

Binary-to-text encodings

Topic of Software Systems (TCS module 2)

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REPRESENTING BINARY DATA (BYTE ARRAYS)

A byte-array:

```
byte[] data;
```

How to print its content?

Turning Strings into byte-arrays (using default encoding).

```
byte[] data = "Software Systemen".getBytes();
```

As a list of numbers?

23, 24, 37, 64, 62

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		119	w
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		121	y
		122	z
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		124	
		125	}
		126	~

REPRESENTING NUMBERS

(RECAP MODULE 1)

$$0 \cdot 2^7 + 1 \cdot 2^6 + 1 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

01101101₂

binary
(base 2)

ASCII/UTF-8 representation: 'm'

$$1 \cdot 8^2 + 5 \cdot 8^1 + 5 \cdot 8^0$$

155₈

octal
(base 8)

$$1 \cdot 10^2 +$$

decimal
(base 10)

$$0_{10} = 0_{16}$$

$$1_{10} = 1_{16}$$

$$2_{10} = 2_{16}$$

$$3_{10} = 3_{16}$$

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$$5_{10} = 5_{16}$$

$$6_{10} = 6_{16}$$

$$7_{10} = 7_{16}$$

$$8_{10} = 8_{16}$$

$$9_{10} = 9_{16}$$

$$10_{10} = A_{16}$$

$$11_{10} = B_{16}$$

$$12_{10} = C_{16}$$

$$13_{10} = D_{16}$$

$$14_{10} = E_{16}$$

$$15_{10} = F_{16}$$

$$6 \cdot 16^1 + 13 \cdot 16^0$$

6D₁₆

hexadecimal
(base 16)

REPRESENTING BINARY DATA

A byte-array:

```
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How to print its content?

Hexadecimal!

536f6674776172652053797374656d656e

1st byte (data[0]) 2nd byte (data[1])

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Use more printable characters: base64

A MORE (SPACE) EFFICIENT BINARY-TO-TEXT ENCODING: BASE64

Value	Char	Value	Char	Value	Char	Value	Char
0	A	16	Q	32	g	48	w
1	B	17	R	33	h	49	x
2	C	18	S	34	i	50	y
3	D	19	T	35	j	51	z
4	E	20	U	36	k	52	0
5	F	21	V	37	l	53	1
6	G	22	W	38	m	54	2
7	H	23	X	39	n	55	3
8	I	24	Y	40	o	56	4
9	J	25	Z	41	p	57	5
10	K	26	a	42	q	58	6
11	L	27	b	43	r	59	7
12	M	28	c	44	s	60	8
13	N	29	d	45	t	61	9
14	O	30	e	46	u	62	+
15	P	31	f	47	v	63	/

6 bits per character: $2^6 = 64$ different characters (26 + 26 + 10 + 2)

Text content	M	a	n
ASCII	77 (0x4d)	97 (0x61)	110 (0x6e)
Bit pattern	0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0	0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0	
Index	19	22	5
Base64-encoded	T	W	F

Note: padding is needed!

BASE64 EXAMPLES

```
byte[] data = "Software Systemen".getBytes();
```

Base64 → U29mdHdhcmUgU3lzdGVtZW4=

```
byte[] data = "Software Systemen 2018".getBytes();
```

Base64 → U29mdHdhcmUgU3lzdGVtZW4gMjAxOA==

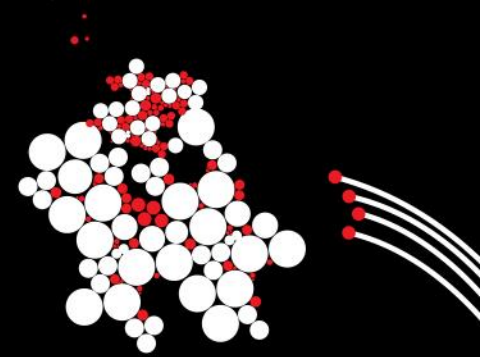
```
byte[] data = " Software Systemen 2018".getBytes();
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Base64 → IFNvZnR3YXJlIFN5c3RlbWVuIDIwMTg=

padding

NOTES ON ENCODING

- Use libraries for this! (e.g., Apache Commons Codec library)
- Superfluous remark: encoding is not encryption!



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