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Computer Structures

Number Representation

Part #1

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Outline

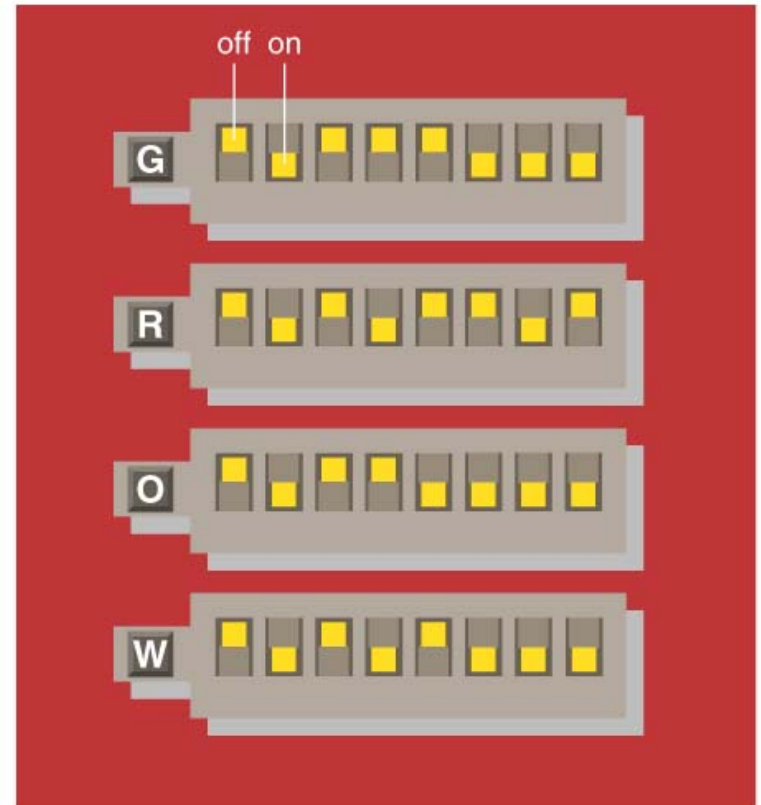
- ❑ Part 1: representation of unsigned numbers
 - Binary and hexadecimal

- ❑ Part 2: representation of signed numbers
 - 1's complement
 - 2's complement

Recall: The Binary (Numbering) System

The Binary System: Using On/Off Electrical States to Represent Data & Instructions

- ❑ The binary system has only two symbols - 0 and 1
- ❑ **Bit** - binary digit
- ❑ **Byte** - group of 8 bits used to represent one character, digit, or other value



Arithmetic with Binary Numbers

Binary Arithmetic for Whole Numbers (Integers) (Counting Begins with 0, not 1)

Integer	Binary
0	0
1	1
2	10
3	11
4	100
5	101
6	110
7	111
8	1000

**“There are 10 kinds of people—
those who understand binary and those who don’t”**

Decimal and Binary representation

□ 257 (decimal)

• $(2 \cdot 10^2) + (5 \cdot 10^1) + (7 \cdot 10^0)$

□ 1100 (binary)

• $(1 \cdot 2^3) + (1 \cdot 2^2) + (0 \cdot 2^1) + (0 \cdot 2^0)$

□ Positional notation (base 10 or 2)

position

base

digit

Numbers: positional notation



□ Number Base $B \Rightarrow B$ symbols per digit:

- Base 10 (Decimal): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Base 2 (Binary): 0, 1

□ Number representation:

- $d_{31}d_{30} \dots d_1d_0$ is a 32 digit number
- $\text{value} = d_{31} \times B^{31} + d_{30} \times B^{30} + \dots + d_1 \times B^1 + d_0 \times B^0$

□ Binary: 0,1 (In binary digits called “bits”)

- $0b11010 = 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$
 $= 16 + 8 + 2$
 $= 26$
- Here 5 digit binary # turns into a 2 digit decimal #

Convert Binary to Decimal

■ 110001 (binary) \rightarrow decimal?

■ 1 1 0 0 0 1

■ 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0

■ $1 * 2^5 + 1 * 2^4 + 0 * 2^3 + 0 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0$

■ $32 + 16 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1$

■ 49 (decimal)

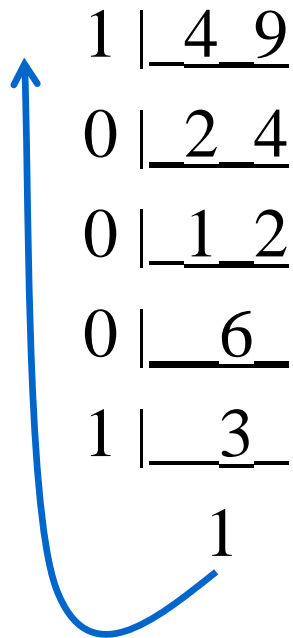
Exercise



- Convert the following binary numbers to decimal
 - 100111
 - 1101101

Convert Decimal to Binary

■ 49 (decimal) \rightarrow binary?



■ 110001 (binary)

Exercise




- Convert the following decimal numbers to binary
 - 25
 - 106

Can we find a base that
converts to binary easily?

Hexadecimal Numbers: Base 16

4 Bits (Base 2)*	Decimal (Base 10)	Hexadecimal (Base 16) Symbol
0000	0	0 hex
0001	1	1 hex
0010	2	2 hex
0011	3	3 hex
0100	4	4 hex
0101	5	5 hex
0110	6	6 hex
0111	7	7 hex

Begin
Counting at
Zero



- With 4 bits, there are $2^4=16$ possible symbols.

Hexadecimal Numbers: Base 16

4 Bits (Base 2)	Decimal (Base 10)	Hexadecimal (Base 16) Symbol
1000	8	8 hex
1001	9	9 hex
1010	10	A hex
1011	11	B hex
1100	12	C hex
1101	13	D hex
1110	14	E hex
1111	15	F hex

After 9,
Count A
Through F

Hexadecimal Numbers: Base 16

❑ Hexadecimal:

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F

- Normal digits + 6 more from the alphabet
- Often written as 0x... (e.g., 0xFAB5)

❑ Conversion: Binary ⇔ Hex

- 1 hex digit represents 16 decimal values
 - 4 binary digits represent 16 decimal values
- ⇒ 1 hex digit replaces 4 binary digits

❑ One hex digit is a “**nibble**”. Two is a “**byte**”

❑ Example:

- 1010 1011 0111 (binary) = 0x_____ ?

Decimal vs. Hexadecimal vs. Binary

Examples:

1010 1100 0011 (binary)

=

10111 (binary)

= 0001 0111 (binary)

=

0x3F9

=

00	0	0000
01	1	0001
02	2	0010
03	3	0011
04	4	0100
05	5	0101
06	6	0110
07	7	0111
08	8	1000
09	9	1001
10	A	1010
11	B	1011
12	C	1100
13	D	1101
14	E	1110
15	F	1111

Which base do we use?



- ❑ **Decimal:** great for humans, especially when doing arithmetic
- ❑ **Binary:** what computers use;
 - To a computer, numbers always binary no matter how we write them:
 - $32_{\text{ten}} == 32_{10} == 0x20 == 100000_2 == 0b100000$
 - Will learn how computers do +, -, *, /
 - And design circuits to do them
- ❑ **Hex?**
 - Easy to convert from binary to hex, and vice versa
 - Shorter than binary, making programs more succinct
 - Great for programmers!

Binary Encoding for Alternatives

Bits	Alternatives	Examples
1	$2^1=2$	Male = 0, Female = 1
2	$2^2=4$	Spring = 00, Summer = 01, Autumn = 10, Winter = 11
8	$2^8=256$	Keyboard characters for U.S. keyboards. Space=00000000, etc. ASCII code

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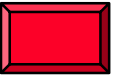


Encoding Alternatives
(Product number, region, gender, etc.)
(N bits can represent 2^N Alternatives)

Number of Bits In Field (N)	Number of Alternatives That Can be Encoded with N bits
1	2 (2^1)
2	4 (2^2)
3	8 (2^3)
4	16 (2^4)
8	256 (2^8)
16	65,536 (2^{16})
...	...

Each added bit doubles the number of alternatives that can be represented

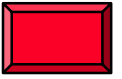
BIG IDEA: Bits can represent anything!!



- ❑ Characters?
 - ASCII and Unicode
- ❑ Text?
- ❑ Logical values?
 - $0 \Rightarrow \text{False}$, $1 \Rightarrow \text{True}$
- ❑ Colors ?
- ❑ Images?
- ❑ Audio?
- ❑ Locations / addresses? commands?

- ❑ **MEMORIZE:** N bits \Leftrightarrow at most 2^N things

What to do with representations of numbers?



□ Just what we do with numbers!

- Add them
- Subtract them
- Multiply them
- Divide them
- Compare them

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ + & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

□ Example: $10 + 7 = 17$

$$1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1$$

- ...so simple to add in binary that we can build circuits to do it!
- subtraction just as you would in decimal
- Comparison: How do you tell if $X > Y$?