








CS 340




Bits, Bytes, and Nybbles



Learning Goals

- Be able to understand and convert between binary, hexadecimal, and decimal values. 
- Understand how things can be represented with bits.
 - Numbers 
 - Really big numbers 
 - Negative numbers 
 - Characters (if we get to it) 

Plan for Today

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- Slides + Clickers
 - Time to work on homework and ask staff questions
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To get the 0.1% extra credit, answer a majority of the clicker questions

Last time...

- The transistors we use can be in two states
- We can do operations on 1's and 0's (AND, OR)
- We can store 1's and 0's

1, 0



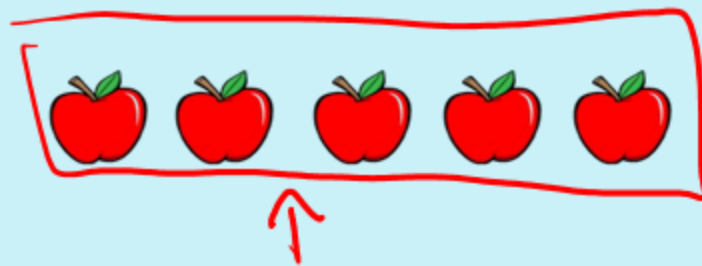
But what kind of things can we represent with just a 1 or 0?

How do we represent
something like...



Decimal (base 10)

5



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Decimal (base 10)

555



$$5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$



5 2 4



$$5 \cdot 10^2 + 2 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0 = 500 + 20 + 4$$

Ways to Represent Numbers

- Decimal (base 10)
 - Digits : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- Binary (base 2)
 - Bits : 0 1
 - Header: 0b
- Hexadecimal (base 16)
 - Nybbles : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
 - Header: 0x

Binary (base 2)

0, 1

1



Binary (base 2)

0, 1



632

0 1 0 1
 $2^3=8$ $2^2=4$ $2^1=2$ $2^0=1$

110100110

2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256 512...

What is the following in decimal?

~~00100000000000~~
00100000000000

0b

10-03

=1024

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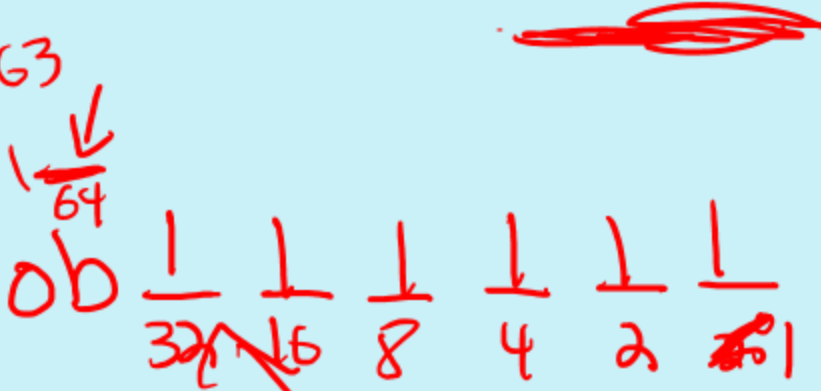
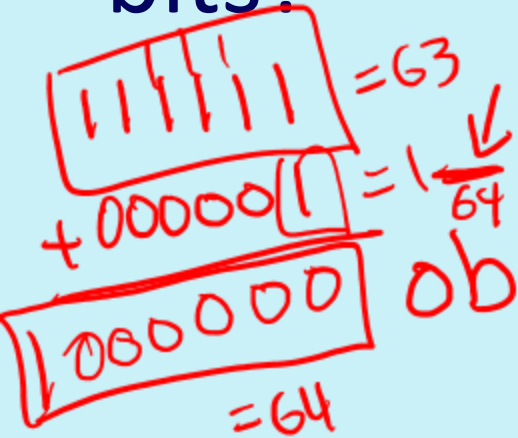


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What is the biggest number we could represent with 6 bits?



999

= 63

8+4+2+1

Which number is bigger?

$0b011111$ vs. 32

Handwritten notes:
32 16 8 4 2 1 = 31
16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1

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Big Numbers in Binary

Value	base-10	Suffix	Pronounced
2^{10}	1024	Ki	Kilo
2^{20}	1,048,576	Mi	Mega
2^{30}	1,073,741,824	Gi	Giga
2^{40}	1,099,511,627,776	Ti	Tera
2^{50}	1,125,899,906,842,624	Pi	Peta
2^{60}	1,152,921,504,606,846,976	Ei	Exa

Handwritten red annotations:

$2^{27} = 2^{20} \cdot 2^7 = 128 \text{ Mi}$

1 Ki

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Translate the following...

0 1 2 3 4 5
1 2 4 8 16 32

$$2^{(45)} = 2^{40} \cdot 2^5$$

7491039516
32Ti

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1 Byte = 8 Bits

Your computer finds it useful to think in terms of bytes.

Common sizes of types

- Char - 1 byte
- Int - 4 bytes



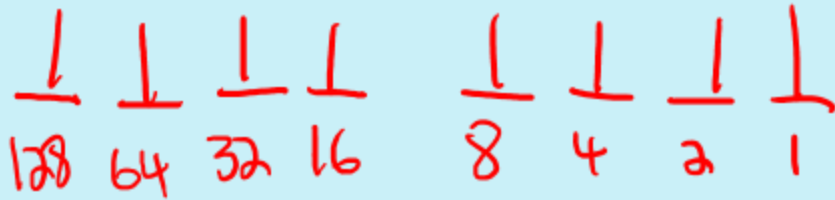
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A char is 1 byte, what is the biggest value a char can store?

256



678,913,421

255

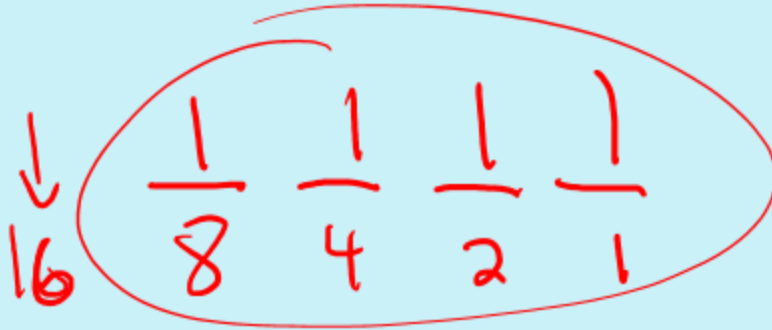


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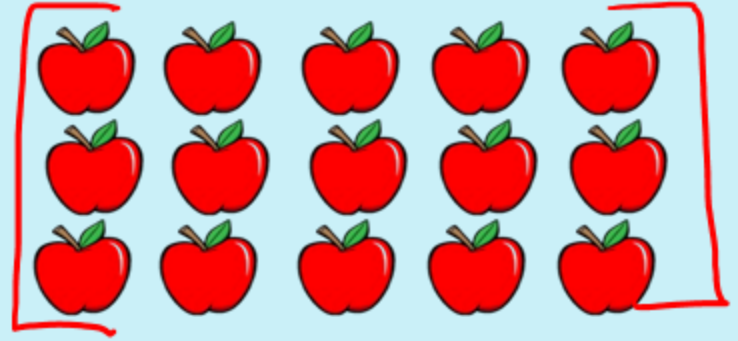
What is the biggest value 4 bits can hold?



0, 1, 2, 3 ... 15

= 15

Hexadecimal (base
16)



0x F

0, 1, 2, ..., 8, 9, ¹⁰A, ¹¹B, ¹²C, ¹³D, ¹⁴E, ¹⁵F

Big Idea

- 4 bits can always be translated to 1 hexadecimal nybble

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0 1 1 0
8 4 2 1

$$4 + 2 = 6$$

0x6

¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² ¹³ ¹⁴
A B C D E

1 1 1 0 $8 + 4 + 2 = 14 = 0x$ ~~13~~ ^E

How many nybbles are
needed to represent 1 byte?

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1 byte = 8 bits

0x F1

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Big Ideas

- 8 bits = 1 byte
- 1 byte = 2 nybbles

Talking in bits can be hard to parse for humans... hex is easier!

0b 1011 1001 1111 0111 0101

0xB9F75
↑ ↑ 16⁰⁻⁵

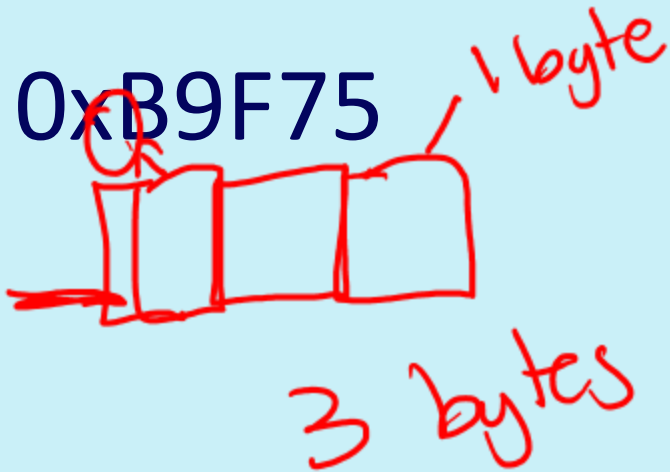
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How many bytes do you need to store this value?

0xB9F75



1 byte = 8 bits

0567

Conversions

1,372

1. Binary =

2. Hexadecimal =

0x55C

Handwritten conversion process for 1,372:

Power of 2 scale: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64 (128) 256 512 1024 2048

Subtraction steps:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1372 \\ - 1024 \\ \hline 348 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 348 \\ - 256 \\ \hline 92 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 92 \\ - 64 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ - 16 \\ \hline 12 \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ - 8 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

Binary representation: 010101011100

Hexadecimal representation: 55C

Binary to Hexadecimal mapping:

0101	0101	1100	
1024	512	256	
128	64	32	
16	8	4	2

10 mins to work on HW:
Zone 1. Base conversions

Negative/Signed Values

Also bit addition!

- Idea: 2's complement

$$\begin{array}{r} 0111 = 7 \\ \quad 421 \\ \hline \cancel{1000} + 1 \\ \hline 1001 = 9 \\ \quad 8421 \end{array}$$

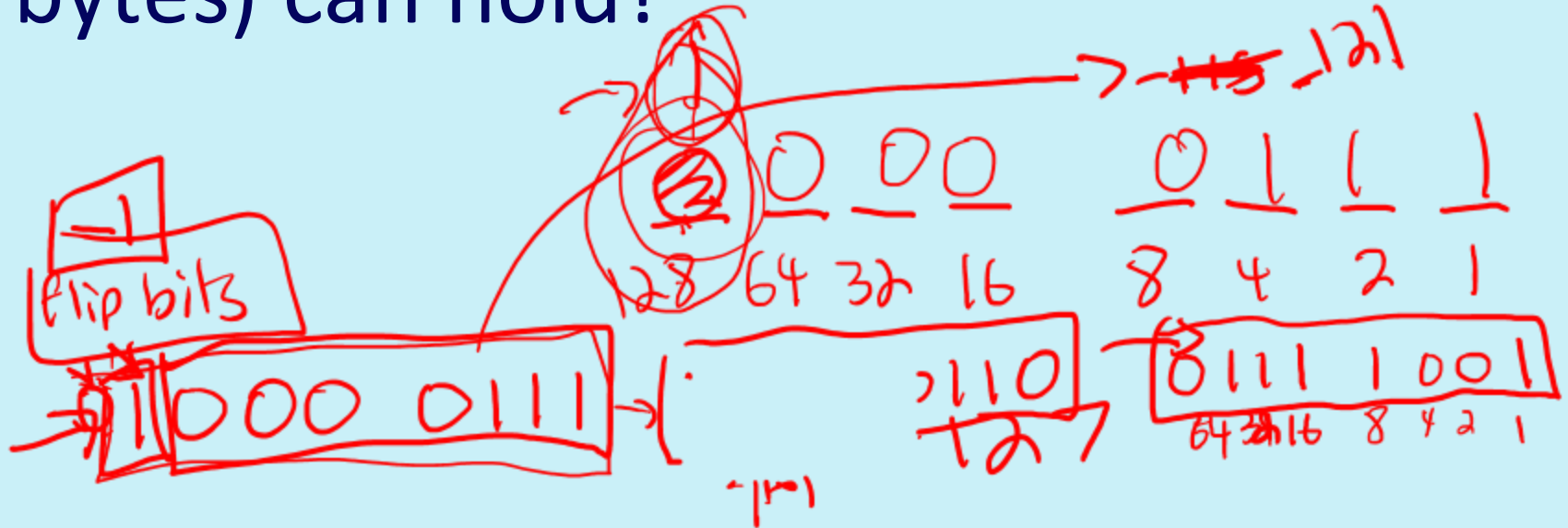
$$\begin{array}{r} 450 \\ + 550 \\ \hline 1000 \\ \hline \text{— Flip bits} \\ \text{— add 1} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 0111 \\ + 1001 \\ \hline 10000 \end{array}$$

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What is the biggest positive number a signed char(1 bytes) can hold?



How to represent a character

Representing things besides numbers...

- Char

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & & & & & & & = 276 \end{array}$$

↑

- Int

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & \uparrow -216 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 = 216 \end{array}$$

UTF-8

Representing things besides numbers...

Code Point - 4 byte value that maps to a symbol

UTF-8 - A character encoding for code points

0100 0000

-32

1100 0000

> subtract
1 bit

1011 1111

UTF-8

111010
111001


Byte	Meaning
0xxxxxxx	only byte of character
10xxxxxx	second, third, or fourth byte of a character
110xxxxx	first byte of a two-byte character
1110xxxx	first byte of a three-byte character
11110xxx	first byte of a four-byte character
11111xxx	invalid

1110000

110111

0010000 = -8
8 4 2 1

What is coming up

- Finish HW (due before class next Thursday (12:30pm))
- Work on MP 1 (due 11:59pm Tuesday) 
- Read website text for more details and information
- Tuesday's Topic: Assembly and UTF-8 