



# Bit Representation Outline

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# How Are Integers Represented in Memory?

In computers, all data are represented as contiguous sequences of bits.

An integer is represented as a sequence of 8, 16, 32 or 64 bits. For example:

97 = 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
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What does this mean???





# Decimal Number Representation (Base 10)

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In the *decimal* number system (base 10), we have **10 digits**:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

We refer to these as the *Arabic* digits. For details, see <http://www.mediahistory.umn.edu/archive/numerals.html>



# Decimal (Base 10) Breakdown

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{4721}_{10} = \\
 \hline
 4000_{10} + \\
 700_{10} + \\
 20_{10} + \\
 1_{10} = \\
 \hline
 4 \cdot 1000_{10} + \\
 7 \cdot 100_{10} + \\
 2 \cdot 10_{10} + \\
 1 \cdot 1_{10} = \\
 \hline
 4 \cdot 10^3 + \\
 7 \cdot 10^2 + \\
 2 \cdot 10^1 + \\
 1 \cdot 10^0
 \end{array}$$

$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$
4	7	2	1

**Jargon:**  $4721_{10}$  is pronounced “four seven two one base 10,” or “four seven two one decimal.”





# Nonal Number Representation (Base 9)

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In the *nonal* number system (base 9), we have  
9 digits:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**NOTE**: No one uses nonal in real life; this is just an example.



# Nonal (Base 9) Breakdown

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{4721_9} = \\
 \hline
 4000_9 + \\
 700_9 + \\
 20_9 + \\
 1_9 =
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \cdot 1000_9 + \\
 7 \cdot 100_9 + \\
 2 \cdot 10_9 + \\
 1 \cdot 1_9 =
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \cdot 9^3 + \\
 7 \cdot 9^2 + \\
 2 \cdot 9^1 + \\
 1 \cdot 9^0 =
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \cdot 729_{10} + \\
 7 \cdot 81_{10} + \\
 2 \cdot 9_{10} + \\
 1 \cdot 1_{10} = \textcircled{3502_{10}}
 \end{array}$$

**So:**  $4721_9 = 3502_{10}$

$9^3$	$9^2$	$9^1$	$9^0$
4	7	2	1

**Jargon:**  $4721_9$  is pronounced  
 “four seven two one base 9,” or  
 “four seven two one nonal.”





# Octal Number Representation (Base 8)

In the octal number system (base 8), we have 8 digits:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**NOTE**: Some computer scientists used to use octal in real life, but it has mostly fallen out of favor, because it's been supplanted by base 16 (*hexadecimal*).

Octal does show up a little bit in C character strings, which we'll learn about soon.



# Octal (Base 8) Breakdown

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{4721_8} = \\
 \hline
 4000_8 + \\
 700_8 + \\
 20_8 + \\
 1_8 = \\
 \hline
 4 \cdot 1000_8 + \\
 7 \cdot 100_8 + \\
 2 \cdot 10_8 + \\
 1 \cdot 1_8 = \\
 \hline
 4 \cdot 8^3 + \\
 7 \cdot 8^2 + \\
 2 \cdot 8^1 + \\
 1 \cdot 8^0 =
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \cdot 512_{10} + \\
 7 \cdot 64_{10} + \\
 2 \cdot 8_{10} + \\
 1 \cdot 1_{10} = \textcircled{2513_{10}}
 \end{array}$$

**So:**  $4721_8 = 2513_{10}$

$8^3$	$8^2$	$8^1$	$8^0$
4	7	2	1

**Jargon:**  $4721_8$  is pronounced “four seven two one base 8,” or “four seven two one octal.”





# Trinary Number Representation (Base 3)

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In the trinary number system (base 3), we have  
3 digits:

0 1 2

NOTE: No one uses trinary in real life; this is just an example.



# Trinary (Base 3) Breakdown

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{2021_3} = \\
 \hline
 2000_3 + \\
 0_3 + \\
 20_3 + \\
 1_3 = \\
 \hline
 2 \cdot 1000_3 + \\
 0 \cdot 100_3 + \\
 2 \cdot 10_3 + \\
 1 \cdot 1_3 = \\
 \hline
 2 \cdot 3^3 + \\
 0 \cdot 3^2 + \\
 2 \cdot 3^1 + \\
 1 \cdot 3^0 =
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \cdot 27_{10} + \\
 0 \cdot 9_{10} + \\
 2 \cdot 3_{10} + \\
 1 \cdot 1_{10} = \textcircled{61_{10}}
 \end{array}$$

**So:**  $2021_3 = 61_{10}$

$3^3$	$3^2$	$3^1$	$3^0$
2	0	2	1

**Jargon:**  $2021_3$  is pronounced  
 “two zero two one base 3,” or  
 “two zero two one trinary.”





# Binary Number Representation (Base 2)

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In the binary number system (base 2), we have  
2 digits:

0 1

This is the number system that computers use internally.



# Binary (Base 2) Breakdown & Conversion

$$01100001_2 =$$

0 · 10000000 <sub>2</sub> +	0 · 2 <sup>7</sup> +	0 · 128 <sub>10</sub> +
1 · 1000000 <sub>2</sub> +	1 · 2 <sup>6</sup> +	1 · 64 <sub>10</sub> +
1 · 100000 <sub>2</sub> +	1 · 2 <sup>5</sup> +	1 · 32 <sub>10</sub> +
0 · 10000 <sub>2</sub> +	0 · 2 <sup>4</sup> +	0 · 16 <sub>10</sub> +
0 · 1000 <sub>2</sub> +	0 · 2 <sup>3</sup> +	0 · 8 <sub>10</sub> +
0 · 100 <sub>2</sub> +	0 · 2 <sup>2</sup> +	0 · 4 <sub>10</sub> +
0 · 10 <sub>2</sub> +	0 · 2 <sup>1</sup> +	0 · 2 <sub>10</sub> +
1 · 1 <sub>2</sub> =	1 · 2 <sup>0</sup> =	1 · 1 <sub>10</sub> =

$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

$$97_{10}$$





# Counting in Decimal (Base 10)

In base 10, we count like so:

0,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,

21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,

...

91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100,

101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110,

...

191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200,

...

991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000,

...





# Counting in Nonal (Base 9)

In base 9, we count like so:

0,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10,

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20,

21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30,

...

81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 100,

101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110,

...

181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 200,

...

881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 1000,

...





# Counting in Octal (Base 8)

In base 8, we count like so:

0,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10,

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20,

21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30,

...

71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 100,

101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110,

...

171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 200,

...

771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 1000,

...





# Counting in Trinary (Base 3)

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In base 3, we count like so:

0,  
1, 2, 10,  
11, 12, 20,  
21, 22, 100,  
101, 102, 110,  
111, 112, 120,  
121, 122, 200,  
201, 202, 210,  
211, 212, 220,  
221, 222, 1000,  
...





# Counting in Binary (Base 2)

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In base 2, we count like so:

0, 1,

10, 11,

100, 101, 110, 111,

1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101, 1110, 1111

10000, ...





# Counting in Binary (Base 2) w/Leading 0s

In base 2, we sometimes like to put in leading zeros:

00000000, 00000001,

00000010, 00000011,

00000100, 00000101, 00000110, 00000111,

00001000, 00001001, 00001010, 00001011,

00001100, 00001101, 00001110, 00001111

00010000, ...



# Adding Integers #1

	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
$97_{10} =$	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
$+ 015_{10} =$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
$112_{10} =$	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0



# Adding Integers #2

	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
$97_{10} =$	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
$+ 006_{10} =$	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
$103_{10} =$	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1



# Binary Representation of `int` Values

```
% cat xadd.c
#include <stdio.h>

int main ()
{ /* main */
    int x;

    x = 97;
    printf("%d\n", x);
    x = x + 6;
    printf("%d\n", x);
    return 0;
} /* main */
% gcc -o xadd xadd.c
% xadd
97
103
```

x:

?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

