CS 241: Systems Programming
Lecture 12. Bits and Bytes 1

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Computers use binary

Everything in a computer is stored and manipulated as a collection of bits

- The bits mean something only in how they are used, **not** what they are

Example with 32-bits: `01000011010100110100001101001001`

- As a integer: 1129530185
- As a (single-precision) floating point number: 211.262833
- As a sequence of four ASCII characters: CSCI
- As 32-bit x86 instructions:

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inc   ebx
push  ebx
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Convert the octal value 031 to decimal

A. 7
B. 25
C. 31
D. 49
E. 248

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- `0002345` (We prepended a 0 to denote octal)

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Convert the 16-bit binary number `0b11001010_11111110` to hex.

(I added an underscore to separate the two groups of 8 bits to improve readability.)

A. `0xBEEF`

B. `0xCAFE`

C. `0xDEAD`

D. `0xFACE`

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Alternative view of hex/octal

Binary is a pain to read/work with

- Consider a 64-bit number **`0b010011000100000011010110101100000011011011000101010`** **`0011110110000`** so long it doesn't fit on one line!

Hex (and much less commonly octal) can be viewed as a more compact way to represent binary numbers

- **`0x4c40d6b036c547b0`**

Converting hex/octal to binary

1. Take each hexadecimal (or octal) digit
2. Convert it into binary
   - 4 places hex (e.g., A becomes 1010)
   - 3 places octal (e.g., 6 becomes 110)
3. Group them together from LSB to MSB

Converting between Hex & Octal

1. Take hexadecimal number
2. Convert to binary
3. Regroup in clusters of 3 from LSB
4. Generate Octal digits
5. Use reverse process for Octal to Hex

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- 39 = `0b100111`

In-class exercise

https://checkoway.net/teaching/cs241/2020-spring/exercises/Lecture-12.html

Grab a laptop and a partner and try to get as much of that done as you can!