

Starter - Homework

- Check your homework with the answers I have provided you with in your notebook. Mark any incorrect answers but keep your final score the same and record in your notebooks.

My Scores:

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Lesson 3

ASCII

Unit 1

Data Representation

! " # \$ % & ' () * + , - . / 0 1 2
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 : ; < = > ? @ A B C D E
F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X
Y Z [\] ^ _ ` a b c d e f g h i j k
l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z { | } ~

Today we are
going to...



**To understand how computers
represent characters**



Success Criteria

Must

Explain the term character set and the use of binary codes to represent characters

SILVER

Should

Use the ASCII character set to find the binary representation of a piece of text

GOLD

Could

Understand the difference in the representation of numbers in ASCII and pure binary

PLATINUM



Representing text

- We have seen that positive integers can be represented in binary
- Negative numbers, and numbers with a decimal point, can also be represented as “pure” binary numbers
- But what about text?
- A different system is needed



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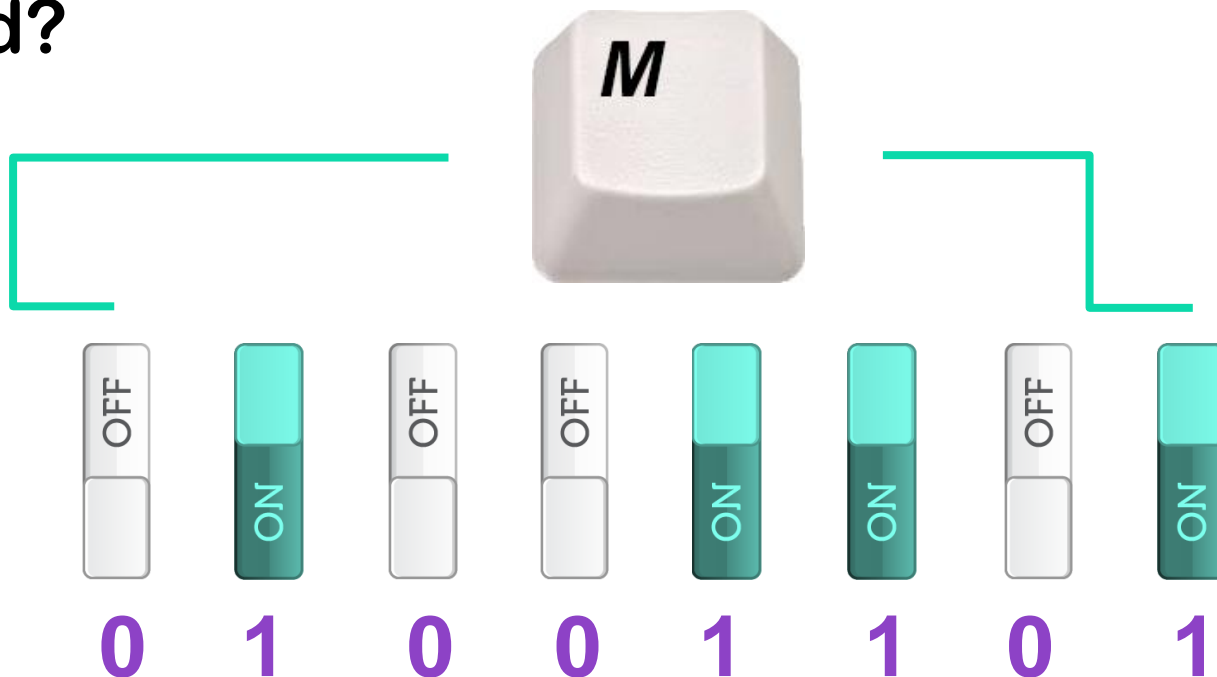
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Representing text characters

- If a computer understands only 1s and 0s, what happens when the 'M' key is pressed on the keyboard?



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Representing characters in binary

- Every character on the keyboard is represented by a binary value
 - Uppercase letters (capitals)
 - Lowercase
 - Punctuation symbols have their own characters
- How many characters are there on a standard keyboard? How many bits would be required to represent this many combinations?

10 digits:

0123456789

26 lower case letters:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

26 upper case letters:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

33 special characters:

`~!@#\$%^&*()-_+=[]\{}|;':",./<>?



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The ASCII code

- **ASCII** (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) has become the standard code, used worldwide
- It was originally developed in the 1960s for representing the English alphabet
- It encodes 128 characters into 7-bit binary codes
- Characters include numbers 0 to 9, uppercase and lowercase letters A-Z, a-z, punctuation symbols and a space character



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ASCII Table

- In a word processor or Notepad, try pressing **ALT+65** on your keyboard (hold down the **ALT** key while you type 65 using the numeric keypad on the right of the keyboard)
- Try typing your initials using **ALT** key combinations

Decimal	Binary	Character	Decimal	Binary	Character	Decimal	Binary	Character
32	00100000	space	64	01000000	@	96	01100000	'
33	00100001	!	65	01000001	A	97	01100001	a
34	00100010	"	66	01000010	B	98	01100010	b
35	00100011	£	67	01000011	C	99	01100011	c
36	00100100	\$	68	01000100	D	100	01100100	d
37	00100101	%	69	01000101	E	101	01100101	e
38	00100110	&	70	01000110	F	102	01100110	f
39	00100111	'	71	01000111	G	103	01100111	g
40	00101000	(72	01001000	H	104	01101000	h
41	00101001)	73	01001001	I	105	01101001	i



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7- and 8-bit ASCII

- Numerous different codes for representing characters have been invented, but ASCII is commonly used nowadays on PCs
- Originally only 7 bits were used but now the eighth bit is used to give extra characters such as ©, ® and many more...

**How many different characters
can be encoded using
7 bits? 8 bits? 16 bits?**



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Using the eighth bit

- Sometimes it is useful to be able to type special characters like á, à, ®
- Here are the codes for some of them:

© Alt+0169

® Alt+0174

á Alt+0225

à Alt+0224

â Alt+0226

ä Alt+0228

- You can try them out!



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Working with string input

- In Python, two strings can be **concatenated**, or joined together, using the + symbol

```
firstname = input("Please input your first name: ")
secondname = input("Please input your second name: ")
fullname = firstname + " " + secondname
print ("Your full name is ",fullname)
```

- If you enter **Mike** for a first name and **Bell** for a second name, the computer will display

Your full name is Mike Bell



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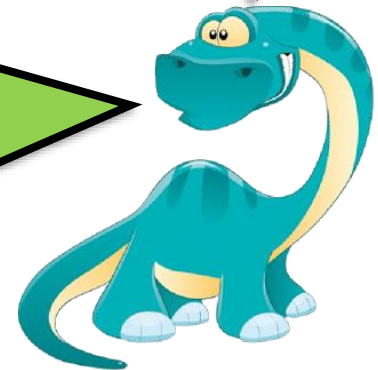


Task! Worksheet 3

•Complete Task 1 on the worksheet

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ASCII representation of numbers

- Try typing **ALT + 55**
- What is the binary representation of the ASCII character 7? Is this the same as the binary value for 7?
- Why not? What does this mean?

Decimal	Binary	Character	Decimal	Binary	Character	Decimal	Binary	Character
48	00110000	0	53	00110101	5	58	00111010	:
49	00110001	1	54	00110110	6	59	00111011	;
50	00110010	2	55	00110111	7	60	00111100	<
51	00110011	3	56	00111000	8	61	00111101	=
52	00110100	4	57	00111001	9	62	00111110	>



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Converting ASCII to pure binary

- Clearly, we cannot do arithmetic with ASCII characters
- Programming languages deal with the input of numbers in different ways
- In some languages, variables have to be declared as type **char**, **string**, **integer**, **real** etc.
- In other languages such as Python, all data is input as string, and if it is to be regarded as an integer, it has to be converted using an inbuilt function

e.g. `xString ← USERINPUT`

`x = INT(xString)`



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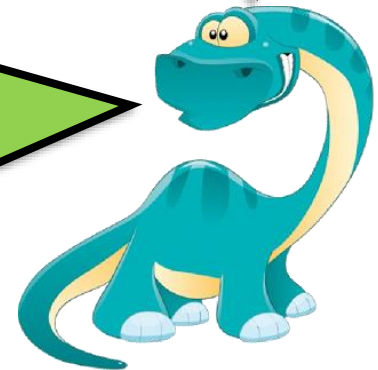


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• Now try Task 2

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Using different alphabets

To represent other alphabets for different languages, a new code allowing for many more characters is needed...

Unicode was developed to use 16 bits

- gives 65,536 possible combinations – enough to represent every character in every language



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Unicode

- To display the word **Olympian** in the Greek alphabet, for example, you could use the Control Panel in Windows to install a Greek keyboard
- Then, of course, you need to buy a new keyboard so you know where the letters are!

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Let's summarise...

- Characters are represented using the **ASCII** code
- **Seven** bits is enough to represent **all** the characters and symbols on an English keyboard
- The extended 8-bit ASCII code allows for **128 extra special** characters such as ©, ®, á
- You **cannot do arithmetic** on ASCII characters representing numbers – they must first be converted to pure binary numbers
- **Unicode** provides a unique binary code for every character in every language



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Checkpoint



✓ How confident are you?



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Cool down

1. Complete the skills 'checklist'
2. Answer the confidence question and complete a row in you progress diary



3. Review



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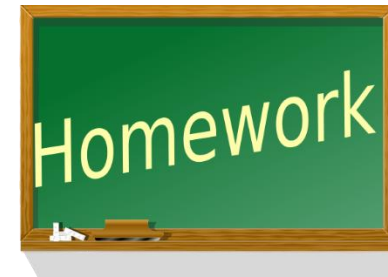
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