

1.1.2 Hexadecimal

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1. Express the denary value 109 as a hexadecimal number.
2. Express the denary number 78 as a hexadecimal number.
3. Convert the following Hexadecimal numbers into denary system and binary system:

(i) A1
(ii) 37
(iii) FF
(iv) 0D
(v) ABC

May/June 2015 P11 (2210)
9 Draw a line to connect each question to the correct answer.

What is the denary (base 10) equivalent to the hexadecimal digit E?

If $1\text{GB} = 2^x$ then what is the value of X?

How many bits are there in one byte?

If the broadband data download rate is 40 megabits per second, how many seconds will it take to download a 60MB file?

What is the denary (base 10) value of the binary number 00100100?

What hexadecimal value is obtained when the two hexadecimal digits C and D are added together?

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12

14

19

30

36

2²⁴ = 16M
2²³ = 8M
2²² = 4M
2²¹ = 2M
2²⁰ = 1M

40MB
40Mbps
480mb
40Mbps = 12sec

C = 12
D = 13
(19) = 13

8/4/2/1
Baby's
1B = 8b
1kB = 8kb
1MB = 8mb
60 x 8 = 480

8 7 2 1 2 2 1
128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1
0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1
1 9

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b) An encryption system works by shifting the binary value for a letter one place to the left. "A" then becomes:

1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
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This binary value is then converted to hexadecimal; the hexadecimal value for "A" will be:

C 2

For the two letters "L" and "G", shift the binary values one place to the left and convert these values into hexadecimal:

hexadecimal

L:

G:

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Oct/Nov 2015 P12 (2210)
4 (a) (i) Convert the following two hexadecimal numbers into binary:

FA7
D3E

FA7: 1111 1010 0111
D3E: 1101 0011 1110

(ii) Now perform the AND (logic) operation on each corresponding pair of binary bits in the two numbers from part (i).

1101 1010 0111
1101 0011 1110

1001 1001 0001

(iii) Convert your answer in part (ii) into hexadecimal.

D 2 6

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(b) (i) The following code shows HTML "tag" pairs on either side of the text stating the colour that each creates.

 RED
 GREEN
 BLUE
 YELLOW
 MAGENTA
 CYAN

Yell is a combination of red and green, magenta a combination of red and blue and cyan a combination of green and blue.
State what 6-digit hexadecimal values should replace X, Y and Z in the above code.

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(ii) Describe how other colours, such as a darker shade of blue, are created.

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May/June 2016 P12 (2210)
3 (a) Convert the following hexadecimal number into 12-bit binary:

4 AF

010010101111

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(b) The 2016 Olympic Games will be held in Rio de Janeiro. A timer that counts down to the opening of the Games is shown on a microprocessor-controlled display. The number of hours, minutes and seconds until the Games open are held in three 8-bit registers.
The present register values are:

01101001 105 hours
00100000 32 minutes
00010100 20 seconds

The timer will count down in seconds.
(i) Show the values in each 8-bit register 30 seconds after the time shown above:

01101001 hours
00011111 minutes
00110010 seconds

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(ii) Write the hexadecimal value of the minutes register from part (b)(i).

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11 A security system is installed in a house. A hexadecimal number is entered to activate or deactivate the alarm.
(a) The alarm code is set to hexadecimal number 2 AF
Show how this number would be stored in a 12-bit binary register.

001010101111

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Oct/Nov 2016 P13 (2210)
10 (a) A manufacturer of aeroplane engines assigns a denary identification number (ID) to each engine. One engine has the ID: 0431.
(ii) Show how this number would be represented in hexadecimal.

0000100000110001

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May/June 2017 P11 (2210)
1 The memory of a computer contains data and instructions in binary.
The following instruction is stored in location of the memory.

00101001111111100

(a) Convert the instruction into hexadecimal.
(b) Explain why a programmer might prefer to read the instruction in hexadecimal rather than in binary.
(c) Give two other uses of hexadecimal.

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Oct/Nov 2017 P12 (2210)
1 A robot arm in a factory is programmed to move products.
The binary instructions to operate the robot arm are:

Operation	Binary Instruction
UP	1111 15 F
DOWN	0001 1
LEFT	1001 9
RIGHT	0110 6
OPEN	1100 12 C
CLOSE	0011 3

9 Left
1 Down
C Open
3 Close
F UP

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The instructions are entered as hexadecimal values.
An operator enters the values:

9 1 C 3 F

Convert the values and write down the operation (e.g. RIGHT) carried out by the robot arm.

9
1
C
3
F

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1 (b) The display screen shows a hexadecimal error code:

E04

This error code means that the water will not empty out of the washing machine.
Convert this error code to binary.

111000000100

(c) State why hexadecimal is used to display the error code.

because: 2⁸ is easy to read & remember. 2¹⁶ is too big to read & remember.

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May/June 2018 P11 (2210)
2 Dheeraj identifies three hexadecimal numbers.
Write the denary number for each of the three hexadecimal numbers:

(2A)₁₆ = (42)₁₀
(101)₁₆ = (257)₁₀
(21E)₁₆ = (542)₁₀

256 + 1 = 257
00010000001
512 + 45 = 557
00100001110

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10 RockICT is a music business that has a website to allow customers to view and buy the products it sells.
The website consists of web pages.
(a) Describe what is meant by HTML structure and presentation for a web page.

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4 Jafar is using the Internet when he gets the message:

"D03. page is not available"

Jafar remembers that hexadecimal is often used to represent binary values in error codes.
Convert the hexadecimal number in the error message into 12-bit binary.

110100000011

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(b) Each letter in ASCII can also be represented as a hexadecimal value.
The word KEY has the 8-bit binary values:

K	E	Y
01001011	01000101	01011001

(i) Convert the three 8-bit binary values into hexadecimal.

(01001011)₂ = (4B)₁₆
(01000101)₂ = (45)₁₆
(01011001)₂ = (59)₁₆

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(ii) Give three other uses of hexadecimal notation in computer science.

1. HTML Colors
2. MAC Addresses
3. Assembly and machine codes
4. Debugging.

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(iii) State two benefits of using hexadecimal notation to represent binary values.

Benefit 1: It is easier to read and write than binary.

Benefit 2: It is easier to convert between binary and hexadecimal than between binary and denary.

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4 The MAC address of a device is represented using hexadecimal.
A section of a MAC address is shown. Each pair of hexadecimal digits is stored using 8-bit binary.

(a) Complete the table to show the 8-bit binary equivalents for the section of MAC address. The first number has already been converted.

6A	FF	08	93
01101010	11111111	00001000	10010011

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(b) Explain why data is stored as binary in computers.

Because computers are made up of gates in logic circuits and logic circuits only take bits 0 and 1 as input and give output as either bit 0 and 1. That's why computers store everything in binary.

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