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Assembly for Reverse Engineering

Bases and Logical Functions

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Assembly Book

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- https://data.cyber.org.il/assembly/assembly_book.pdf

Bases

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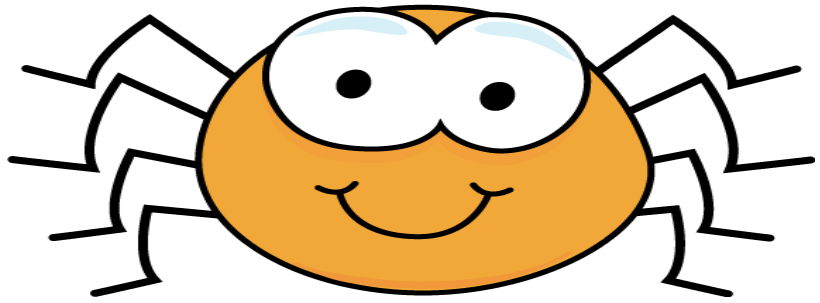
- Base 10:
  - Digits: 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
  - Representing 10 requires 2 digits
- Base N:
  - Digits: 0,…, N-1
  - Representing N requires 2 digits
- How many legs do I have in base 3?



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Write down the first 22 numbers in base 7

(0, 1, …)

Bases Conversion

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- Convert 199 in base 5-

Operation	Reminder
199:5= 39	4
39:5= 7	4
7:5= 1	2
1:5= 0	1

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Convert 300 to base 4

Base 2

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- Only 0, 1
- The value of each digit is according to it's position:

2^7	2^6	2^5	2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1

- For example = $16+2+1=19_{10}$ 10011_2

2^7	2^6	2^5	2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
-	-	-	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**

Decimal to Binary

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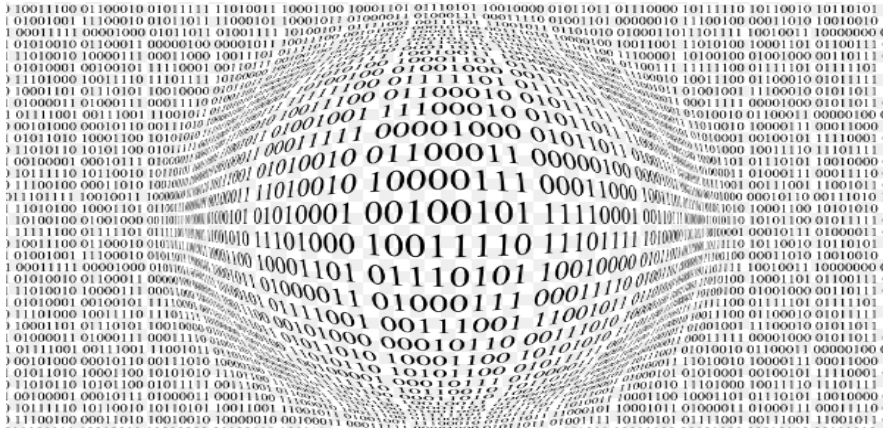
- Let's reverse 19_{10} back to base 2:

Operation	Reminder
19:2= 9	1
9:2= 4	1
4:2= 2	0
2:2= 1	0
1:2= 0	1

Try it:

Convert 10011110 to base 10



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Convert 199 to base 2

Base 16 - Hexdecimal

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15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

- Some valid numbers, sometimes used as magic numbers (initialize memory, default passwords):
  - 0x4B1D
  - 0xC0DE
  - 0xC0FFEE
  - 0xBADF00D
  - 0xDEADBEAF

Hex 2 Bin

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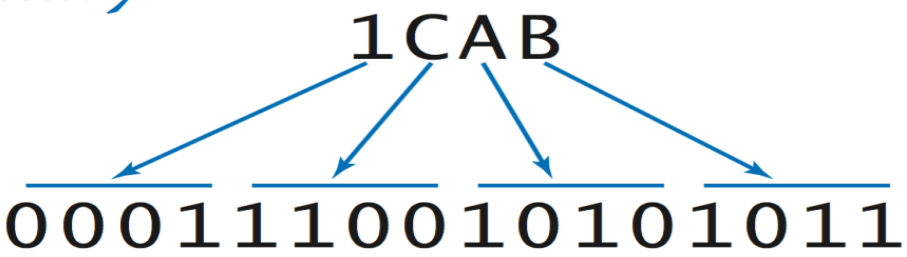
- Easy! Simply convert each Hex digit to 4 Binaries
- 4 Binaries – “Nibble”

hex to binary



Hex	Bin
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001
A	1010
B	1011
C	1100
D	1101
E	1110
F	1111

Try it:

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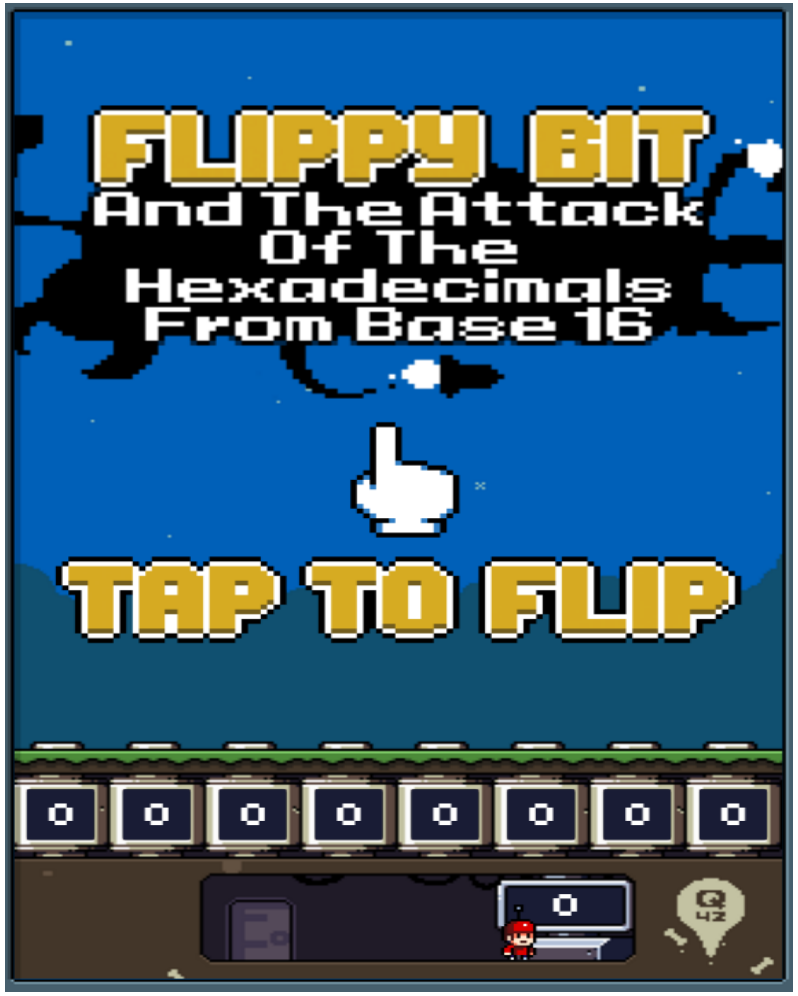
- Search “Flippy bit”
- Reach score 15



Multiplying by Base

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- In base 10, how do we multiply a number by 10?
- In base 2, multiply by 2 = add zero
- In base 16, multiply by 16 = add zero

- $101011_2 \times 10_2 =$ 1010110
- $0xABCD \times 0x10 =$ 0xABCD0

Storing numbers in memory

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- Computers use fixed number of bits to store numbers
- Otherwise, how can we tell if 1111 is 15 or 3,3?
- Next slides shall use byte (8 bits) size numbers

2’s Complement

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- Problem: represent negative numbers
- Method: negate and add 1
- Example: 6 is 0000 0110. How about -6?

$$\begin{array}{r} 11111001 \\ +\quad\quad\quad 1 \\ \hline 11111010 \end{array}$$

- Advantage: sum is always zero

$$\begin{array}{r} 00000110 \\ +\ 11111010 \\ \hline (1)00000000 \end{array}$$

Signed Binary to Decimal

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- If the number is positive (left bit == 0):
  - “Normal” conversion
  - Each bit has the value of it’s index^2
- If the number is negative (left bit == 1):
  - Find the 2’s complement (a positive number)
  - Convert like a positive number
  - Change sign to minus

Try it:

Convert -12 to base 2

Try it:

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Convert to base 10:

11001000 as unsigned

11001000 as signed

Logical Functions

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- AND
- OR
- XOR
- NOT

AND

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AND	1	0
1	1	0
0	0	0

0000 0111 and
1001 0110

0000 0110

AND

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- Using AND, how can we-
  - Check if a number is even?
  - Check if a number divides by 4?
  - A signed number is negative?

- ‘Mask’ – A set of bits used for isolating and operating on certain bits

XOR

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XOR	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	0

- XOR is equal to ADD modulo 2
- A set of bits XOR the same set of bits == 0
- Useful in encryption

XOR - Encryption

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Message : 1001 0011

Key : 0101 0100

xor : 1001 0011
0101 0100

Encrypted :1100 0111

xor : 1100 0111
0101 0100

Decrypted: 1001 0011