

# Functional Programming

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# Last week

We covered data types and collections

- Discriminated unions
- Maps
- Sets
- Data representation

# This week

- Modules
- More maps and sets (the assignment)
- Some more programming examples
- Stateful programs - non-functional properties

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You will get full assignment credit for the slow dictionary, but you will not be able to pass all of the tests, or use it in Scrabble later

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We will give you a dictionary for your project if you choose to do the slow one, but it will not be as good as one you make yourself



# Questions?



# Modules

- Modular programming design
  - ▶ Encapsulation
  - ▶ Abstraction
  - ▶ Reuse of components
- A module is characterised by
  - ▶ A signature (.fsi -file)
  - ▶ A matching implementation (.fs file)

# Signatures

Signatures are given in .fsi-files

```
module ModuleName  
  type T    (required type)  
  val f : <type> (required function)  
  val g : <type> (required function)  
  ...  
  ...
```

.fsi-files list the types (if any) that must be defined, and the visible functions (if any) that must be implemented

# Implementations

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```
module ModuleName (same as .fsi)
  type T = <def> (must be discrete
                union or record)
  let f = <implementation>
  let g = <implementation>
  ...
  ...
```

implementation types must match  
.fsi types

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  let
```

- Important! You will get very weird error
- messages if you say 'type T = int', for
- instance



# Rational numbers

Let's write a small library for rational numbers

- Create a new project
- Create an .fsi file and define the signatures
- Create an .fs file and write the implementation

# Title Text

Recall that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad - bc}{bd}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} * \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} / \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

# Let's code



# Rational1.fsi

```
module Rational1  
  type Rat
```

```
  val mkRat : int -> int -> Rat
```

```
  val ( + ) : Rat -> Rat -> Rat
```

```
  val ( - ) : Rat -> Rat -> Rat
```

```
  val ( * ) : Rat -> Rat -> Rat
```

```
  val ( / ) : Rat -> Rat -> Rat
```

# Rational1.fs

```
module Rational1
  type Rat = R of int * int

  let mkRat a b = R (a, b)

  let ( + ) (R (a, b)) (R (c, d)) =
    R (a * d + b * c, b * d)
  let ( - ) (R (a, b)) (R (c, d)) =
    R (a * d - b * c, b * d)
  let ( * ) (R (a, b)) (R (c, d)) =
    R (a * c, b * d)
  let ( / ) r (R (c, d)) =
    mkRat a d * mkRat b c
```

# Program.fs

```
open Rational1
```

```
printfn "%A" (mkRat 12 2 + mkRat 12 4)
```

```
printfn "%A" (mkRat 12 2 - mkRat 12 4)
```

```
printfn "%A" (mkRat 12 2 * mkRat 12 4)
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Typing error

# Problem

We have replaced the definition of  $+$ . It can now only be used for operations on rational numbers

# Solutions?

- Replace (+) with something else, like (.+.) (works, but wont scale)
- Override the definition of + (F# is object oriented after all)

# Let's code



# Rational2.fsi

```
module Rational2
  [<Sealed>]
  type Rat =
    static member ( + ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
    static member ( - ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
    static member ( * ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
    static member ( / ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat

  val mkRat : int -> int -> Rat
```

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module Rational2
  [<Sealed>]
  type Rat =
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      Rat * Rat -> Rat
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```

# Rational2.fs

```
module Rational2
  type Rat =
    | R of int * int
  static member ( + ) (R (a, b), R (c, d)) =
    R (a * d + b * c, b * d)
  static member ( - ) (R (a1, b1), R (a2, b2)) =
    R (a * d - b * c, b * d)
  static member ( * ) (R (a, b), R (c, d)) =
    R (a * c, b * d)
  static member ( / ) (r, R (c, d)) =
    mkRat a d * mkRat b c

  let mkRat a b = R (a, b)
```

# Program.fs

```
open Rational2
```

```
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No typing error -  
overloading works

# Problem

We do not have unique representations  
of rational numbers

# Solution

## Euclid's algorithm

$$\gcd(x, y) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } y = 0 \\ \gcd(y, \text{remainder}(x, y)) & \text{if } x \geq y \text{ and } y > 0 \end{cases}$$



# Let's code

# Rational3.fsi

```
module Rational2
  [<Sealed>]
  type Rat =
    static member ( + ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
    static member ( - ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
    static member ( * ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
    static member ( / ) :
      Rat * Rat -> Rat

  val mkRat : int -> int -> Rat
```

# Rational3.fsi

```

module Rational2
  [<Sealed>]
  type Rat =
    sealed class member ( / ) :
      Rat
      Rat
      Rat
      Rat
      Rat * Rat -> Rat
  val mkRat : int -> int -> Rat

```

# Rational3.fs

```
module Rational3
  type Rat =
    | R of int * int

  let gcd a b
    let rec aux a =
      function
        | 0 -> a
        | b -> aux b (a % b)
    aux (max a b) (min a b)

  let gcdRat (R (a, b)) =
    let c = gcd a b in R (a / c, b / c)

  type Rat with
    static member ( + ) (R (a, b), R (c, d)) =
      R (a * d + b * c, b * d) |> gcdRat
```

...

# Program.fs

```
open Rational3
```

```
printfn "%A" (mkRat 12 2 + mkRat 12 4)
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```

And now we get the desired output

# Final problem

When we print we expose  
implementation details ( $R(a, b)$  should  
be internal to the module)



# Solution

Override the ToString method

# Let's code

# Rational4.fs

```
module Rational4
```

```
    type Rat =
```

```
        | R of int * int
```

```
    override q.ToString() =
```

```
        match q with
```

```
            | R (a, b) -> sprintf "(%d / %d)" a b
```

```
...
```

```
    printfn "%A" (mkRat 3 6)
```

Now outputs "(1 / 2)"

# Imperative features

- References
- Sequencing
- Mutable data
- Arrays
- Loops

# Functional values

Functional values never change

```
let x = 15;;  
    val x : int = 15  
  
let y = fib x;;  
    val y : int = 987  
  
x;;  
    val it : int = 15
```

Calling fib  
does not  
change  
the value  
of x

# References

References are stored on the heap

```
let x = ref 5;;  
val x : int ref = {contents = 5;}
```

dereferenced using  
the !-operator

```
!x;;  
val it : int = 5
```

Updated using :=

```
x := 6;;  
val it : unit = ()
```



# References

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Updating a reference is a side effect.  
The value of the calculation is () (unit)

This is standard - operations with side effects (writing to files, memory, stdout...) typically return ()

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```

# Aliasing

References can be aliased

```
let x = ref 5;;  
    val x : int ref = {contents = 5;}  
  
let y = x;;  
    val y : int ref = {contents = 5;}  
  
y := 10;;  
    val it : unit = ()  
  
x;;  
    val it : int ref = {contents = 10;}
```

# Sequencing

Similarly to imperative languages we can string together expressions with ;

$e1; e2$

- This expression has the same type as  $e2$
- If  $e1$  has any other type than unit then a warning will be generated
- ; separates expressions, it does not end them



# Sequencing

Similarly to imperative languages we can string together expressions with ;

- This type as  
e2  
Sequencing should only be used to string together expressions with side effects and then finally return a value
- If e1 hit then  
a warning will be generated
- ; separates expressions, it does not end them

# You can do weird stuff

```
let ( * ) x y = x := 5; !x * y;;  
val ( * ) : x:int ref -> y:int -> int
```

```
let x = ref 10;;  
val x : int ref = {contents = 10;}
```

```
x * 7;;  
val it : int = 35
```

```
x;;  
val it : int ref = {contents = 5;}
```



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There are very few places where references are useful (and **never** do this particular thing)

# Mutable Variables

- Mutable variables are defined using the 'mutable' keyword
- They are stored on the stack (when possible)
- They behave much more like variables in imperative languages do
- They cannot be aliased
- They are mutated using the <- operator

# Mutable Variables

```
let mutable x = 10;;  
val mutable x : int = 10
```

```
let mutable y = x;;  
val mutable y : int = 10
```

```
x <- 20;;  
val it : unit = ()
```

```
x;;  
val it : int = 20
```

```
y;;  
val it : int = 10
```



# Mutable Variables

```
let mutable x = 10;;  
val mutable x : int = 10
```

New mutable  
variable x

```
let mutable y = x;;  
val mutable y : int = 10
```

New mutable  
variable y

```
x <- 20;;  
val it : unit = ()
```

Mutate x

```
x;;  
val it : int = 20
```

Evaluate x

```
y;;  
val it : int = 10
```

Evaluate y

# Back to References

References are actually record types with a single mutable field.

```
type Ref<'a> =  
  { mutable contents: 'a }
```

```
let (!) r = r.contents
```

```
let (:=) r x = r.contents <- x
```

# Which to use

- We nearly always choose mutable variables over references (aliasing is often a very bad idea)
- Most frequently found in object-oriented code inside class declarations
- References are about as useful as singleton arrays.



# Arrays

- Arrays function as in imperative languages
- Not functional
- They still have many uses for performance reasons

# Array creation

## Array literals

```
[|1; 2; 3; 4; 5|];;  
val it : int [] = [|1; 2; 3; 4; 5|]
```

## Array creation

```
Array.create 5 3;;  
val it : int [] = [|3; 3; 3; 3; 3|]
```

## Array initialisation

```
Array.init 5 (fun x -> x * 2);;  
val it : int [] = [|0; 2; 4; 6; 8|]
```

# Array update

```
let arr = Array.create 5 3;;  
    val arr : int [] = [|3; 3; 3; 3; 3|]  
  
arr.[3] <- 42;;  
    val it : unit = ()  
  
arr;;  
    val it : int [] = [|3; 3; 3; 42; 3|]
```

Note that updating the array is a side effect

# Array library

Go through the Array library

- Initialisers
- Maps
- Folds
- Iterators
- ...

# While-loops

While loops do exist, and do not behave like you are used to

```
while b do e
```

While b is true, do e, and throw away the result - only works on side effects

A while expression always has  
type unit

# An example

```
let f arr =  
  let mutable x = 0;  
  while x < Array.length arr do  
    arr.[x] <- arr.[x] * 3;  
    x <- x + 1;;  
  val f : arr:int [] -> unit  
  
let arr = Array.init 5 (fun x -> x + 7);;  
val arr : int [] = [|7; 8; 9; 10; 11|]  
  
f arr;;  
val it : unit = ()  
  
arr;;  
val it : int [] = [|21; 24; 27; 30; 33|]
```



# An example

```
let f arr =
  let mutable x = 0;
  while x < Array.length arr do
    arr.[x] <- arr.[x] * 3;
    x <- x + 1;;
```

This might seem familiar, but do not use loops.  
We dock points if you do.

```
f
val it : unit = ()

arr;;
val it : int [] = [|21; 24; 27; 30; 33|]
```

# An example

```
let arr = Array.init 5 (fun x -> x + 7);;  
val arr : int [] = [|7; 8; 9; 10; 11|]
```

```
Array.map (( * ) 3) arr;;  
val it : int [] = [|21; 24; 27; 30; 33|]
```

- Shorter, cleaner, nicer
- No risk for infinite loops

# Iterators

Iterators are higher-order functions that use side effects

```
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```
Array.iter (printfn "element: %d")  
           [|7; 8; 9; 10; 11|];;  
element: 7  
element: 8  
element: 9  
element: 10  
element: 11  
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```
Array.iteri (printfn "index: %d\t element: %d")  
            [|7; 8; 9; 10; 11|];;  
index: 0      element: 7  
index: 1      element: 8  
index: 2      element: 9  
index: 3      element: 10  
index: 4      element: 11  
val it : unit = ()
```



# Tries

Tries, or prefix trees, are efficient data structures for dictionaries

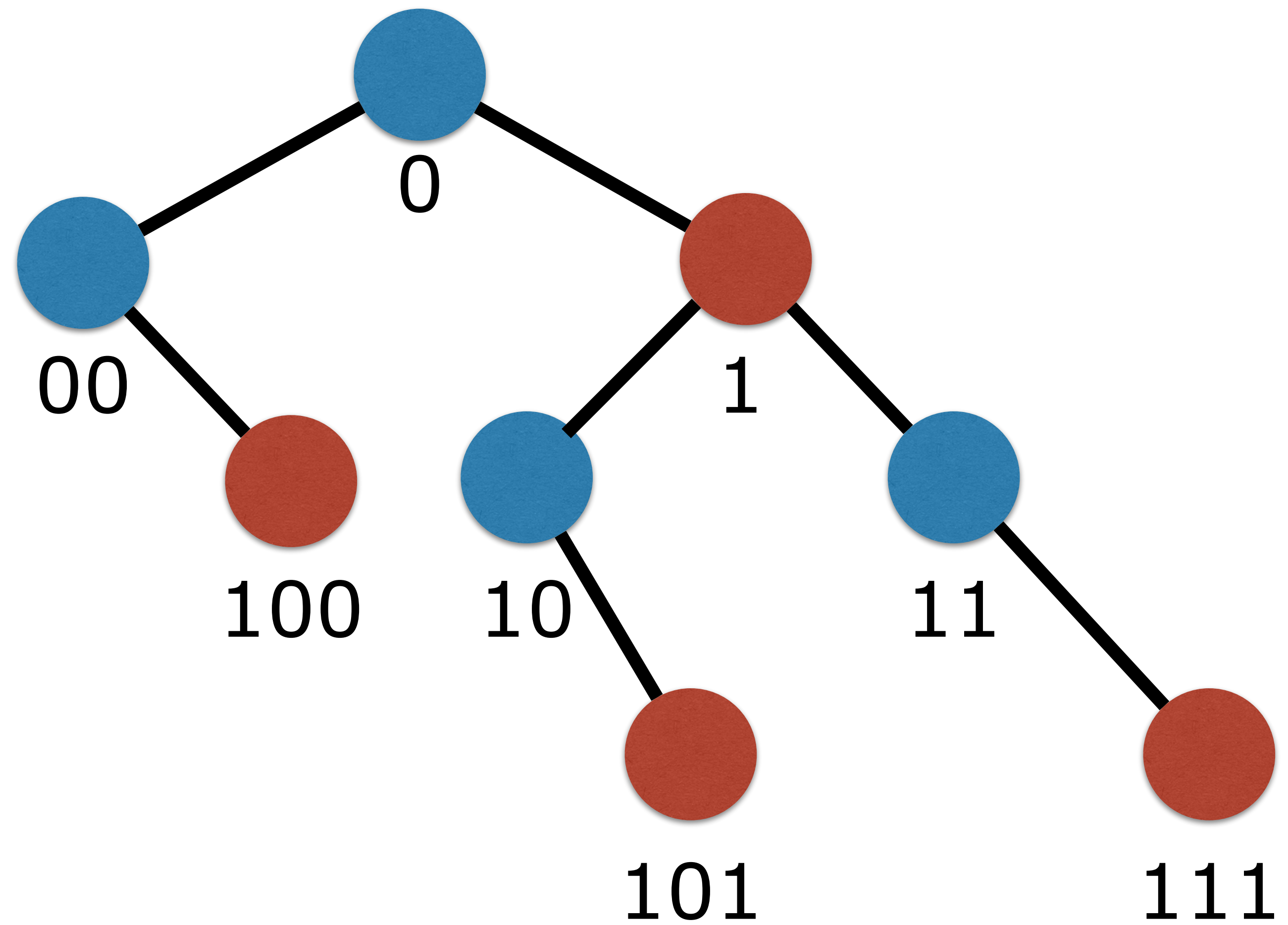
- Lookup and insertion is linear with respect to the size of the word
- Consists of a tree with one sub-tree per letter of the alphabet
- Every node and leaf has a boolean flag to tell if a complete word has been found at this point

# Binary tries

Binary tries can be used to store integers

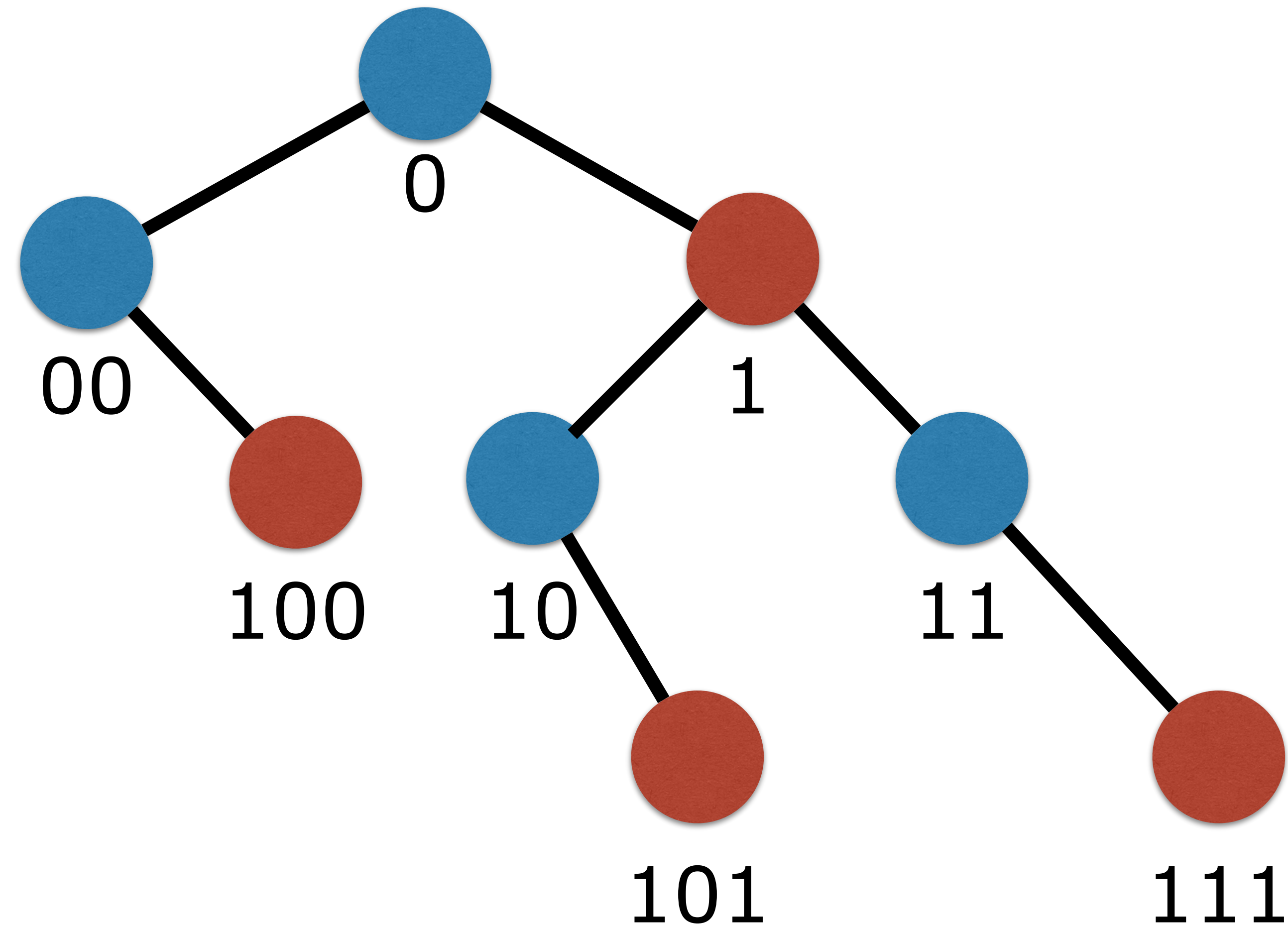
- Lookup and insertion is  $O(\log n)$  where  $n$  is the number we are working with
- We go left if the last bit is 0
- We go right if the last bit is 1
- We shift  $n$  right when we go down
- We set or check the flag if  $n$  is 0

# Example



# Example

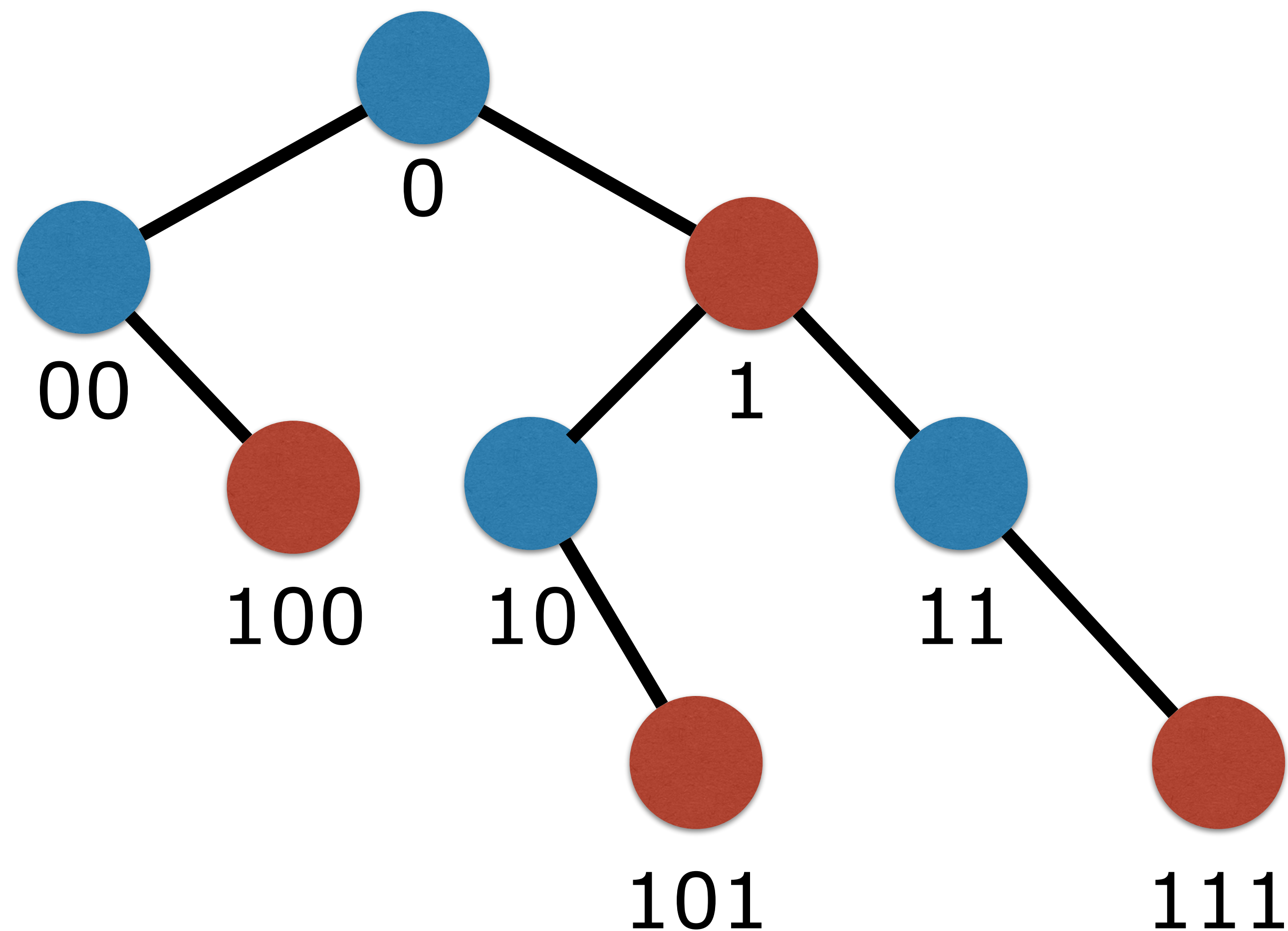
Red nodes means  
flag is set and  
number exists in  
the trie



# Example

The Trie contains the numbers

- 4 (100)
- 1 (1)
- 5 (101)
- 7 (111)





# Let's code



# Binary tries (empty)

```
type BTrie =  
  | Leaf of bool  
  | Node of bool * BTrie * BTrie  
  
let empty = Leaf false
```

# Binary tries (insertion)

```

let rec insert x =
  function
  | Leaf _          when x = 0u -> Leaf true
  | Node (_, l, r) when x = 0u -> Node(true, l, r)

  | Leaf b          when x % 2u = 0u ->
    Node(b, insert (x / 2u) empty, empty)
  | Leaf b          ->
    Node(b, empty, insert (x / 2u) empty)

  | Node (b, l, r) when x % 2u = 0u ->
    Node(b, insert (x / 2u) l, r)
  | Node (b, l, r) ->
    Node(b, l, insert (x / 2u) r)

```

# Binary tries (insertion)

```
let rec insert x =  
  function
```

```
|  
|  
|  
|  
|  
|  
|  
|
```

We could of course have used integers here  
but since one of the assignments calls for  
unsigned integers here is an example of how  
to use them

```
l, r)
```

```
| Node (b, l, r) →  
|   Node(b, l, insert (x / 2u) r)
```

# Binary tries (lookup)

```

let rec lookup x =
  function
  | Leaf b           when x = 0u          -> b
  | Leaf _           -> false

  | Node (b, _, _)   when x = 0u          -> b
  | Node (_, l, _)   when x % 2u = 0u     ->
    lookup (x / 2u) l
  | Node (_, _, r)   ->
    lookup (x / 2u) r

```



# n-ary tries

- Work the same, but typically use maps or arrays in the nodes - one element per letter in the alphabet
- If using arrays:
  - ▶ Keep size minimal to keep down construction time and memory usage.
  - ▶ Be aware that arrays are imperative (dictionaries are permanently changed by insertion)

# n-ary tries

- Work the same, but typically use maps or arrays in the nodes - one element per letter in the alphabet
- If using a map
  - ▶ In our performance tests maps perform as well as arrays and they are easier to work with as you do not have to know the size of your alphabet before you start.
- ▶ Keep size of array constant
- ▶ Be aware that arrays are imperative (dictionaries are permanently changed by insertion)



# Questions?