Character Encodings and C Programming

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Character Encodings

Representing numbers is great -- but what about words? Can we make sentences with binary data?





Organization

To begin to create words:

A letter is _____ binary bits.

hex digits!

(We call this unit a _____.)



Organization

Global standard called the American

Standard Code for Information Interchange

(ASCII) is a ______ for

translating numbers to characters.



ASCII

	Column	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Bit b7 Pattern b6 b5	0 0	0 0 1	1 0	0 1 1	1 0 0	1 0 1	1 0	1 1
Row	b4 b3 b2 b1		1				_	2	
0	0 0 0 0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	0	P	` -	p
1	0 0 0 1	SOH	DC1	1	1	A	Q	a	q
2	0010	STX	DC2	"	2	В	R	ъ	r
3	0011	LTX	DC3	ø	3	С	s	с	s
4	0 1 0 0	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
5	0101	ENO S	NAK	х	5	E	υ	e	u
6	0 1 1 0	ACK 3	SYN	86	6	F	V	f	v
7	0 1 1 1	BEL	ETB 2	,	7	G	W	g	w
8	1000	BS 2	CAN	(8	н	. х	h	×
9	1 0 0 1	НТ	1,2 EM)	9	ı	Y	í	у
10	1010	LF	SUB 2	*		J	z	j	z
11	1011	VT	ESC	+	;	К	Е	k	{
12	1 1 0 0	FF	FS 2	,	<	L	١	1	1
13	1 1 0 1	CR	GS 2	-	-	м]	m	}
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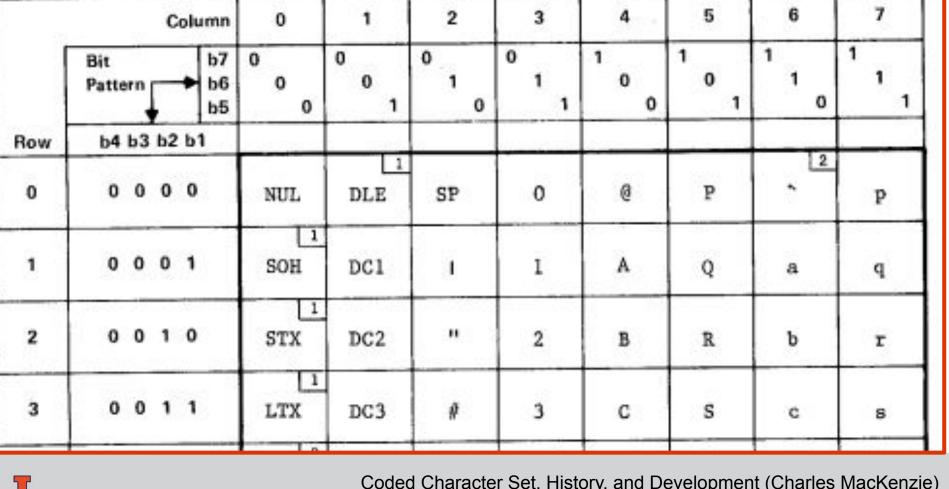
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Coded Character Set, History, and Development (Charles MacKenzie)

https://textfiles.meulie.net/bitsaved/Books/Mackenzie_CodedCharSets.pdf

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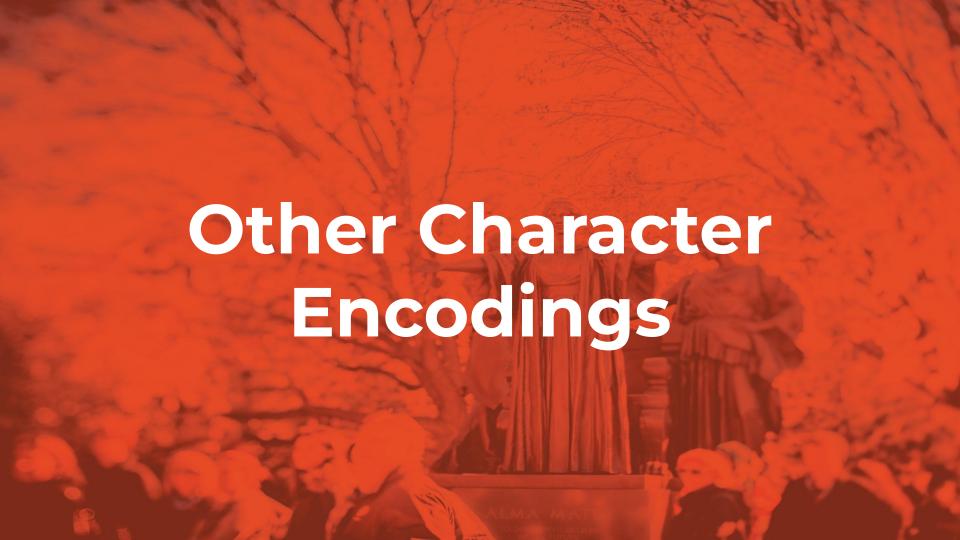
0b 0100 0001 = 0x41 = A
0b 0100 0010 = 0x42 = B



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0b 0110 0001 = 0x61 = a

Shortcomings with ASCII





Character Encodings

There are **many** other character encodings beyond ASCII.

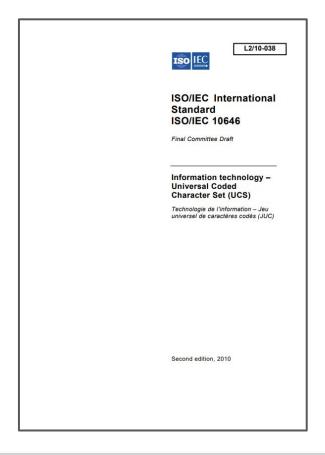


Character Encodings

One of the most common is the **Unicode Transformation Format (8-bit)**, commonly called:



ISO/IEC 10646







Length	Byte #1	Byte #2	Byte #3	Byte #4
1-byte:	0			
2-bytes:	110	10		
3-bytes:	1110	10	10	
4-bytes:	1111 0	10	10	10

Characters in UTF-8

a



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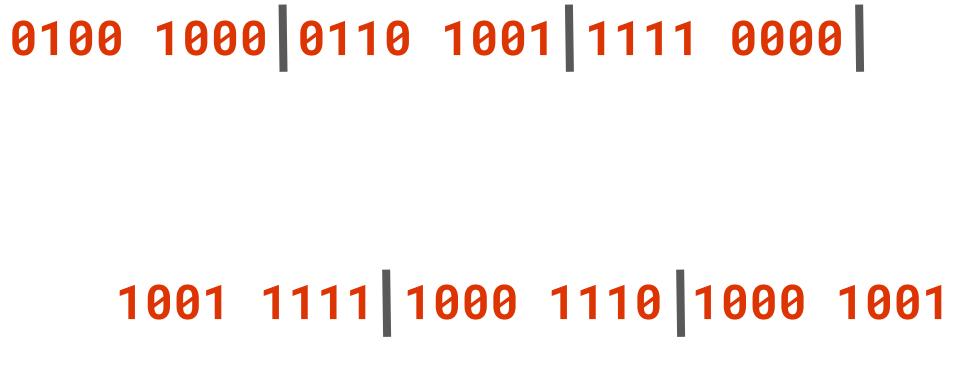


U+03b5



0100 1000 0110 1001 1111 0000

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10<u>01</u> <u>1111</u> 10<u>00</u> <u>1110</u> 10<u>00</u> <u>1001</u>







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Programming in C is a simplification of C++.



1. Program Starting Point:



2. Printing to **stdout**



```
02/printf.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
 2
   int main() {
     int i = 42;
     char *s = "Hello, world!";
   float f = 3.14;
     printf("%d %s %f\n", i, s, f);
8
     printf("%d\n", s[0]);
     printf("%d\n", s);
10
     printf("%d\n", f);
11
12
13
     return 0;
14
```

3. Pointers



4. Heap Memory Allocation



```
02/malloc.c
 1 #include <stdlib.h>
 2 #include <stdio.h>
 3
   int main() {
     char *s = malloc(10);
     int *num = malloc( sizeof(int) );
     printf("%p %p\n", s, num);
 8
     return 0;
 9
10
```

5. Strings



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There is no "data type" in C known as a string. Instead, we refer to "C Strings" as a sequence of characters:

A "C string" is just a character pointer:

The string continues until it reaches a _____ byte.



```
02/string.c
 6 char *s = malloc(6);
 7 strcpy(s, "cs240");
 8 printf("s[0]: 0x\%x == \%d == \%c\n", s[0], s[0], s[0]);
 9 printf("s[4]: 0x\%x == \%d == \%c\n", s[4], s[4], s[4]);
10 printf("s[5]: 0x\%x == \%d == \%c\n", s[5], s[5], s[5]);
  printf("s == \"%s\", strlen(s): %ld\n\n", s, strlen(s));
11
12
13 char *s2 = s + 2:
   printf("s2[0]: 0x\%x == \%d == \%c\n", s2[0], s2[0]);
15 printf("s2 == \"%s\", strlen(s2): %ld\n\n", s2, strlen(s2));
16
17 *s2 = 0:
18 printf("s2[0]: 0x\%x == \%d == \%c\n", s2[0], s2[0], s2[0]);
19
  printf("s2 == \"%s\", strlen(s2): %ld\n\n", s2, strlen(s2));
20
21 printf("s == \"%s\", strlen(s): %ld\n", s, strlen(s));
```

```
02/utf8.c
 1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <string.h>
 3 #include <stdlib.h>
 4
 5
   int main() {
 6
     char *s = malloc(5);
     s[0]=0xF0; s[1]=0x9F; s[2]=0x8E; s[3]=0x89; s[4]=0x00;
 7
 8
 9
     char *s1 = "\xF0\x9F\x8E\x89";
     10
     char *s3 = "\00001f389"; // \U - must be 8 bytes
11
12
13
     printf("%s %s %s %s\n", s, s1, s2, s3);
     printf("strlen(): %ld %ld %ld %ld\n", strlen(s),
14
                           strlen(s1), strlen(s2), strlen(s3));
15
     return 0;
16
```

Some extremely useful built in string functions:

- strcmp(char *s1, char *s2) -- Compares two strings
- strcat(char *dest, char *src) -- Concatenate two strings
- strcpy(char *dest, char *src) -- Copies a string
- strlen(char *s) -- Returns the length of the string



