Data & Memory

Part 1

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Binary Numbers

Bit of This and a Bit of That

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What is a Number?

- *Hindu-Arabic Number System*
  - positional grouping system
  - each position represents an increasing power of 10
  - used throughout the World
- Binary numbers
  - based on the same system
  - use powers of **2** rather than 10

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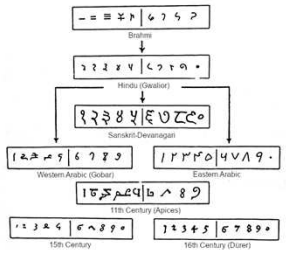
Evolution of a Genius System



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Base 10 Number

The number 1783 is ...

10^4	10^3	10^2	10^1	10^0
10000	1000	100	10	1
0	**1**	**7**	**8**	**3**

1000 + 700 + 80 + 3 = 1783

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Binary Number Example

The number 0100 1010 is ...

2^7	2^6	2^5	2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
0	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**

64 + 8 + 2 = 74

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Binary Number Example

The number 1101 1011 is ...

2^7	2^6	2^5	2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
1	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**

128 + 64 + 16 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 219

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Hexadecimal Numbers

- Writing out long binary numbers is cumbersome and error prone
- As a result, computer scientists often write computer numbers in hexadecimal
- Hexadecimal is base-16
  - we only have 0 ... 9 to represent digits
  - So, hex uses **A ... F** to represent **10 ... 15**

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Hexadecimal Numbers

Hex	Decimal	Binary
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111

Hex	Decimal	Binary
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

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Hex Example

The number 7AC is ...

16^4	16^3	16^2	16^1	16^0
65536	4096	256	16	1
0	**0**	**7**	**A**	**C**

(7×256) + (10×16) + (12×1) = 1964

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Converting Binary to Hex = Easy

- Since $16^1 = 2^4$, a single hex character can represent a total of 4 bits
- Convert every 4-bits to a single hexadecimal digit

A				**7**			
1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1

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Bits and Bytes

- Everything in a *modern* computer is stored using combination of ones and zeros
- *Bit* is one binary digit
  - either 1 or 0
  - shorthand for a bit is b
- *Byte* is a group of 8 bits
  - e.g. **1101 0100**
  - shorthand for a byte is B

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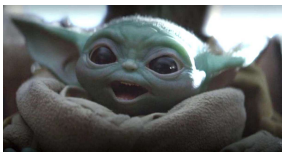
The Byte



Nibble

0 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 1

bit

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Text in Programming Languages

Press Any Key to Continue

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How Text Is Stored

- Computer often store and transmit textual data
- Examples:
  - punctuation
  - numerals 0 – 9
  - letter
- Each of these symbols is called a *character*

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Characters

- Processors rarely know what a "character" is, and instead store each as an integer
- In this case, each character is given a unique value
- For instance
  - "A", could have the value of 1
  - "B" is 2
  - "C" is 3, etc…

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Characters

- Characters and their matching values are a *character set*
- There have been many characters sets developed over time

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Character Sets

- ASCII
  - 7 bits – 128 characters
  - uses a full byte, one bit is not used
  - created in the 1967
- EBCDIC
  - Alternative system used by old IBM systems
  - Not used much anymore

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ASCII Chart

Control characters

	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
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	:	;	<	=	>	?
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	`	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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ASCII Codes

- Each character has a unique value
- The following is how "OMG" is stored in ASCII

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
O	79	4F	0100 1111
M	77	4D	0100 1101
G	71	47	0100 0111

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ASCII Codes

- ASCII is laid out very logically
- Alphabetic characters (uppercase and lowercase) are 32 "code points" apart

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
A	65	41	01000001
a	97	61	01100001

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ASCII Codes

- $32^1 = 2^5$
- 1-bit difference between upper and lowercase letters
- Printers can easily convert between the two

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
A	65	41	01000001
a	97	61	01100001

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ASCII: Number Characters

- ASCII code for 0 is 30h
- Notice that the actual value of a number character is stored in the lower nibble
- So, the characters 0 to 9 can be easily converted to their binary values

0	0011 0000
1	0011 0001
2	0011 0010
3	0011 0011
4	0011 0100
5	0011 0101
6	0011 0110
7	0011 0111
8	0011 1000
9	0011 1001

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ASCII: Number Characters

- Character → Binary
  - clear the upper nibble
  - Bitwise And: 0000 1111
- Binary → Character
  - set the upper nibble to 0011
  - Bitwise Or: 0011 0000

0	0011 0000
1	0011 0001
2	0011 0010
3	0011 0011
4	0011 0100
5	0011 0101
6	0011 0110
7	0011 0111
8	0011 1000
9	0011 1001

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Times have changed

A New Character Set Enters the Scene

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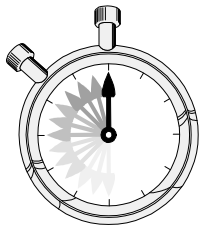
Times have changed…

- Computers have changed quite a bit since the 1960's
- As a result, most of these clever control characters are no longer needed
- Backspace, DEL, and numerous others are obsolete



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Only Control Characters Still Used

	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
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	:	;	<	=	>	?
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	`	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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Unicode Character Set

- ASCII is only good for the United States
  - Other languages need additional characters
  - Multiple competing character sets were created
- Unicode was created to support every spoken language
- Developed in Mountain View, California

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Unicode Character Set

- Originally used 16 bits
  - that's over 65,000 characters!
  - includes every character used in the World
- Expanded to 21 bits
  - 2 million characters!
  - now supports every character ever created
  - … and emojis
- Unicode can be stored in different formats

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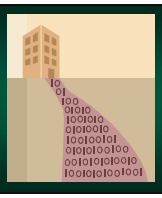

Computer Memory

Its… um…. I forgot….

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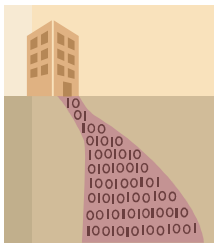
Computer Memory

- Programs access and manipulate memory far more than you realize
- So, understanding it…
  - is vital to becoming a great assembly programmer
  - and understanding computer architecture



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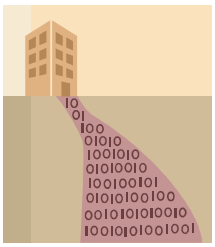
What is Memory?

- Memory is essentially an enormous array
- It is also, sometimes, referred to as *storage*
- It stores both running programs and their related data



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Memory Addresses

- Memory is divided into a storage locations that can hold 1 byte (8 bits)
- Each an be accessed using an *address*
  - unique value that refers to that specific byte
  - used to locate the exact byte the processor wants

Memory	
0	01000100
1	01000011
2	01101111
3	01101111
4	01101011

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What is Memory?

- Each address is conceptually the same as an "index" in arrays
- … and you will write access memory as would an array

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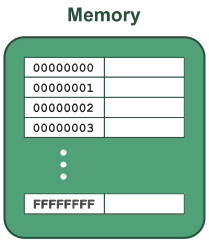
Memory is a Hardware Array



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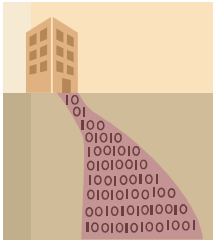
Memory Contains Data & Programs



- Data and programs are just binary numbers (stored in a series of bytes)
- …and are stored together
- Appreciating this is vital to understanding computer architecture

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Memory Contains Data & Programs

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