

CS 31: Intro to Systems Binary Representation

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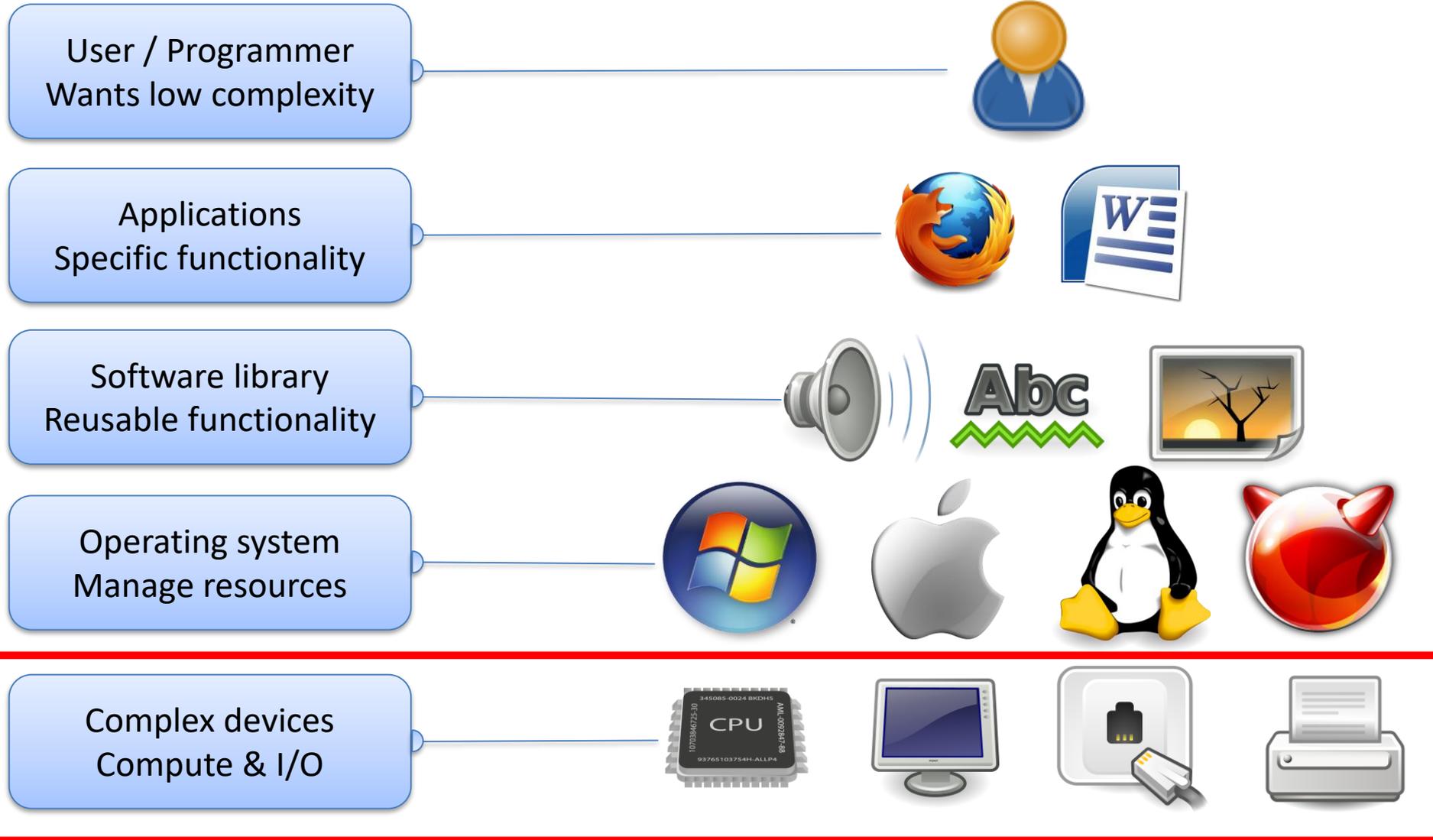
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Reading Quiz

Announcements

- Sign up for Piazza!
- Let me know about exam conflicts!
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Abstraction



Today

- Number systems and conversion
- Data types and storage:
 - Sizes
 - Representation
 - Signedness

Data Storage

- Lots of technologies out there:
 - Magnetic (hard drive, floppy disk)
 - Optical (CD / DVD / Blu-Ray)
 - Electronic (RAM, registers, ...)
- Focus on electronic for now
 - We'll see (and build) digital circuits soon
- Relatively easy to differentiate two states
 - Voltage present
 - Voltage absent

Bits and Bytes

- Bit: a 0 or 1 value (binary)
 - HW represents as two different voltages
 - 1: the presence of voltage (high voltage)
 - 0: the absence of voltage (low voltage)
- Byte: 8 bits, the smallest addressable unit

Memory:	01010101	10101010	00001111	...
(address)	[0]	[1]	[2]	...

- Other names:
 - 4 bits: Nibble
 - “Word”: Depends on system, often 4 bytes

- One bit: two values (0 or 1)
- Two bits: four values (00, 01, 10, or 11)
- Three bits: eight values (000, 001, ..., 110, 111)

Discussion question

- Green border
- Recall the sequence
 - Answer individually (room quiet)
 - Discuss in your group (room loud)
 - Answer as a group
 - Class-wide discussion

How many unique values can we represent with 9 bits? Why?

- One bit: two values (0 or 1)
- Two bits: four values (00, 01, 10, or 11)
- Three bits: eight values (000, 001, ..., 110, 111)

A. 18

B. 81

C. 256

D. 512

E. Some other number of values.

How many values?

1 bit:

0

1

2 bits:

0 0

0 1

1 0

1 1

3 bits:

0 0 0

0 0 1

0 1 0

0 1 1

1 0 0

1 0 1

1 1 0

1 1 1

4 bits:

0 0 0 0

0 0 0 1

0 0 1 0

0 0 1 1

16 values

0 1 0 0

0 1 0 1

0 1 1 0

0 1 1 1

1 0 0 0

1 0 0 1

1 0 1 0

1 0 1 1

1 1 0 0

1 1 0 1

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1 1 1 1

N bits:

2^N values

C types and their (typical!) sizes

- 1 byte: `char`, `unsigned char`
- 2 bytes: `short`, `unsigned short`
- 4 bytes: `int`, `unsigned int`, `float`
- 8 bytes: `long long`, `unsigned long long`, `double`
- 4 or 8 bytes: `long`, `unsigned long`

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unsigned long v1;
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```
short s1;
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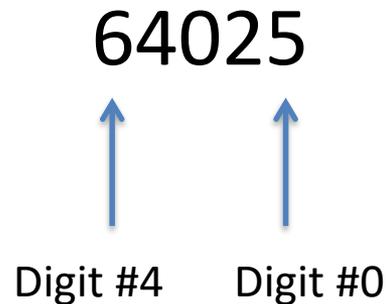
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long long l1;
```

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printf("%lu %lu %lu\n", sizeof(v1), sizeof(s1),  
      sizeof(l1)); // prints out number of bytes
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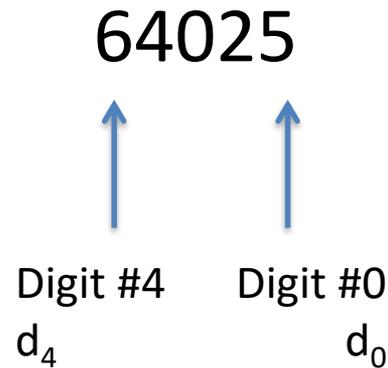
How do we use this storage space (bits) to represent a value?

Let's start with what we know...

- Decimal number system (Base 10)
- Sequence of digits in range [0, 9]



What is the significance of the N^{th} digit number in this number system? What does it contribute to the overall value?



- A. $d_N * 1$
- B. $d_N * 10$
- C. $d_N * 10^N$
- D. $d_N * N^{10}$
- E. $d_N * 10^{d_N}$

Consider the meaning of d_3 (the value 4) above.
What is it contributing to the total value?

Decimal: Base 10

- Favored by humans...
- A number, written as the sequence of digits $d_n d_{n-1} \dots d_2 d_1 d_0$ where d is in $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$, represents the value:

$$[d_n * 10^n] + [d_{n-1} * 10^{n-1}] + \dots + [d_2 * 10^2] + [d_1 * 10^1] + [d_0 * 10^0]$$

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$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 6 * 10^4 & + & 4 * 10^3 & + & 0 * 10^2 & + & 2 * 10^1 & + & 5 * 10^0 \\ 60000 & + & 4000 & + & 0 & + & 20 & + & 5 \end{array}$$

Generalizing

- The meaning of a digit depends on its position in a number.
- A number, written as the sequence of digits $d_n d_{n-1} \dots d_2 d_1 d_0$ in base b represents the value:

$$[d_n * b^n] + [d_{n-1} * b^{n-1}] + \dots + [d_2 * b^2] + [d_1 * b^1] + [d_0 * b^0]$$

Binary: Base 2

- Used by computers to store digital values.
- Indicated by prefixing number with **0b**
- A number, written as the sequence of digits $d_n d_{n-1} \dots d_2 d_1 d_0$ where d is in $\{0,1\}$, represents the value:

$$[d_n * 2^n] + [d_{n-1} * 2^{n-1}] + \dots + [d_2 * 2^2] + [d_1 * 2^1] + [d_0 * 2^0]$$

What is the value of 0b110101 in decimal?

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- A. 26
- B. 53
- C. 61
- D. 106
- E. 128

Other (common) number systems.

- Base 10: decimal
- Base 2: binary

- Base 16: hexadecimal
- Base 8: octal
- Base 64

Hexadecimal: Base 16

- Indicated by prefixing number with **0x**
- A number, written as the sequence of digits $d_n d_{n-1} \dots d_2 d_1 d_0$ where d is in $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F\}$, represents the value:

$$[d_n * 16^n] + [d_{n-1} * 16^{n-1}] + \dots + [d_2 * 16^2] + [d_1 * 16^1] + [d_0 * 16^0]$$

What is the value of 0x1B7 in decimal?

A. 397

$$16^2 = 256$$

B. 409

C. 419

D. 437

E. 439

Important Point...

- You can represent the same value in a variety of number systems / bases.
- It's **all** stored as binary in the computer.
 - Presence/absence of voltage.

Other (common) number systems.

- Base 2: How data is stored in hardware.
- Base 8: Used to represent file permissions.
- Base 10: Preferred by people.
- Base 16: Convenient for representing memory addresses.
- Base 64: Commonly used on the Internet, (e.g. email attachments).

Hexadecimal: Base 16

- Fewer digits to represent same value
 - Same amount of information!
- Like binary, base is power of 2
- Each digit is a “nibble”, or half a byte.

Each hex digit is a “nibble”

- One hex digit: 16 possible values (0-9, A-F)
- $16 = 2^4$, so each hex digit has exactly four bits worth of information.
- We can map each hex digit to a four-bit binary value. (helps for converting between bases)

Each hex digit is a “nibble”

Example value: 0x1B7

Four-bit value: 1

Four-bit value: B (decimal 11)

Four-bit value: 7

In binary:	0001	1011	0111
	1	B	7

Converting Decimal -> Binary

- Two methods:
 - division by two remainder
 - powers of two and subtraction

Method 1: decimal value D , binary result b (b_i is i th digit):

$i = 0$

while ($D > 0$)

 if D is odd

 set b_i to 1

 if D is even

 set b_i to 0

$i++$

$D = D/2$

Example: Converting 105

idea: $D = b$

example: $D = 105$

$a_0 = 1$

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example: $D = 105$

$D = 52$

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$a_1 = 0$

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Example: Converting 105

idea: $D = b$
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 $0 = 0$

example: $D = 105$
 $D = 52$
 $D = 26$
 $D = 13$
 $D = 6$
 $D = 3$
 $D = 1$
 $D = 0$

$a_0 = 1$
 $a_1 = 0$
 $a_2 = 0$
 $a_3 = 1$
 $a_4 = 0$
 $a_5 = 1$
 $a_6 = 1$
 $a_7 = 0$

105 = 01101001

Method 2

- $2^0 = 1$, $2^1 = 2$, $2^2 = 4$, $2^3 = 8$, $2^4 = 16$,
 $2^5 = 32$, $2^6 = 64$, $2^7 = 128$
- To convert 105:
 - Find largest power of two that's less than 105 (64)
 - Subtract 64 ($105 - 64 = \underline{41}$), put a 1 in d_6
 - Subtract 32 ($41 - 32 = \underline{9}$), put a 1 in d_5
 - Skip 16, it's larger than 9, put a 0 in d_4
 - Subtract 8 ($9 - 8 = \underline{1}$), put a 1 in d_3
 - Skip 4 and 2, put a 0 in d_2 and d_1
 - Subtract 1 ($1 - 1 = \underline{0}$), put a 1 in d_0 (Done)

$\overline{d_6}$ $\overline{d_5}$ $\overline{d_4}$ $\overline{d_3}$ $\overline{d_2}$ $\overline{d_1}$ $\overline{d_0}$

What is the value of 357 in binary?

- A. 101100011
- B. 101100101
- C. 101101001
- D. 101110101
- E. 110100101

$$2^0 = 1, \quad 2^1 = 2, \quad 2^2 = 4, \quad 2^3 = 8, \quad 2^4 = 16,$$
$$2^5 = 32, \quad 2^6 = 64, \quad 2^7 = 128, \quad 2^8 = 256$$

So far: Unsigned Integers

- With N bits, can represent values: 0 to 2^n-1
- We can always add 0's to the front of a number without changing it:

10110 = 010110 = 00010110 = 0000010110

- 1 byte: char, unsigned char
- 2 bytes: short, unsigned short
- 4 bytes: int, unsigned int, float
- 8 bytes: long long, unsigned long long, double
- 4 or 8 bytes: long, unsigned long

Representing Signed Values

- One option (used for floats, NOT integers)
 - Let the first bit represent the sign
 - 0 means positive
 - 1 means negative
- For example:
 - 0101 -> 5
 - 1101 -> -5
- Problem with this scheme?

Floating Point Representation

1 bit for sign sign | exponent | fraction |
8 bits for exponent
23 bits for precision

$$\text{value} = (-1)^{\text{sign}} * 1.\text{fraction} * 2^{(\text{exponent}-127)}$$

let's just plug in some values and try it out

$$\begin{aligned} 0x40ac49ba: & \quad 0 \ 10000001 \quad 01011000100100110111010 \\ & \quad \text{sign} = 0 \ \text{exp} = 129 \quad \text{fraction} = 2902458 \\ & \quad = 1 * 1.2902458 * 2^2 = 5.16098 \end{aligned}$$

I don't expect you to memorize this

Up Next: Binary Arithmetic