

Computer Science Explorations

Activity – Practicing the Naming Game Using the Hand Method

Instructions:

Read the information below, doing what you are asked. If you are unsure what to do, ask your teacher.

Learning Target(s):

"I can quickly map items to binary using the Squirrel Girl hand method."

"I understand what a subscript means when communicating a number in writing."

Use your notes as well as the resources in this module to do the following:

In Google Docs, something similar, or using a pen and paper, read the numbered prompts below and respond as appropriate.

Numbers seem super-important in computer science—we, with computers, use them to “name” EVERYTHING.

1. We have studied two different kinds of numbers: binary and decimal. What is the technical name of our “regular” numbers?

*A **subscript** is often used to make clear what kind of number we are trying to communicate when we write. Review your notes about the Naming Game before you continue!*

2. What is the subscript in this number: 00001_2 ? What does that subscript tell us about that number?

3. The subscript of this number is ten: 1_{10} . Is this a binary number? Why?

4. Using the Squirrel Girl hand method—with five fingers—complete the following mapping:

Human name:

(a decimal
number)

Computer name:

(a five-bit binary number)

0_{10}	↔	00000_2
1_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
2_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
3_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
4_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
5_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
6_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
7_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
8_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
9_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
10_{10}	↔	01010_2
11_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
12_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
13_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
14_{10}	↔	<input type="text"/>
15_{10}	↔	01111_2

- Re-read the learning targets of this activity; did you meet all of them? If not, go back and fix that.
- If you are going to submit a photograph of written work, make sure that the photo is legible and clear!
- Submit your responses to your teacher for grading.