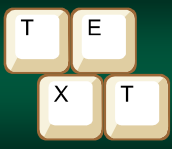


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From ASCII to Unicode

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- The ASCII Character Set has gone through a few minor revisions this it was first created
- But, the 1967 standard is still used today




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Evolution of ASCII

- The initial 1963 version didn't include lowercase letters
- As shocking as it sounds, there was a time where lowercase letters were considered obsolete
- All-caps was called "modern"




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Evolution of ASCII

- Back in the 1960's – there were no computer monitors
- Nor did you enter programs using a keyboard
- Instead...
 - programs were inputted using punched cards or tape
 - all output was printed



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Original 1963 ASCII Proposal

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	NUL	SOM	EOA	EOM	EOT	WRU	RU	BEL	FE0	HT	LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI
1	DC0	DC1	DC2	DC3	DC4	ERR	SYN	LEM	S0	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7
2	sp	!	"	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*	+	,	-	.	/
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
4	@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
5	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[\]	^	←
6																
7														ACK	ESC	DEL

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1967 Revision Added Lowercase

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	NUL	SOH	STX	ETX	EOT	ENG	ACK	BEL	BS	HT	LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI
1	DLE	DC1	DC2	DC3	DC4	NAK	SYN	ETB	CAN	EM	SUB	ESC	FS	GS	RS	US
2	sp	!	"	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*	+	,	-	.	/
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
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5	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[\]	^	←
6		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
7	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{		}	~	DEL

Changed 0


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Control Characters


- Many of the control characters were designed for transferring data (SOH, STX, FS, GS, etc...)
- Other control characters we designed for printing



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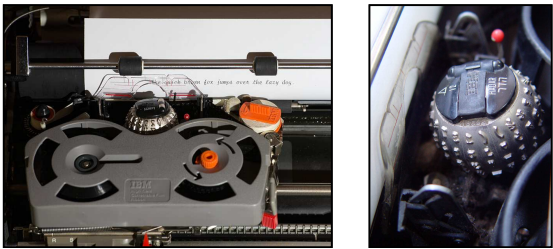
Backspace Control Character

- Printers, at the time, were basically classic typewriters
- The backspace character (BS) was used to print 2+ symbols on top of each other
- This would essentially create a new character on the paper



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IBM Ball-Printers



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Power of the Backspace

:	BS	-	→	÷
=	BS	/	→	≠
n	BS	~	→	ñ
a	BS	_	→	<u>a</u>

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Recreating the Removed Arrows

^	BS		→	↑
<	BS	-	→	←

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DEL Control Character

- You might have noticed an odd control character located at 7F
- This is the "Deleted" control character and was used with punched cards and tape



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ASCII Chart

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	NUL	SOH	STX	ETX	EOT	ENQ	ACK	BEL	BS	HT	LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI
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5	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[\]	^	_
6	`	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
7	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{		}	~	DEL

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Example Punched Tape: `int x;`

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