1,048,576 bytes
- gibibyte =  $2^{30}$  = 1,073,741,824 bytes
- tebibyte =  $2^{40}$  = 1,099,511,617,792 bytes

Ok but how store  
134 if you only  
have 1 and 0?

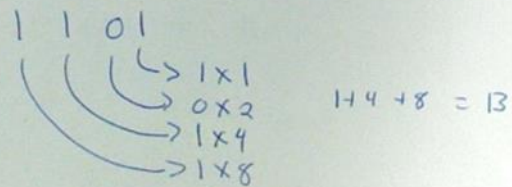
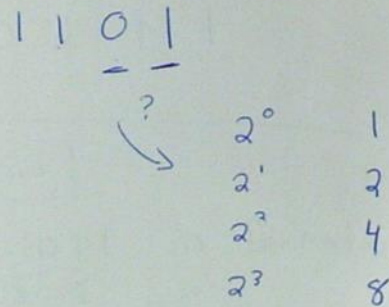
Breakout room:  
w/o looking it up  
brainstorm ways

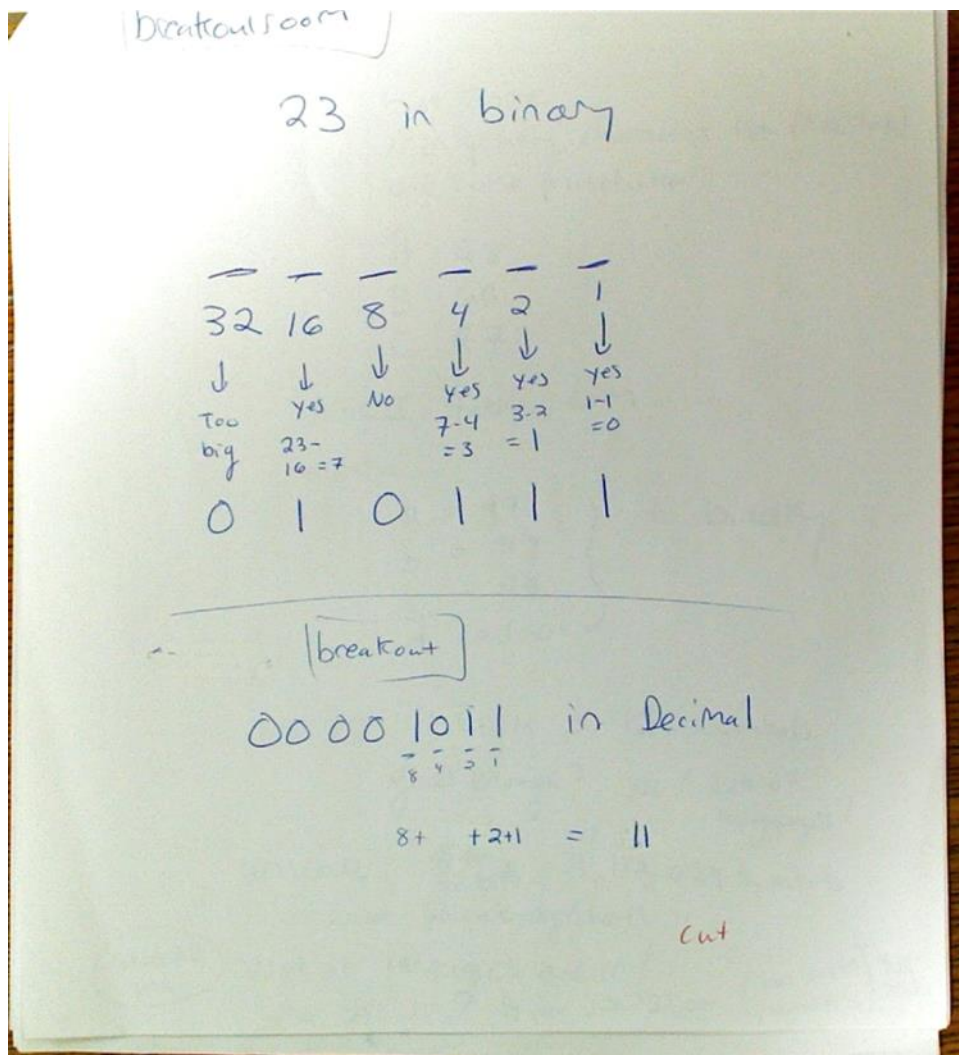


Does it have to be 10s?



but does it have to be 10s?





What about letters? Talk to the person next to you: how would you represent letters in binary?

It's all about agreeing that this pattern in binary represents something: a number, a letter, whatever!

[https://bournetocode.com/projects/GCSE\\_Computing\\_Fundamentals/pages/img/ascii\\_table\\_lge.png](https://bournetocode.com/projects/GCSE_Computing_Fundamentals/pages/img/ascii_table_lge.png)

A 1  
B 2  
C 3  
D 4

but some  
'non printing' characters 1st (like tab)  
and some punctuation

A 65  
B 66  
C 67

Notice

a = 97  
b = 98  
c = 99  
d = 100 } to binary

ASCII 7 bits = 127 Symbols  
good enough? No! Lots of languages!

Unicode 8 to 32 bits 1,112,064 Symbols  
www.unicode.org/charts

slide 77  
ink

Not all languages are in!  
Who decides? Agree with 24,000 (show levels) 338 members 50000

Why isn't A 1? Well, when they invented ASCII people were still looking at raw binary,  
And they wanted the control characters to really be easy to read

But notice A and a and 1 all end in 1 ...so they tried  
But letter 7 and number 7 are not the same!

<https://home.unicode.org/membership/membership-levels/>



# Data Types and Variables

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Integers 8 420 -1

Decimal 1.75 -0.45

AKA float ↑ Floating point

Strings "sphinx of black quartz,  
hears my vow" ↑ required

S P H I X

like a string of letter beads

Why? (more in CSCI 301)

"One" + 1 No can't do this  
different types behave differently  
in Calculations  
and Storage  
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Print("hello world")

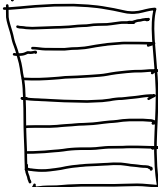
= input("what do you wish")

↑

Save to RAM Pronounced 'puts'

(Save to file on HDD later in 141)

RAM



Space to save many things  
each spot gets an address

0x8048d28

↑ Not human friendly

Wish = input("name?")

variable name (instead of memory  
address)

Exceptions in future classes

```
user_wish = input("Wish: ")
```

Why called variable? Because contents can vary, or change. Lets say we decide the user should want a pony  

```
user_wish = "pony"
```

RAM  

```
user_wish
```

 → 0x80dac57 → ~~"accordian"~~  
"pony"

```
user_wish = input("Your wish?")  
user_wish = "pony"
```

show variable

show heap

show step by step debugger

Can we do this?

Yes → two types string, integer

```
user_wish = 1000000
```

Python is a dynamically typed language

Some programming languages are static type

Static typed means if you make a variable save a string, you can't later make it save a integer. why?

Different data types actually need different amount of space to store in RAM; HDD (more next class!)

Think of Amazon packages:

using custom boxes wastes less but takes more time; attention

using 1 size box for everything is quick; easy but wastes space

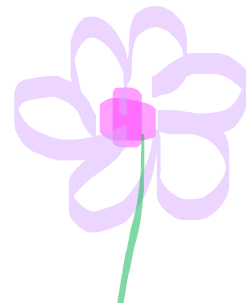
Write;

what type:

```
answer = 4
```

```
answer = "a pony! 5 ponies!"
```

```
answer = 99.9
```



answer = 99.9

So what's in answer?

`print(type(answer))` #demo this between each change

Answer = "4" #one, yes caps means different variable! Two, "4" vs 4

```
1 salary = input("How much money do you want to make?")
2 print(type(salary))
3
4 salary = int(salary)
5
6 bonus = 5
7 new_salary = salary + bonus
8 print(new_salary)
9
10 #dynamically typed
```