

# COS126 Number Systems Activity — Booksite 5.1

Instead of “ones, tens, hundreds, ...” places, binary has “ones, twos, fours, eights, ...” places.

Base	Digits	#digits	“1000” in this base converted to decimal	“205” in this base converted to decimal
decimal	0, 1, 2..., 8, 9	10	$10^3 = 1000$	$2 \times 10^2 + 0 \times 10^1 + 5 \times 10^0 = 205$
binary	0, 1	2	$2^3 = 8$	n/a
hexadecimal	0, ..., 9, A, ..., F	16	$16^3 = 4096$	$2 \times 16^2 + 0 \times 16^1 + 5 \times 16^0$ $= 2 \times 256 + 0 + 5 = 517$ dec.
octal	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		$8^3 = 512$	$2 \times 8^2 + 0 \times 8^1 + 5 \times 8^0$ $= 2 \times 64 + 0 \times 8 + 5 \times 1 = 133$ dec.

1. What is the binary integer 101, represented in decimal?  $4 + 1 = 5$
2. What is the binary integer 1010, represented in decimal?  $8 + 2 = 10$ .  
(How is this related to the previous answer?) **Twice as much as 101**
3. What is the binary integer 10100, represented in decimal? **20**.  
(What is the pattern?) **Again twice as much since all ones became twice as valuable**
4. What is the binary integer 101001, represented in decimal? **41. Twice as much plus one**.  
(Could you write a program to use this approach?) **Yes, and it is useful in LFSR!**
5. What is the decimal integer 116, represented in binary? Use either of two common approaches:
  - Work right to left; start by determining the rightmost bit.
  - Work left to right; start by determining how many bits this binary number will have.

Right to left: see “Converting from decimal to base b” on booksite §5.1. 116 is even, so ends in a 0, preceded by representation of  $116/2 = 58$ . 58 even so it ends in a 0, etc.  $\Rightarrow$  **1110100**

Left to right: biggest power of 2 that fits ( $\leq 116$ ) is 64, leaving  $116-64 = 52$ . Biggest power of 2 in this remainder is 32. Keep going with remainders,  $116=64+32+16+4 =$  binary **1110100**.

6. What are the hexadecimal numbers C, D, and E, expressed in binary? **These are twelve, thirteen, fourteen, which are 1100, 1101, 1110.**
7. Express the hexadecimal number CODE as a sum of 4 terms corresponding to the 4 digits. What is the value of this expression when converted to binary? **Note that  $16 = 2^4$ ,  $16^3 = 2^{12}$  and  $\times 2$  shifts us left by one position. CODE is  $12 \times 16^3 + 0 \times 16^2 + 13 \times 16^1 + 14 \times 16^0 = 12 \times 2^{12} + 13 \times 2^4 + 14 = 1100\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000 + 1101\ 0000 + 1110 = 1100\ 0000\ 1101\ 1110$  (C 0 D E)**
8. What is the binary number 100100110, represented in hexadecimal? (Avoid using decimal.) **Reverse the previous process. 1 0010 0110 and converting each 4 bits to a hex digit, 126**
9. Optional: what is the value of DEE+24 in hexadecimal? (Avoid using decimal.) **E12, use long addition working right to left**

## Bitwise Operators (In Q10 thru Q14, all numbers are in binary)

10. What is the binary value of  $1010 \mid 110$ ? **1110**
11. What is the binary value of  $1010 \& 110$ ? **10**
12. What is the binary value of  $1010 \ll 10$ ? **101000**
13. What is the binary value of  $1010 \gg 10$ ? **10**
14. What is the binary value of  $1010 \wedge 110$ ? **1100**
15. What is the value, expressed in hexadecimal, of  $C05126 \wedge CBE245 \wedge C05126$ ? (What is the trick?)  
Since the order of inputs to xor doesn't matter, this equals  $CBE245 \wedge C05126 \wedge C05126$ . Since anything xor'ed with itself is 0, this is  $CBE245 \wedge 0 = \mathbf{CBE245}$

## 16-bit Two's-Complement Representations

16. What is the complement of 0101 0000 1100 1111? **1010 1111 0011 0000**
17. Give the **16-bit two's-complement** binary representation of the decimal integer 116 (Use question 5) **0000 0000 0111 0100**
18. Give the 16-bit two's-complement binary representation of the decimal integer  $-116$  **First complement the bits of +116, then add one, giving 1111 1111 1000 1100**
19. What is the 16-bit two's-complement **hexadecimal** representation of the decimal integer  $-116$ ?  
**Like Q8 (converting each 4 bits to a hex digit) FF8C**
20. What is the decimal representation of the 16-bit two's-complement hexadecimal number FFFE?  
Since the first bit is 1, this number is negative. Call this negative number  $X$ . Then the binary representation of the positive number  $-X$  is obtained by flipping bits (0000 0000 0000 0001) and adding one (0000 0000 0000 0010). So  $-X$  is 2, i.e.  $X$  is **-2**.

## Challenges (Read Booksite §5.1)

21. What should the binary numbers 0.1 and 0.01 represent? **In decimal these are  $10^{-1}$  and  $10^{-2}$ . In binary these are likewise  $2^{-1} = 1/2$  and  $2^{-2} = 1/4$**
22. What are the powers of nine in octal? What are the powers of seventeen in hexadecimal?
23. Booksite exercises 5.1.18, 5.1.23, 5.1.25, Booksite creative exercises 5.1.6, 5.1.29