# What is a bit?

## CS143: lecture 13

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# Information

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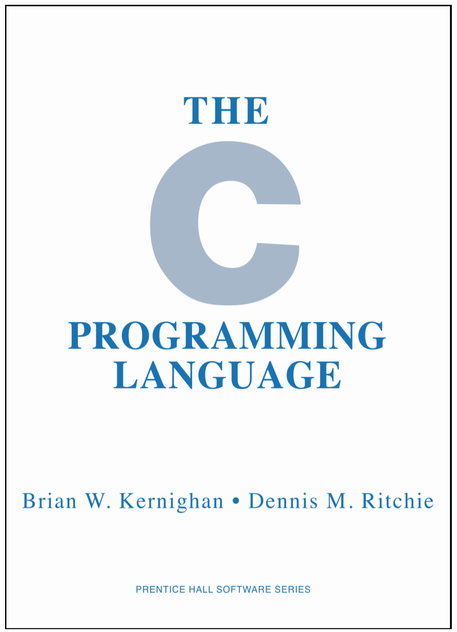

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## How about...

Eckhart Library

The John Crerar Library

# Information

- We can weigh objects
- We can determine the volume of solid objects or liquids
- We can measure the height of walls in this room

- Can we measure information?
- Can we distinguish more information from less?
- What is the unit of information?

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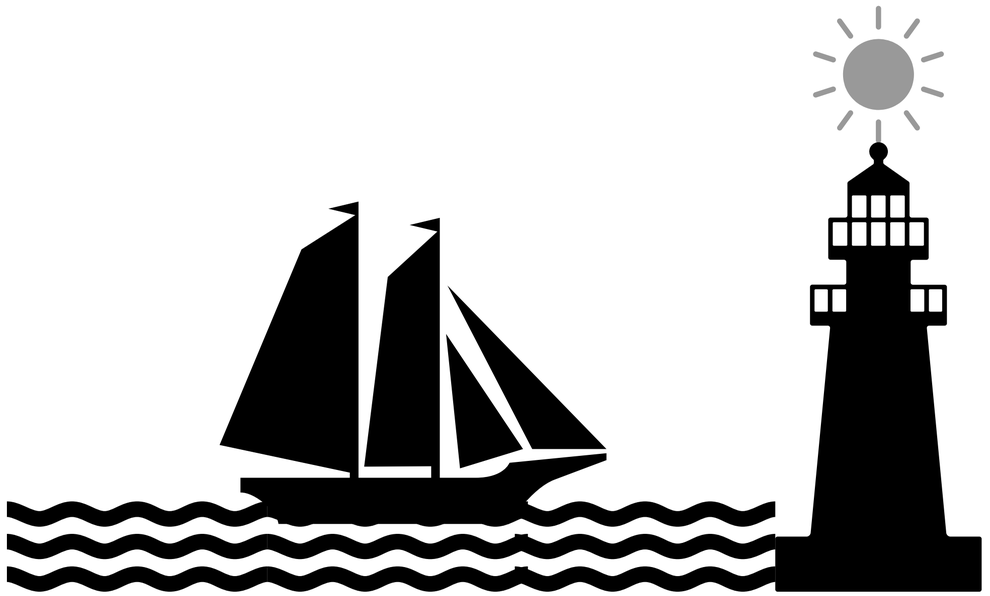

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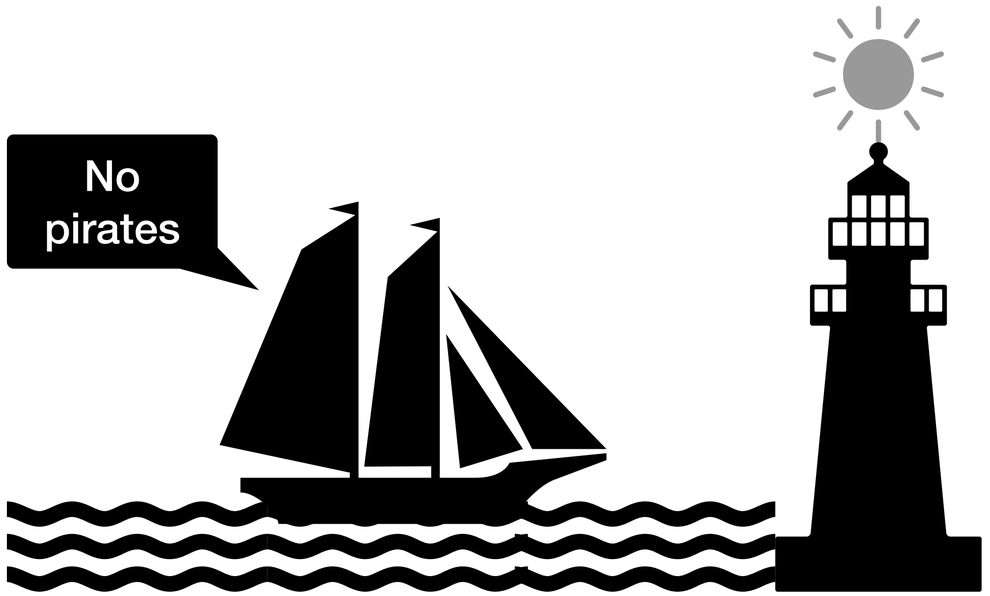

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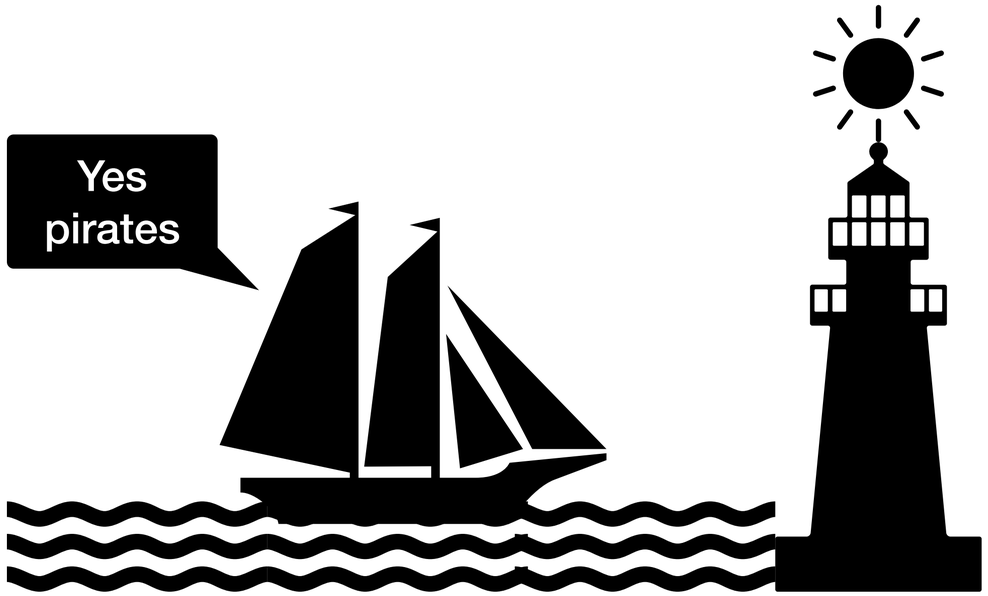

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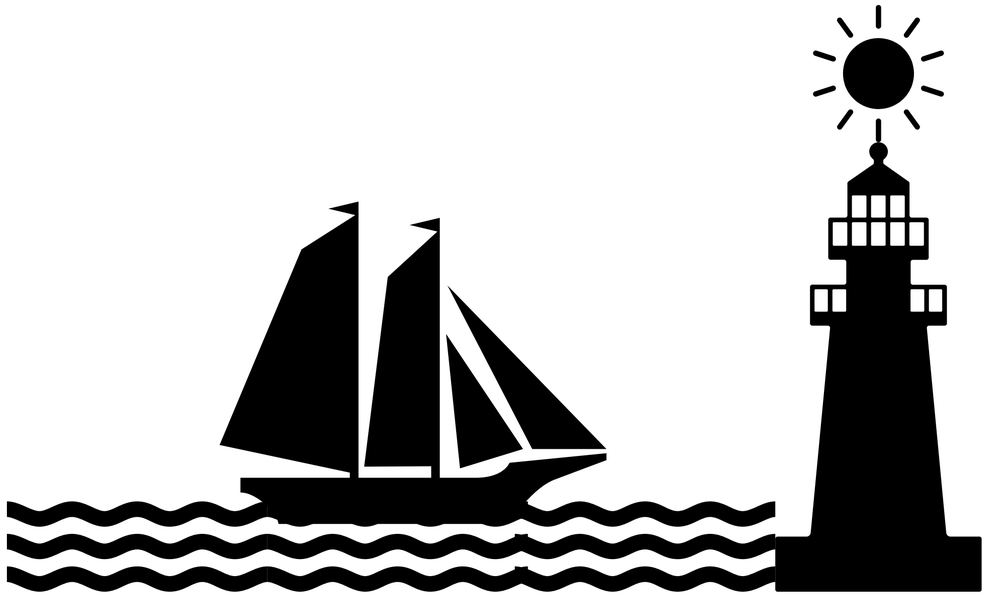

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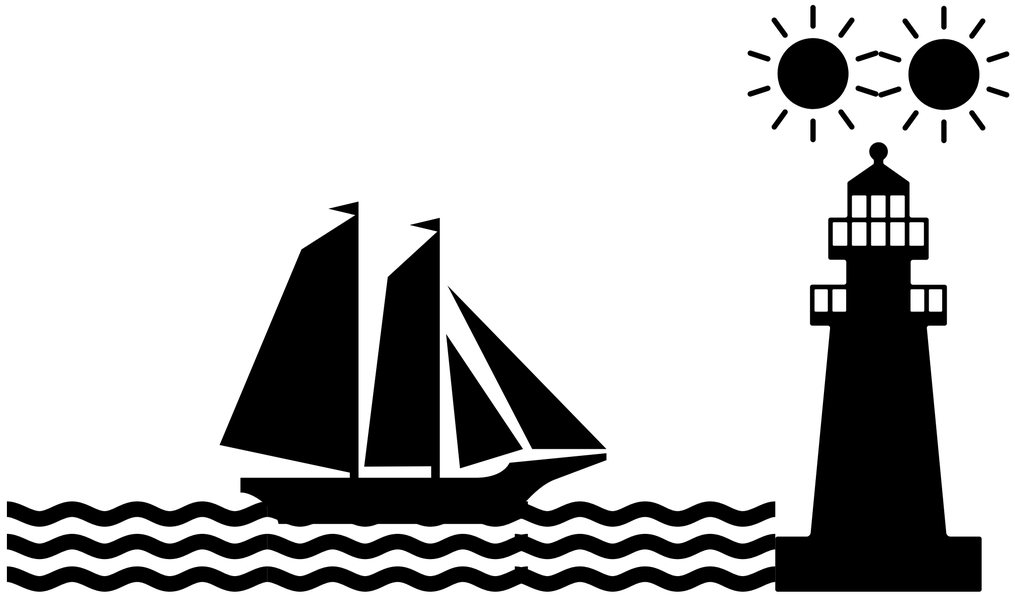

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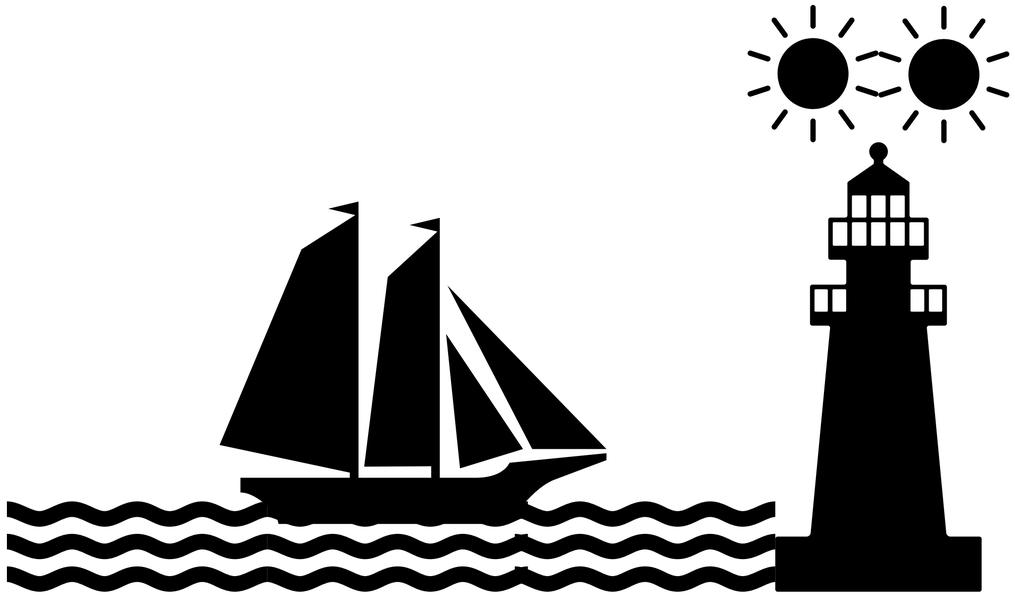

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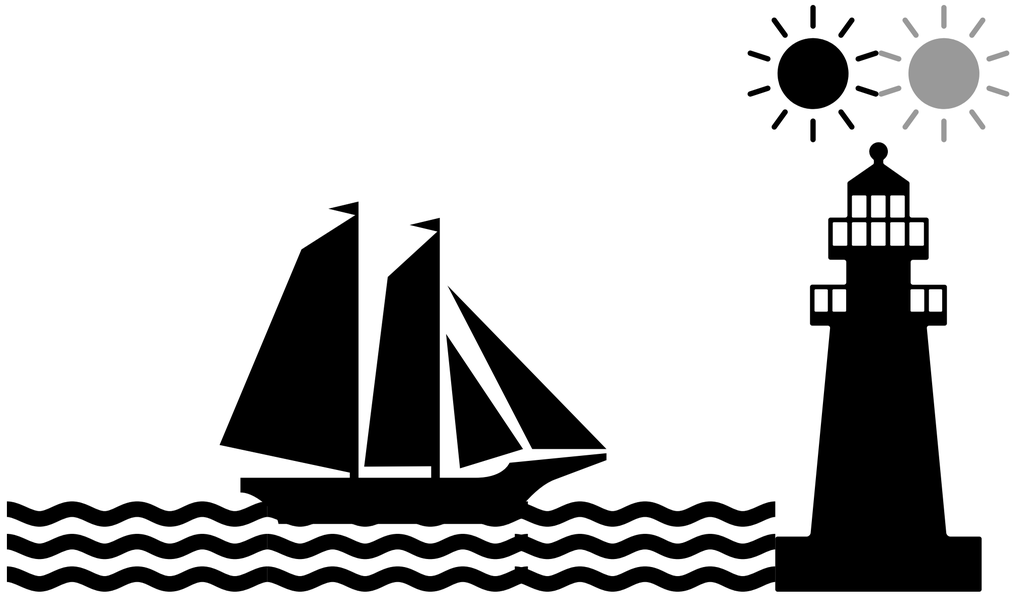

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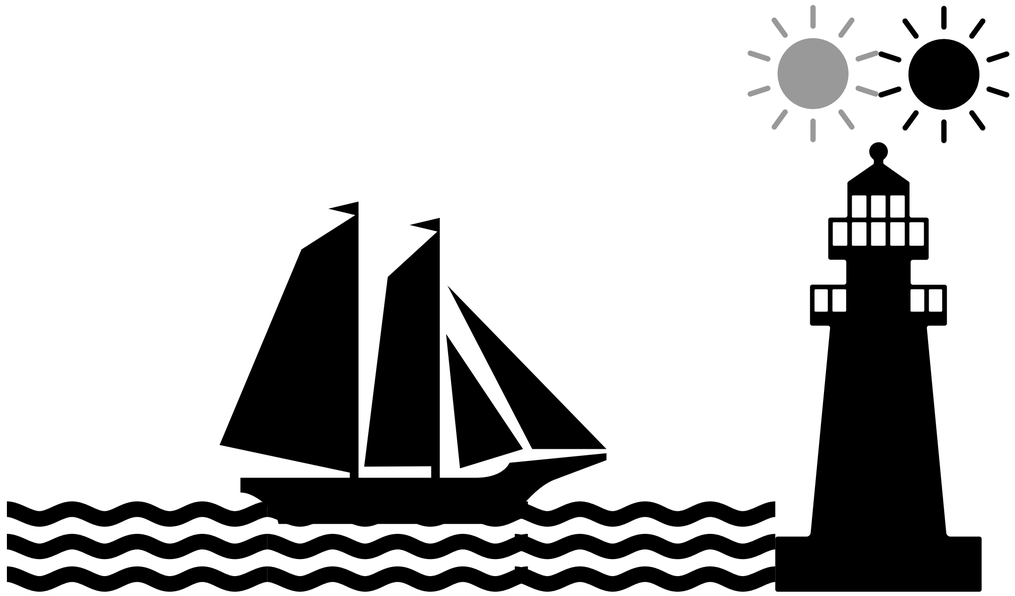

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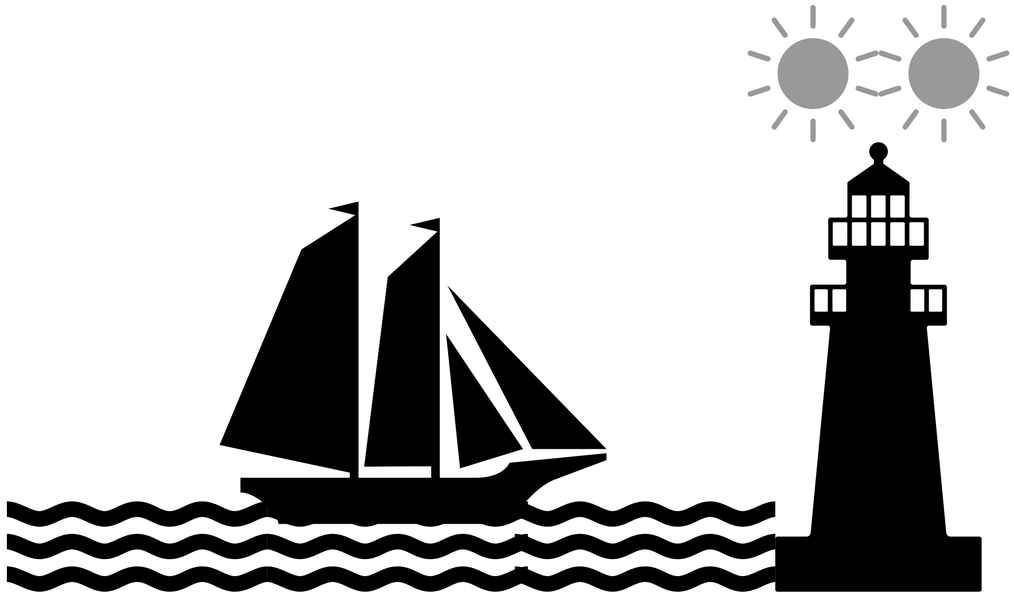

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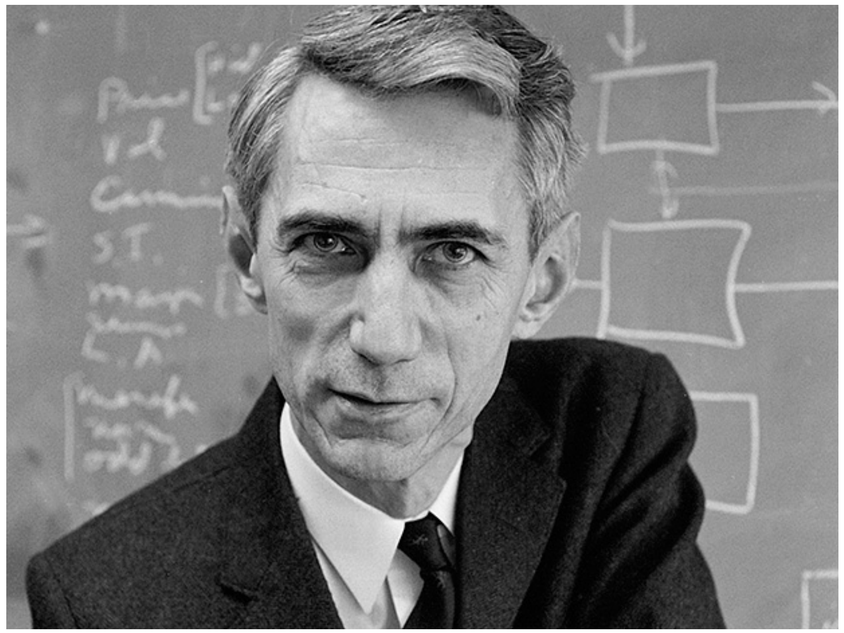

- Claude Shannon (1916 - 2001):
- *A Mathematical Theory of Communication* (1948)

# Information

- Insight: whenever two parties communicate, each message is answering one or more yes-or-no questions.
- We call each answer *a bit*.
- Information can be measured in bits.
- This is quite profound: communication is choosing among possibilities!

# Information

- Just saying "yes" or "no" isn't enough
  - We don't know what *questions* they answer
- We have to agree ahead of time what the choices are.
- The more choices we have to make, the more answers we'll have to communicate.

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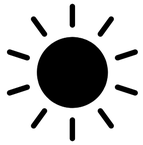

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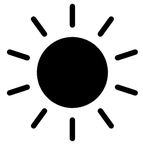

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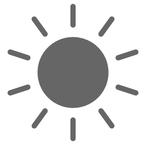

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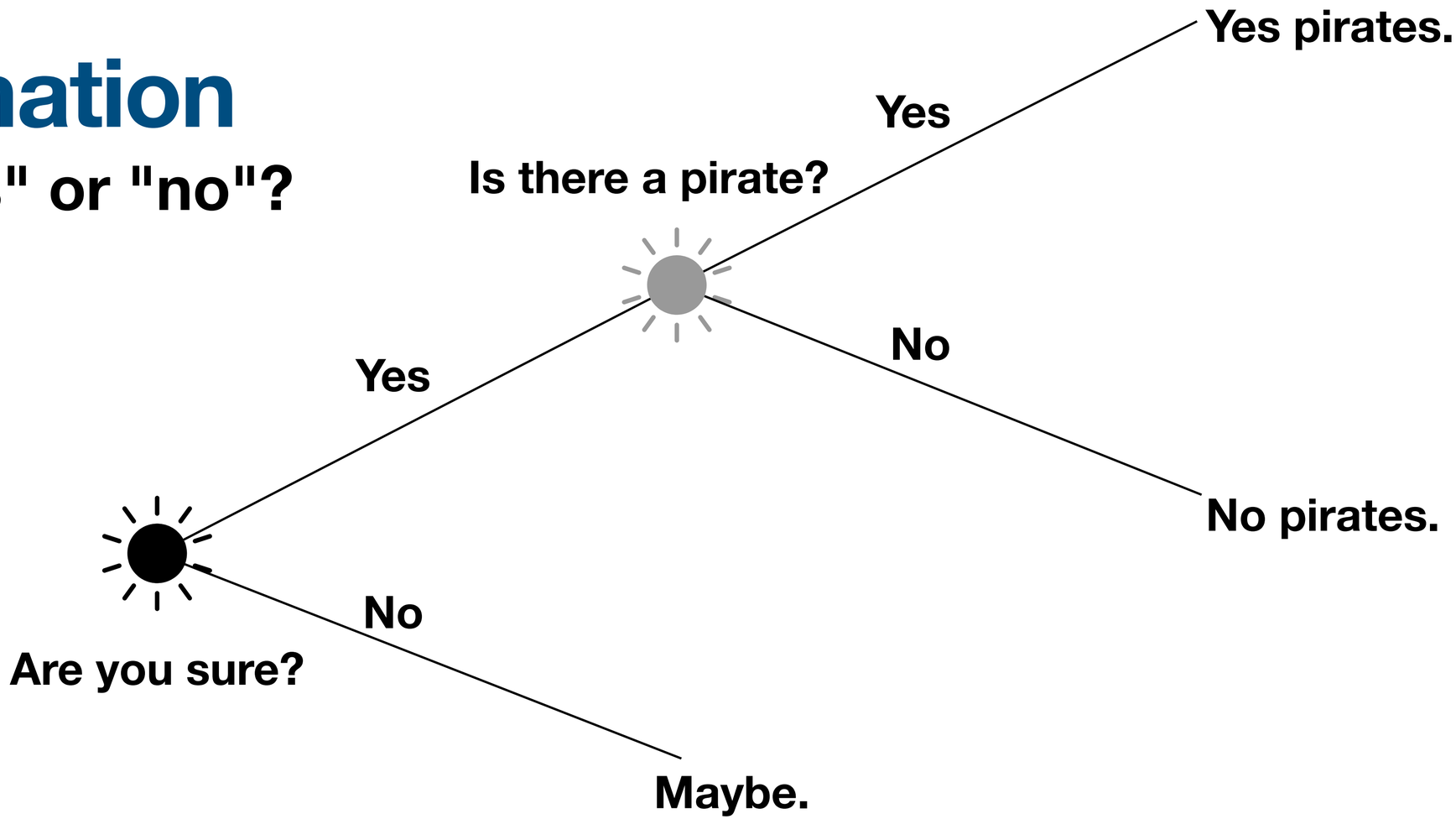


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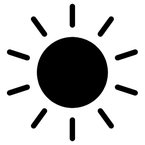

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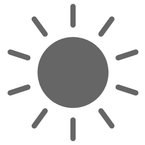

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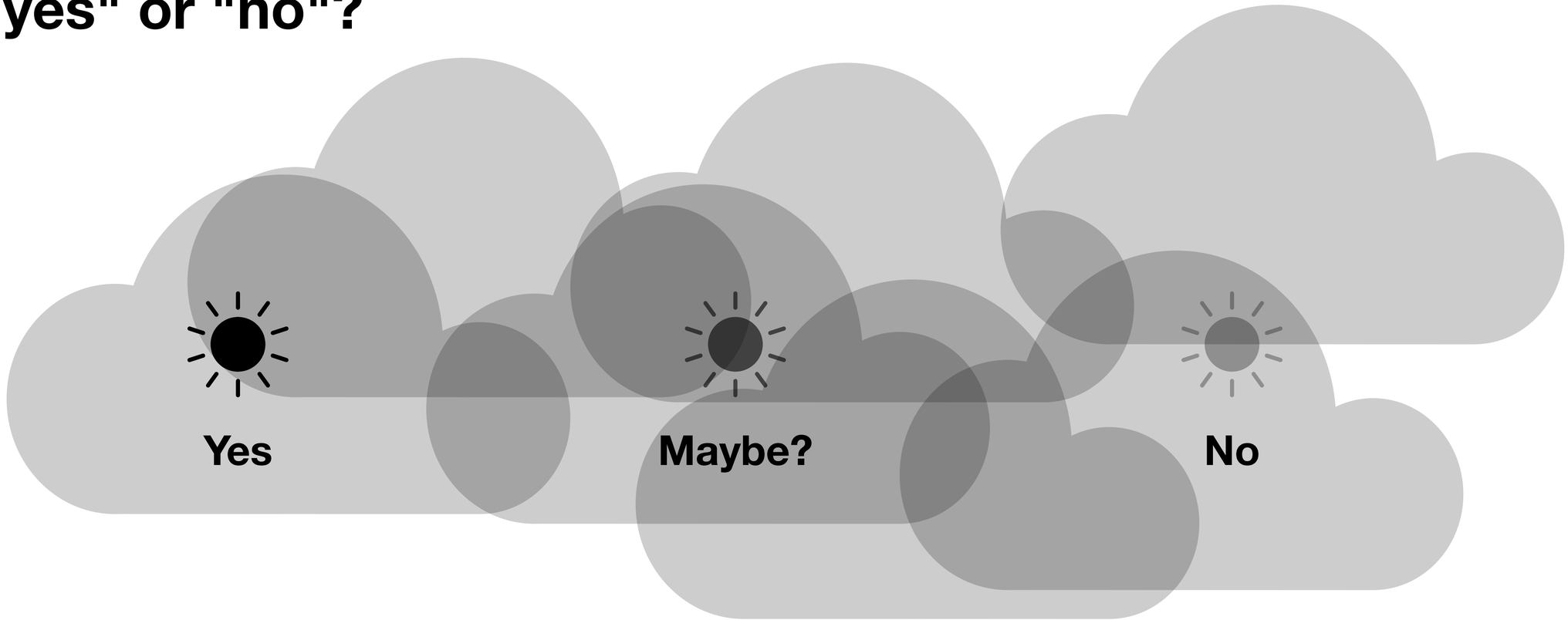


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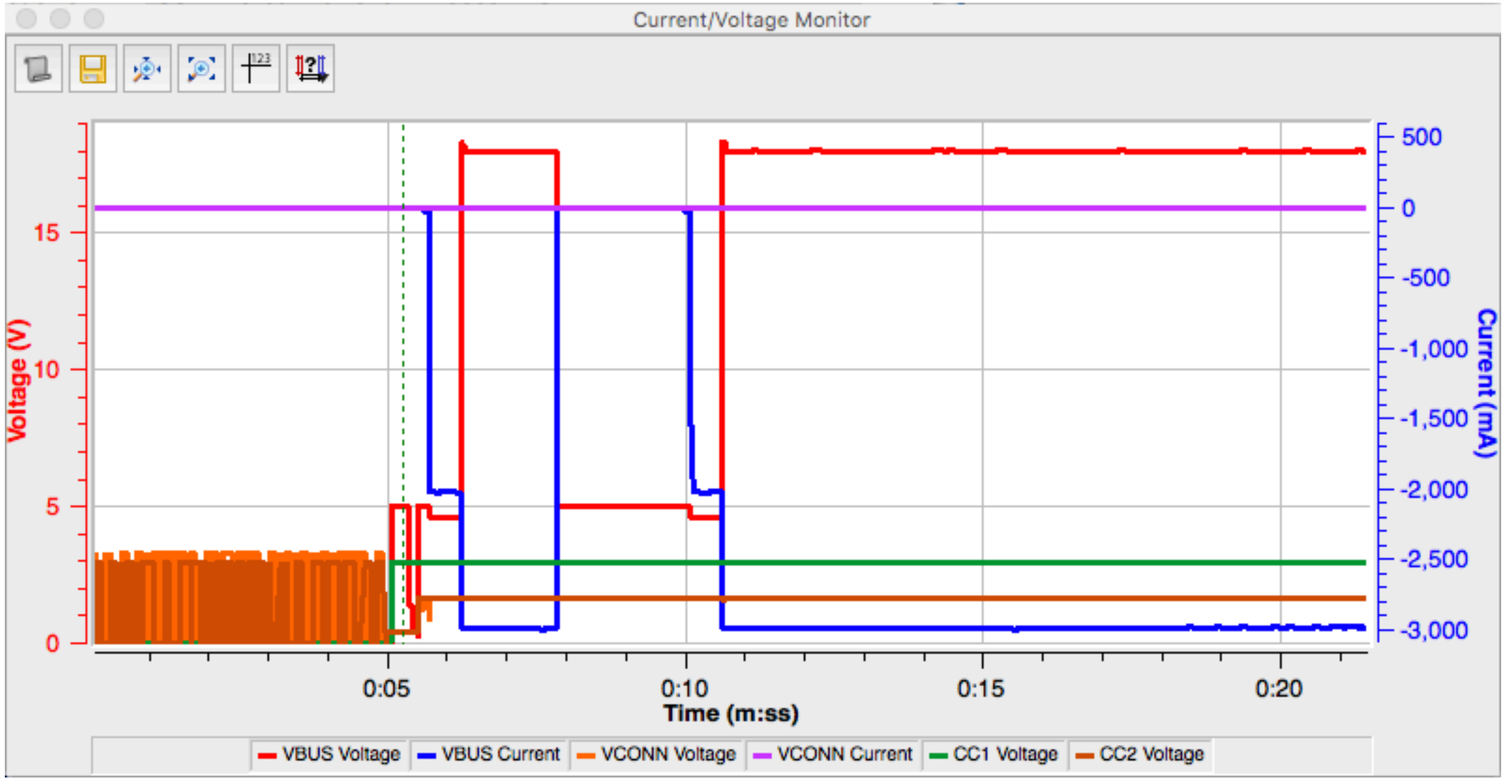


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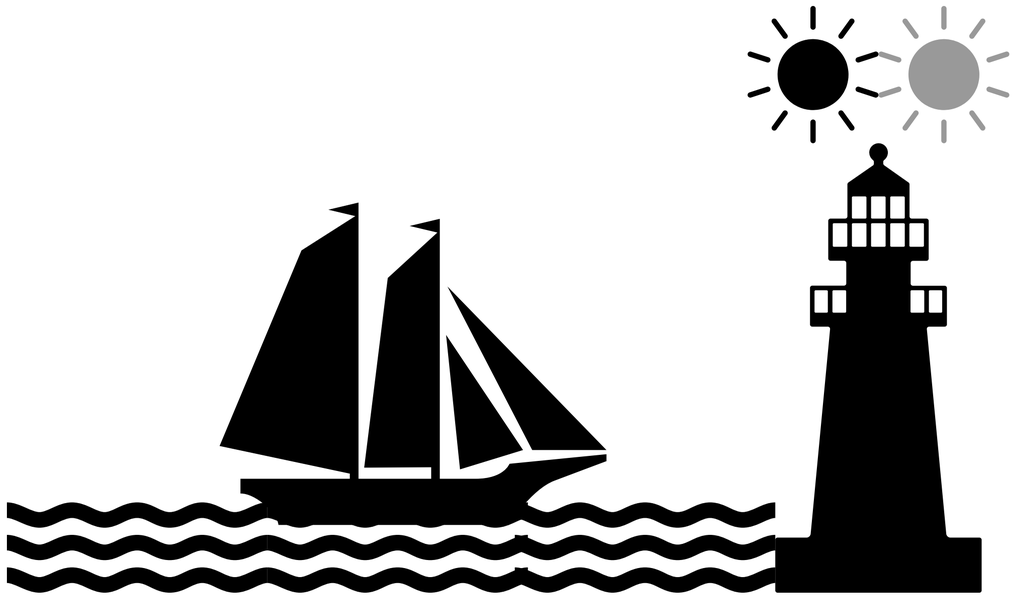

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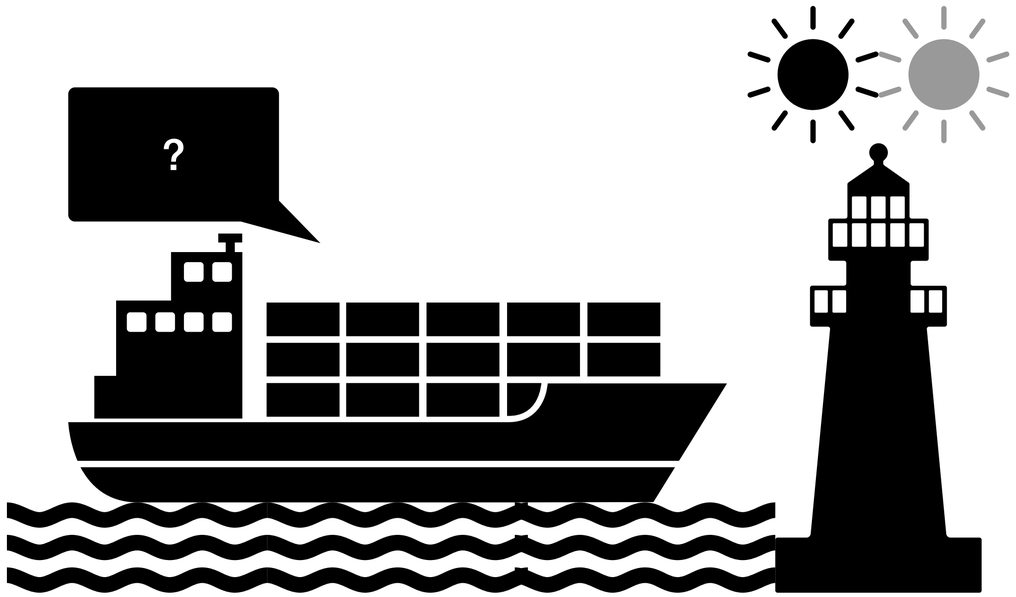

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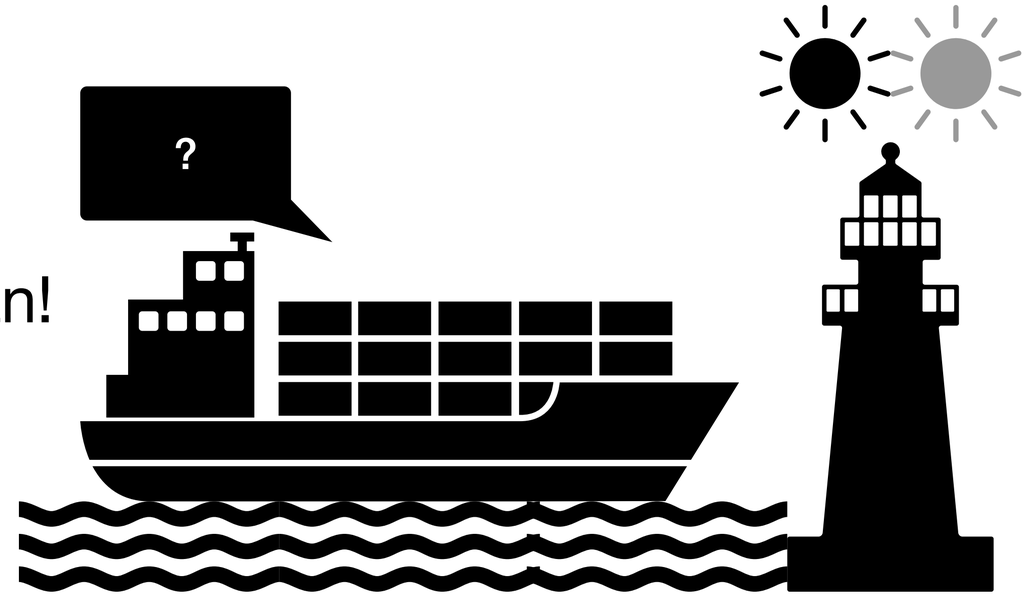
- If you don't know the context, you don't know what the bits mean!
- This is why we need file format, types, protocols, ...



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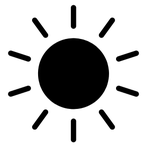

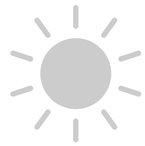

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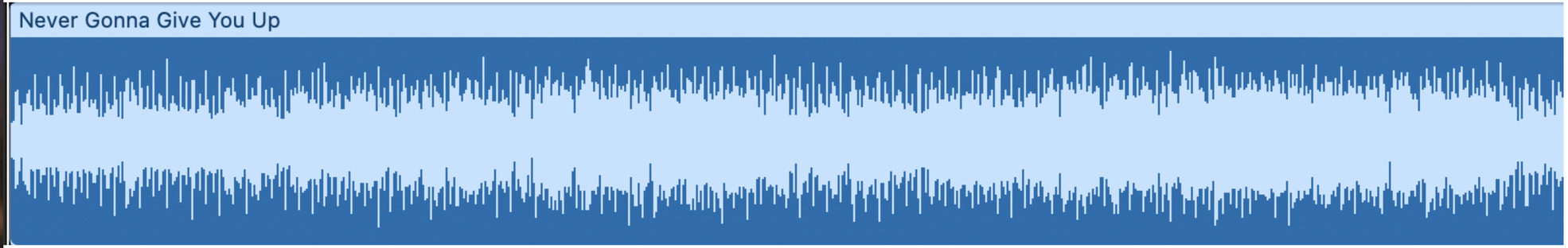


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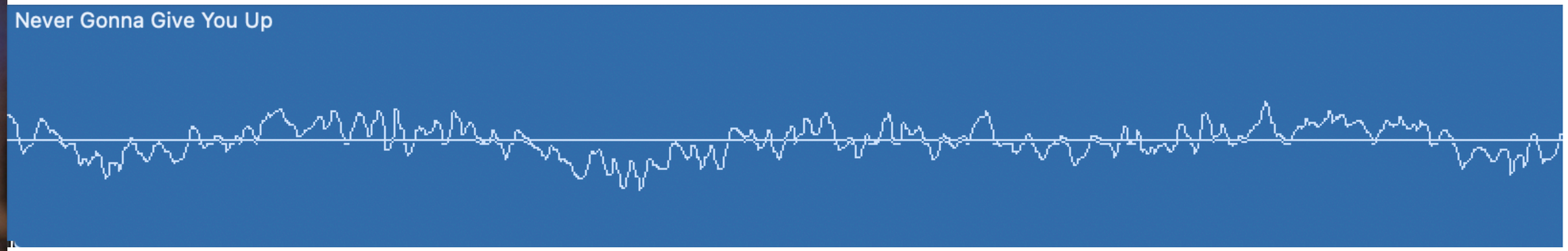


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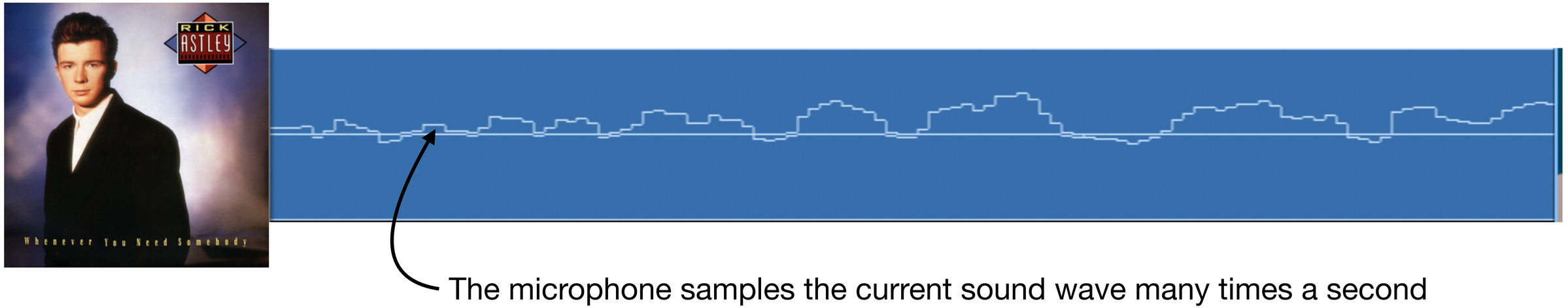


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- CD quality:
  - 16 bit per sample (65536 choices of magnitudes!)
  - 44100 Hz from 2 channels.
  - 16 * 44100 * 2 = 1,411,200 bits/second
- Length: 214 seconds
  - 301,996,800 bits!

What if you want to choose between all music?

# Information

## Bits

- A bit is an answer to a yes-no question
- We can model information as a series of yes-no questions
- In order to communicate in bits, we must know:
  - what the questions are;
  - which bit answers which question.
- If we have $n$ bits, we have $2^n$ choices to communicate.
- If we have $n$ choices to communicate, we need $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ bits.

# Binary

## Let's talk numbers

- To communicate numbers, just like other information, we can encode numbers as bits!

# Binary

## Let's talk numbers

| Number | Encoding |
| --- | --- |
| 0 | |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
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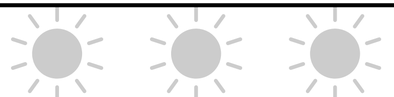
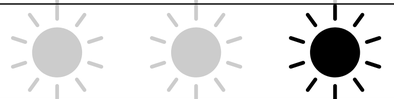
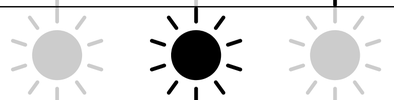
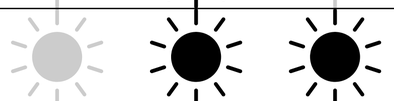
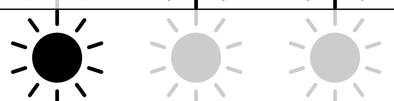
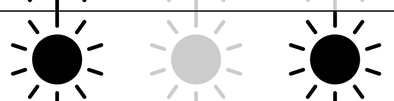
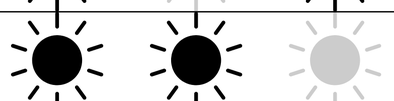
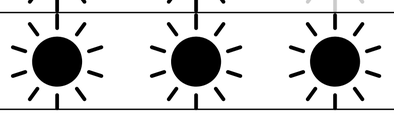
| 0 |  |
| 1 |  |
| 2 |  |
| 3 |  |
| 4 |  |
| 5 |  |
| 6 |  |
| 7 |  |

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| Number | Encoding |
|---|---|
| **0** | [no, no, no] |
| **1** | [no, no, yes] |
| **2** | [no, yes, no] |
| **3** | [no, yes, yes] |
| **4** | [yes, no, no] |
| **5** | [yes, no, yes] |
| **6** | [yes, yes, no] |
| **7** | [yes, yes, yes] |

# Binary

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Wait, we already have math behind this!

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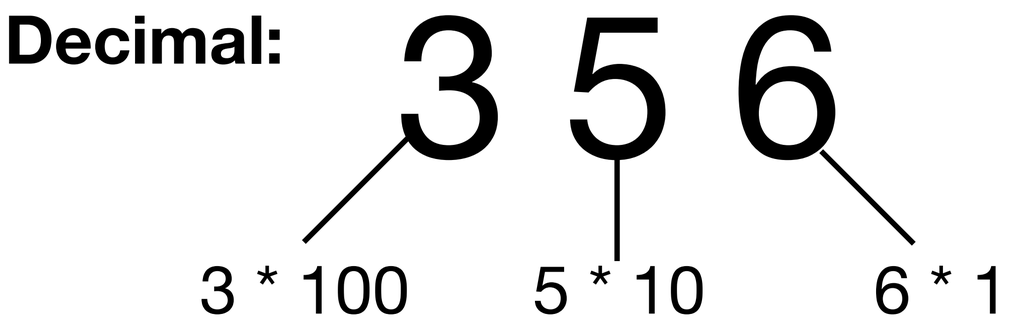

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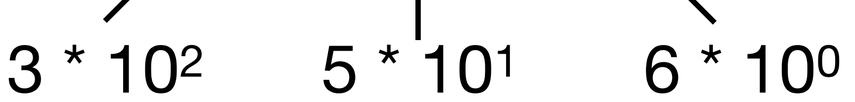

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- 10 choices per digit
- every time we add one to the tens, we use up all 10 choices

**Decimal:** 3 5 6

$3 * 10^2$ $5 * 10^1$ $6 * 10^0$

# Binary

## Decimal number with harder math

- 2 choices per digit
- every time we add one to the tens, we use up all 2 choices

**Binary:** 1 0 1

$1 * 2^2$ $0 * 2^1$ $1 * 2^0$ $= 5$

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## Binary-searching the list of choices

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7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

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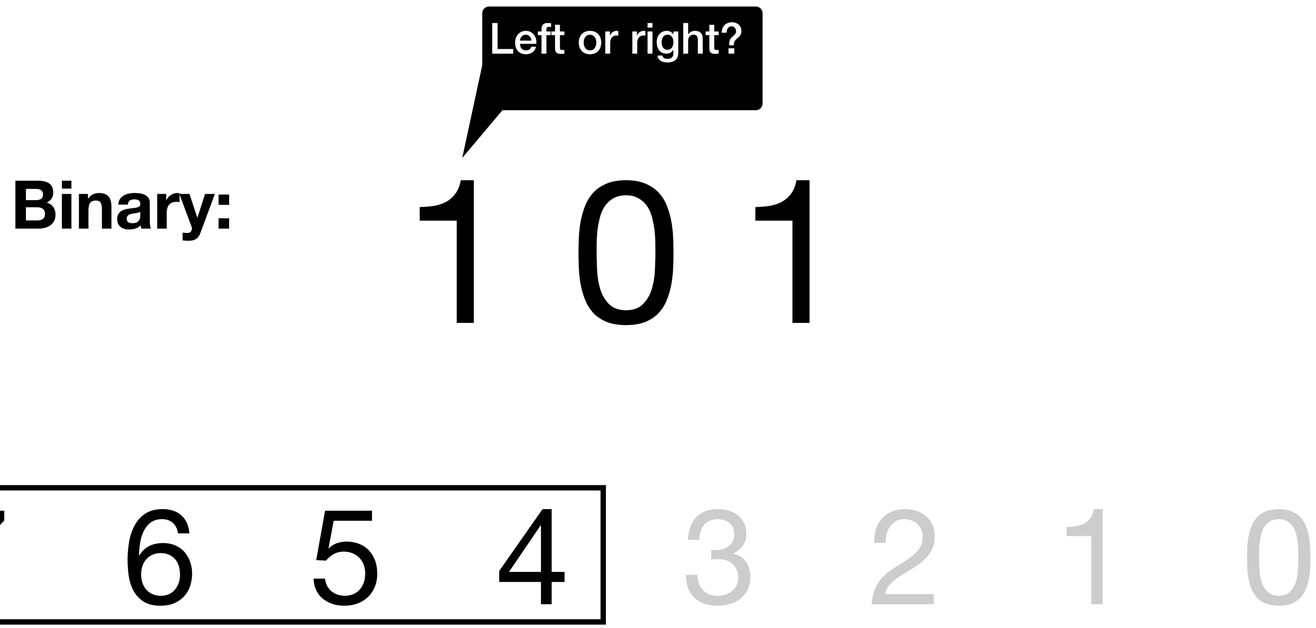

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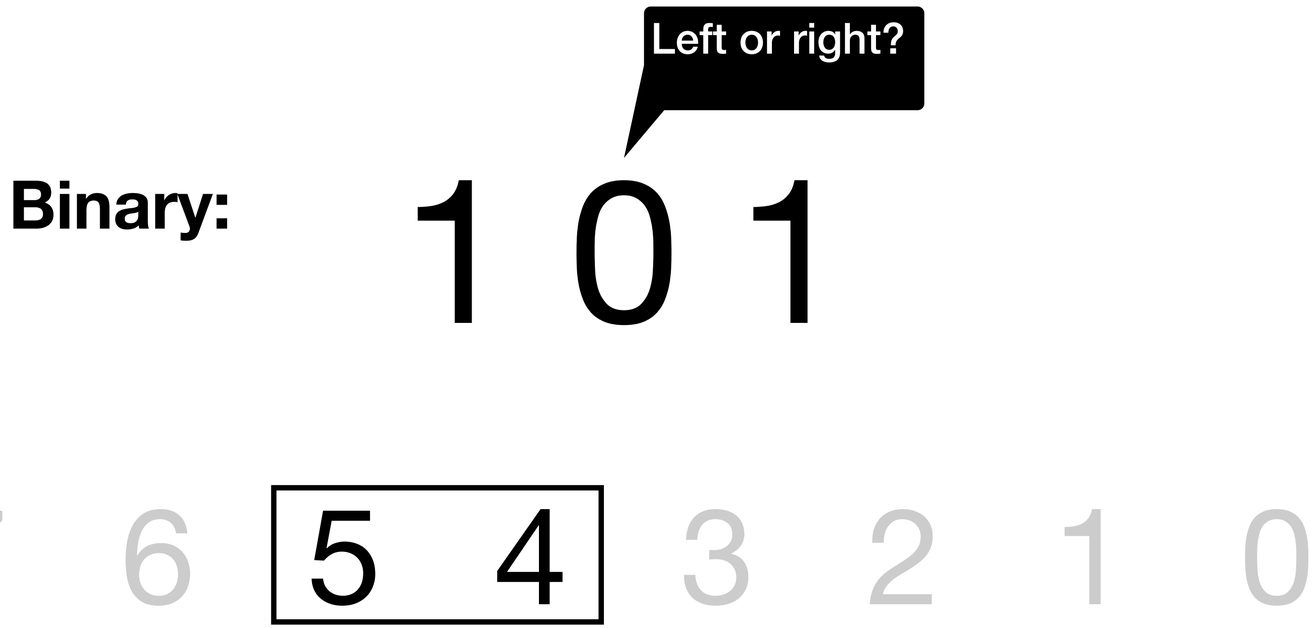

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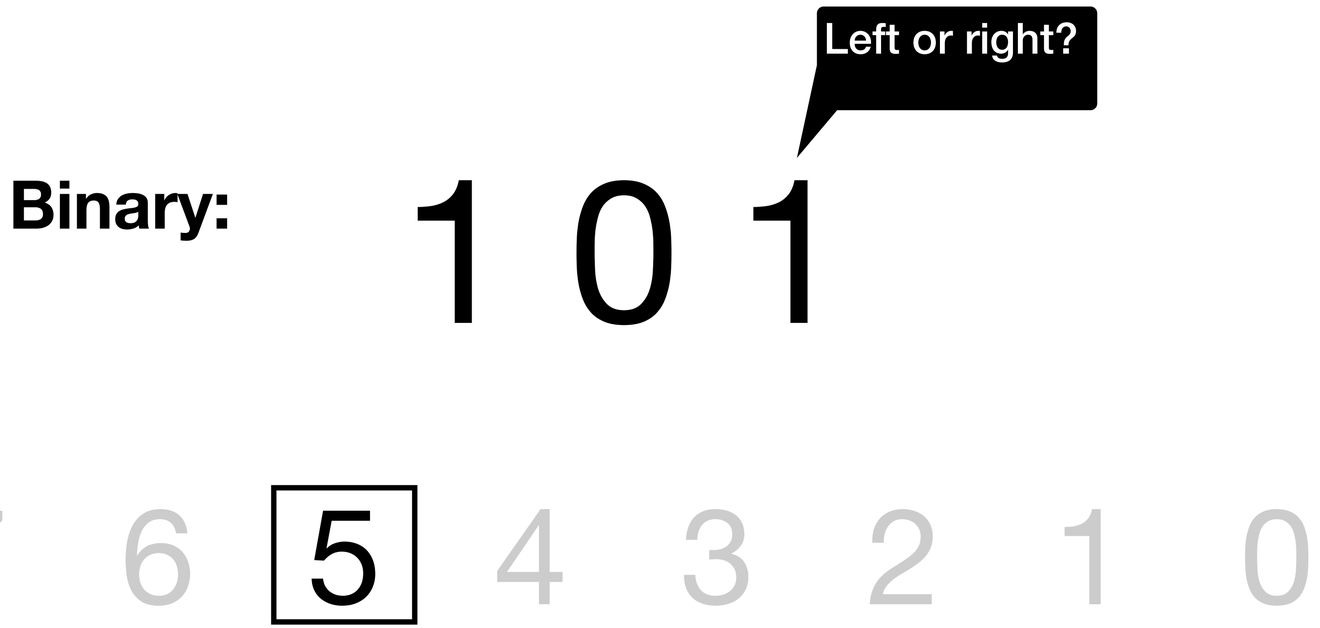

# Binary

## Two ways

**Binary:** 1 0 1

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# Binary

## How about texts?

### Variables

### American Standard Code for Information Interchange

| Dec | Char | Dec | Char | Dec | Char | Dec | Char |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | NUL | 32 | SPACE | 64 | @ | 96 | ` |
| 1 | SOH | 33 | ! | 65 | A | 97 | a |
| 2 | STX | 34 | " | 66 | B | 98 | b |
| 3 | ETX | 35 | # | 67 | C | 99 | c |
| 4 | EOT | 36 | $ | 68 | D | 100 | d |
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| 18 | DC2 | 50 | 2 | 82 | R | 114 | r |
| 19 | DC3 | 51 | 3 | 83 | S | 115 | s |
| 20 | DC4 | 52 | 4 | 84 | T | 116 | t |
| 21 | NAK | 53 | 5 | 85 | U | 117 | u |
| 22 | SYN | 54 | 6 | 86 | V | 118 | v |
| 23 | ETB | 55 | 7 | 87 | W | 119 | w |
| 24 | CAN | 56 | 8 | 88 | X | 120 | x |
| 25 | EM | 57 | 9 | 89 | Y | 121 | y |
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| 29 | GS | 61 | = | 93 | ] | 125 | } |
| 30 | RS | 62 | > | 94 | ^ | 126 | ~ |
| 31 | US | 63 | ? | 95 | _ | 127 | DEL |

# Digitalization

- Software structures model *real world* objects and concepts:
  - Numbers
  - Texts
  - Images
  - Sound recordings
  - Students
  - Bank statements
  - etc.
- These aren't bits, but we agree on which choices we care about and which bit patterns to present them

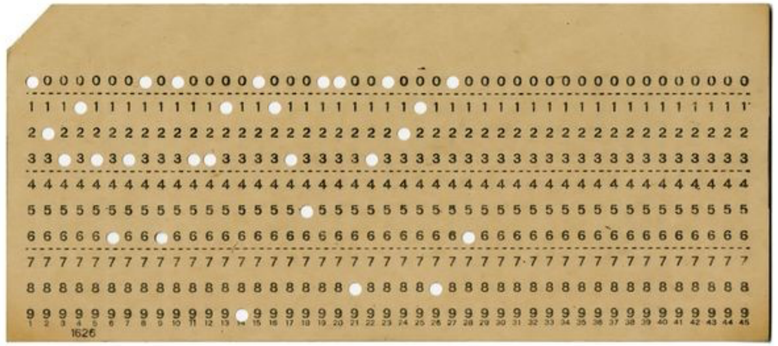
# Bits

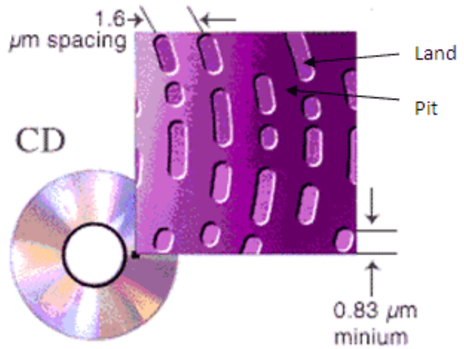
## In your machine

- We need hardware that can be one of two states

```
10001011011001010000111100000011010010
```

Relays
Punch cards
Tape
Optical disc (CD, DVD)
Transistors
...






https://computerhistory.org/

# Bits

## In your machine

- Can we get a pointer to a single bit?

```
1000101101100101000011110000000110100101 1
```

# Bits

## In your machine

- Can we get a pointer to a single bit? *NO!*

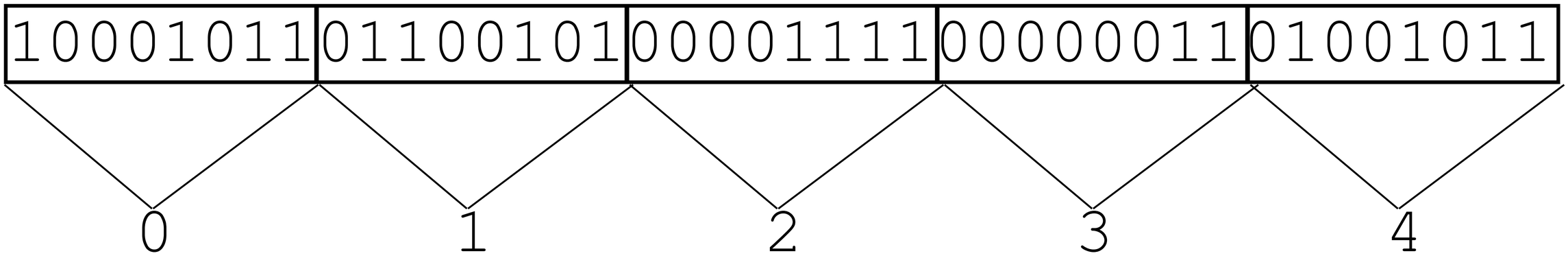
```
1000101101100101000011110000001101001011
```

- Too many addresses -- pointer sizes will be massive
- With some cleverness, you can retrieve a single bit (later!)

# Bits

## In your machine

- Can we get a pointer to a single bit? *NO!*

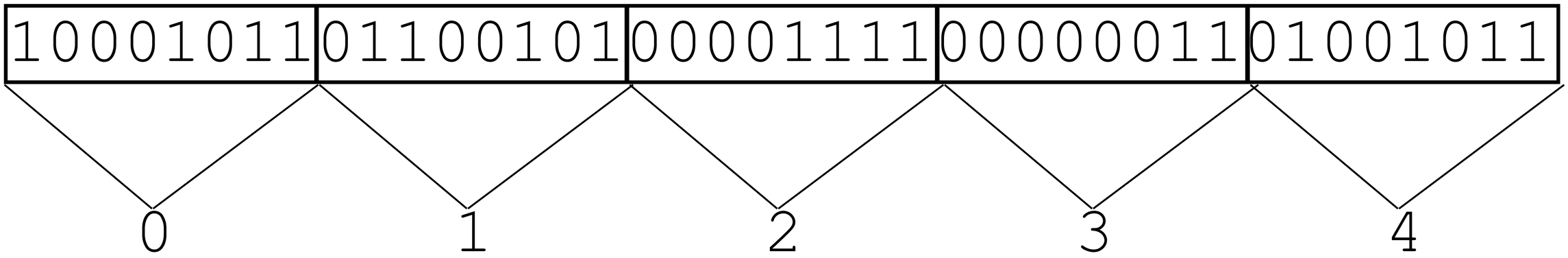



- 8 bits is a *byte*.
- Memory is *byte-addressable*.

# Bits

## In your machine

- Why 8 bits?




- Big enough for an English character
- 8 is a power of 2 (later)

# Bits

## Know your powers of 2

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

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **8** | 256 |
| **9** | 512 |
| **10** | 1024 |
| **11** | 2048 |
| **12** | 4096 |
| **13** | 8192 |
| **14** | 16384 |
| **15** | 32768 |

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **16** | 65,536 |
| **17** | 131,072 |
| **18** | 262,144 |
| **19** | 524,288 |
| **20** | 1,048,576 |
| **21** | 2,097,152 |
| **22** | 4,194,304 |
| **23** | 8,388,608 |

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **24** | 16,777,216 |
| **25** | 33,554,432 |
| **26** | 67,108,864 |
| **27** | 134,217,728 |
| **28** | 268,435,456 |
| **29** | 536,870,912 |
| **30** | 1,073,741,824 |
| **31** | 2,147,483,648 |

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **32** | 4,294,967,296 |
| **64** | 18,446,744,073,709,600,000 |
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| | |

# Bits

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| | |
| | |

`char`

`short`

`int`, `float`

`long`, `double`, pointers

# Bits

- Bits encode choices
- Bits have no inherent meanings; to read encoding, need to know the intended interpretation
- Bits can be stored in any devices that can be one of two states
- If the two states are 0 and 1, then binary number is an obvious encoding of integer numbers
- Modern machines has an address per byte (8 bits)

# Number Conversions

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **0** | 1 |
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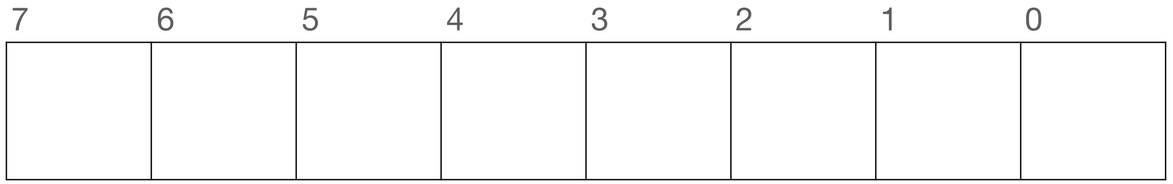
**Decimal:** 1 9 9



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| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 199

71

128 +

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | | | | | | | |

# Number Conversions

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

**Decimal:** 199

7

128 + 64 +

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | | | | | | |

# Number Conversions

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| **0** | 1 |
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| **3** | 8 |
| **4** | 16 |
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| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 199

7

128 + 64 +

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | **0** | | | | | |

# Number Conversions

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **0** | 1 |
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| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 199

7

128 + 64 +

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | | | | |

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**Decimal:** 199

7

128 + 64 +

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | | | |

# Number Conversions

| n | 2^n |
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| **0** | 1 |
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| **4** | 16 |
| **5** | 32 |
| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 199

$$128 + 64 + 4 + 3$$

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | | |

# Number Conversions

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| **0** | 1 |
| **1** | 2 |
| **2** | 4 |
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| **4** | 16 |
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| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 199

128 + 64 + 4 + 2 + 1

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** | |

# Number Conversions

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

**Decimal:** 199

128 + 64 + 4 + 2 + 1

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

# Number Conversions

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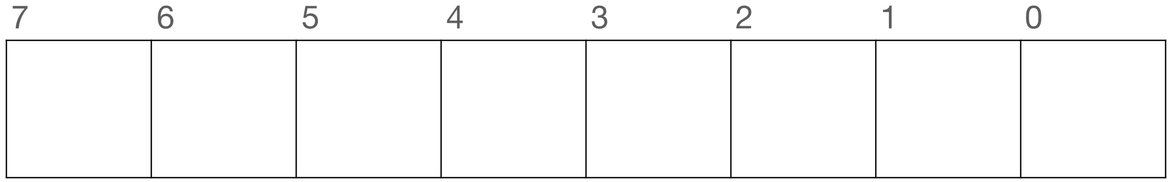
| **3** | 8 |
| **4** | 16 |
| **5** | 32 |
| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 200



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| **0** | 1 |
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| **5** | 32 |
| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 200

72

128 +

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | | | | | | | |

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| n | 2^n |
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| **0** | 1 |
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| **4** | 16 |
| **5** | 32 |
| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 200

128 + 64 + 8

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | | | | | | |

# Number Conversions

| n | 2^n |
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| **0** | 1 |
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| **4** | 16 |
| **5** | 32 |
| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 200

128 + 64 + 8 + 0

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **1** | | | |

# Number Conversions

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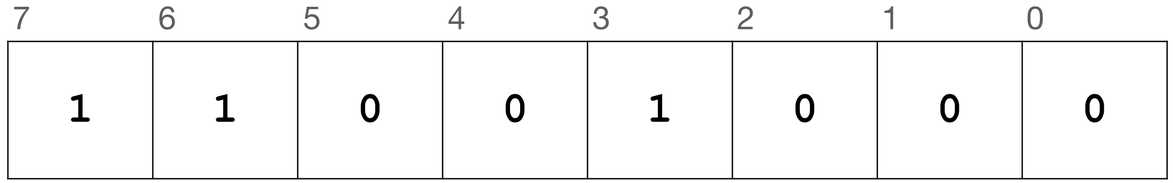

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| **7** | 128 |

199

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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200

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# Number Conversions

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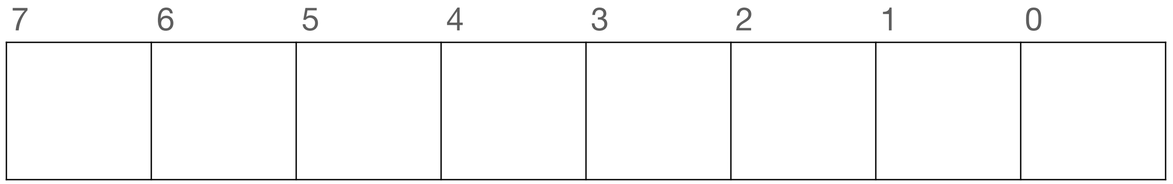
**Decimal:** 2 0



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| **5** | 32 |
| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 20

```
    4
16 +
```

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | | | | |

# Number Conversions

| n | 2^n |
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| **0** | 1 |
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| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 20

16 + 4

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **0** |

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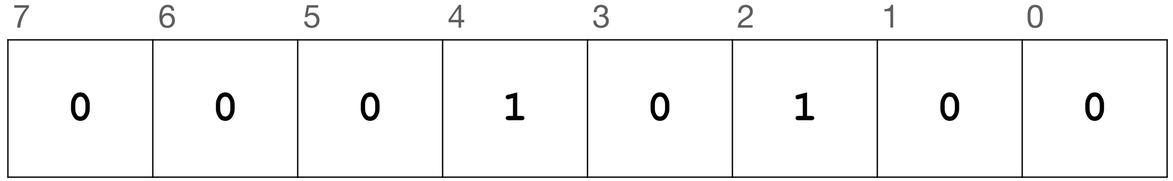


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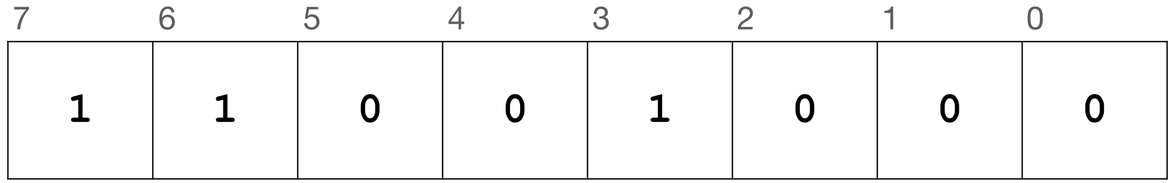


- x 10 can't convert nicely

# Number Conversions

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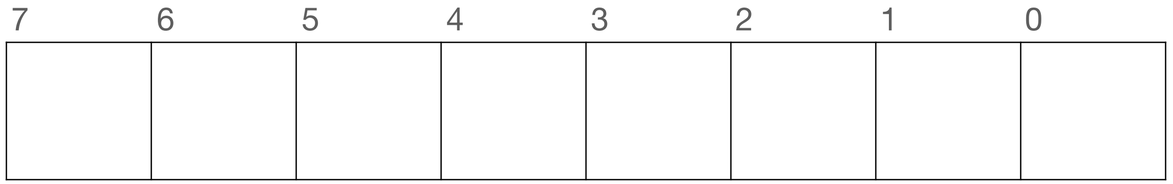
**Decimal:** 40



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| **7** | 128 |

**Decimal:** 40

32 + 8

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **0** | **0** | **1** | | | | | |

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**Decimal:** 40

32 + 8

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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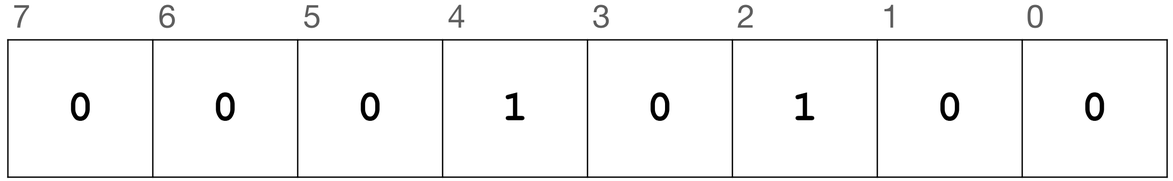


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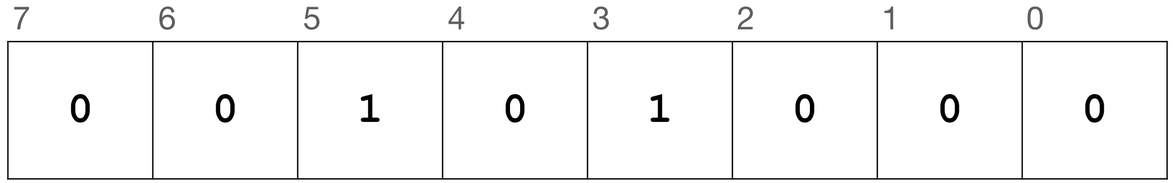


- x 2 is shifting everything to the left!

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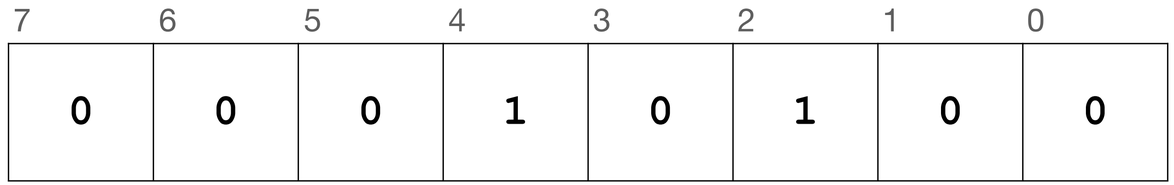
123

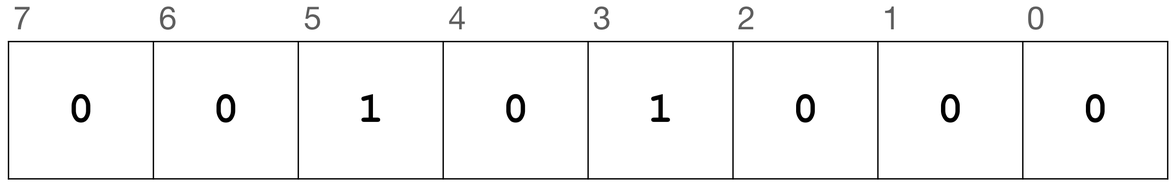
x 10

1230

**Decimal**




x 2

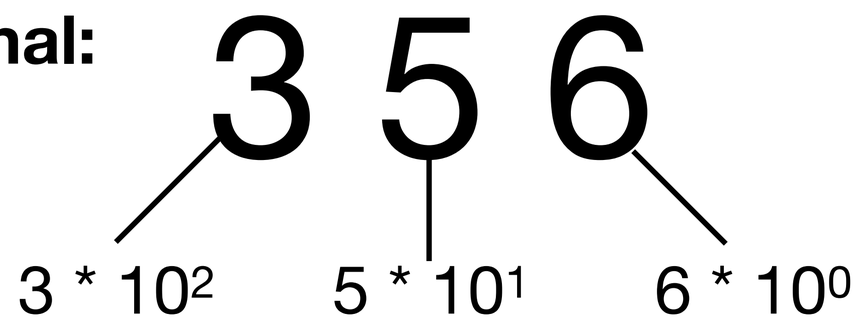



**Binary**

# Hexadecimal Numbers

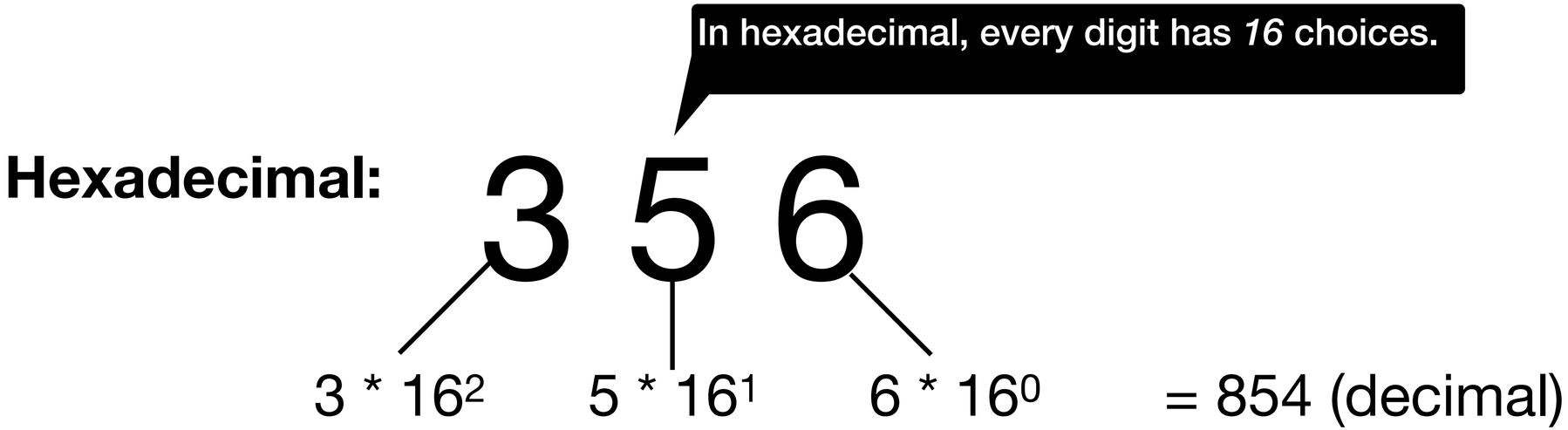
## Numbers with even wackier math

**Decimal:**



# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math



# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math

In hexadecimal, every digit has *16* choices.

**Hexadecimal:** 3 5 6

$3 * 16^2$ $5 * 16^1$ $6 * 16^0$ = 854 (decimal)

| | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | A | B | C | D | E | F |

# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math

- Why 16?
- Because 16 is $2^4$! So every digit needs exactly 4 bits -- this will turn out to be very convenient
- Usually, we prefix hexadecimal numbers with `0x`

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math

| n | 16^n |
|---|---|
| **0** | 1 |
| **1** | 16 |
| **2** | 256 |
| **3** | 4096 |

0x A B

10 11 12 13 14 15

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math

| n | 16^n |
|---|---|
| **0** | 1 |
| **1** | 16 |
| **2** | 256 |
| **3** | 4096 |

# 0x A B

10 * 16 + 11 * 1 = 171

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | | |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | A | B | C | D | E | F |

# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math

| n | 2^n |
|---|---|
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 8 |
| 4 | 16 |
| 5 | 32 |
| 6 | 64 |
| 7 | 128 |

# 0x A B

10 * 16 + 11 * 1 = 171

| 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Numbers with even wackier math

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| **3** | 8 |
| **4** | 16 |
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| **6** | 64 |
| **7** | 128 |

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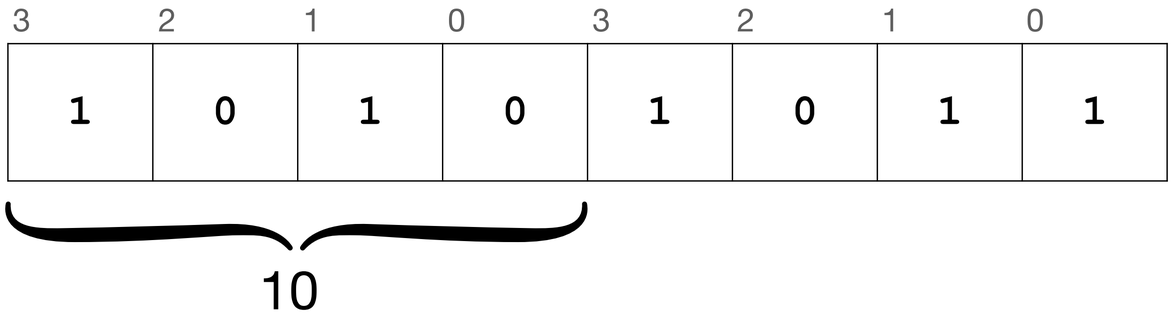


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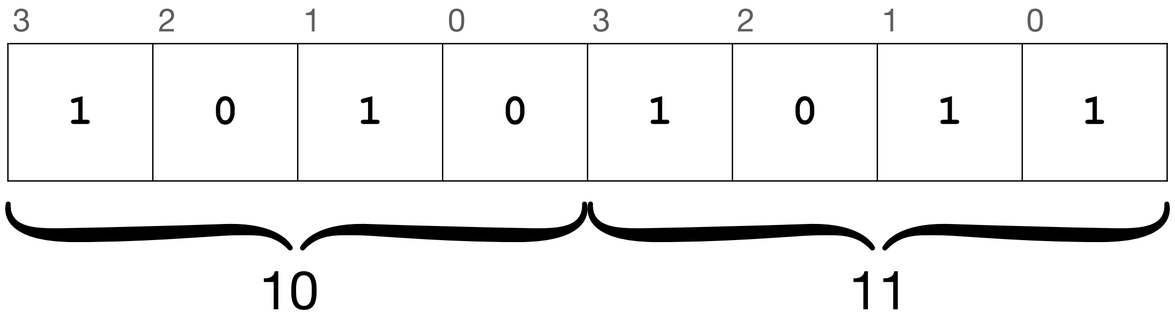


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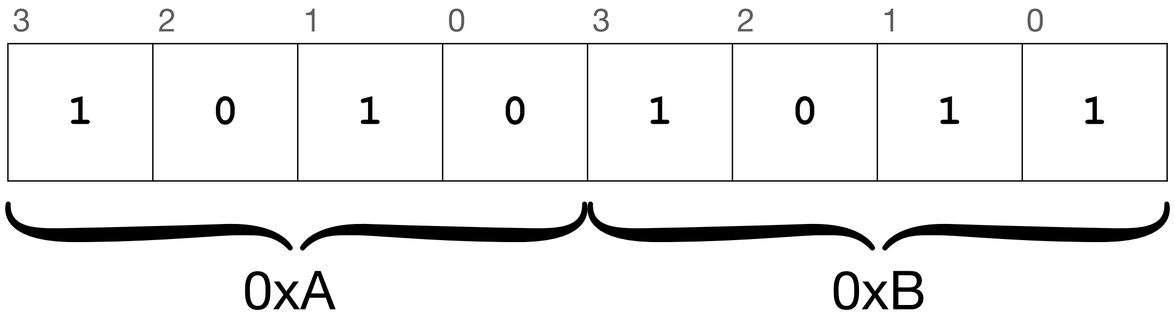


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# Hexadecimal Numbers

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- Every hex digit corresponds to 4 binary digits
- We can convert 1 hex digit/4 binary digits at a time!
  - Can't do this with decimal digits

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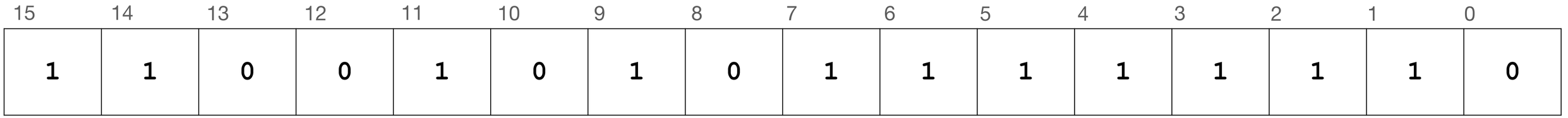


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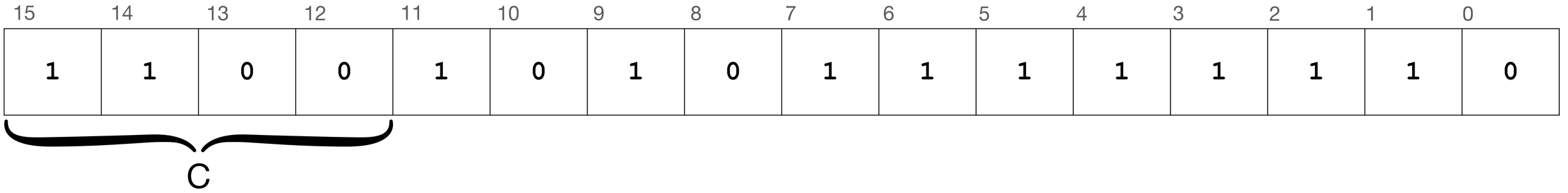


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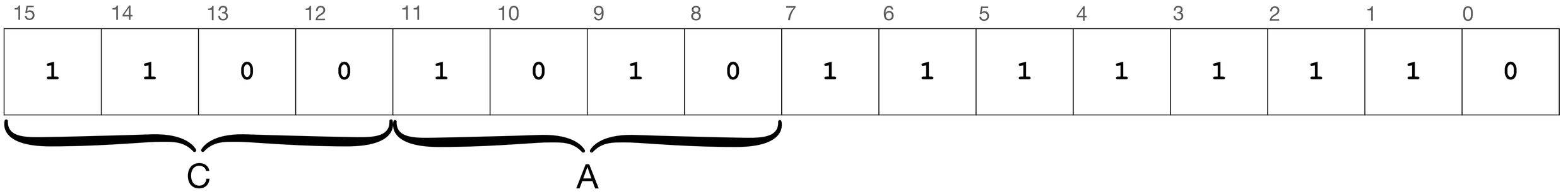


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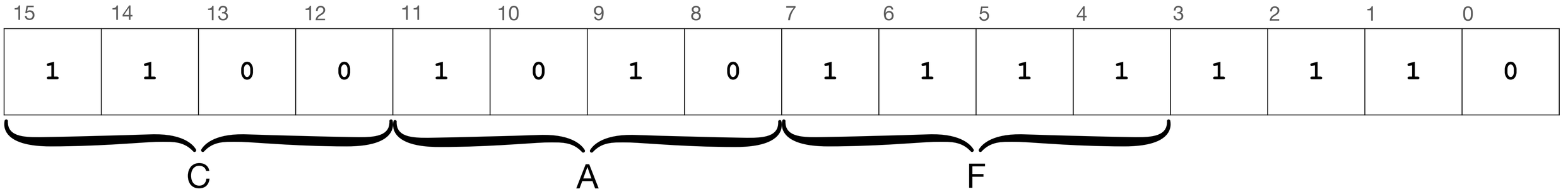


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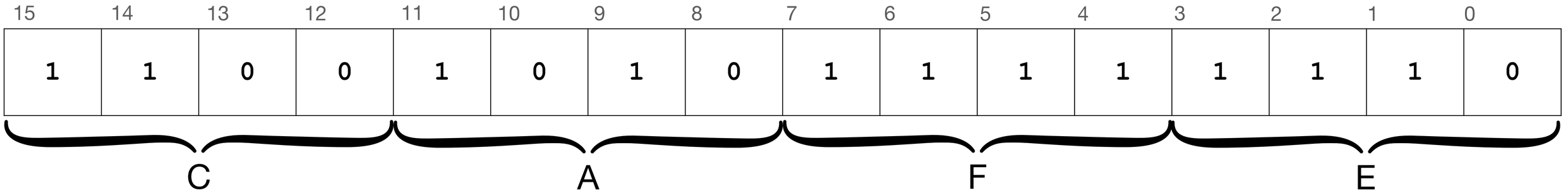


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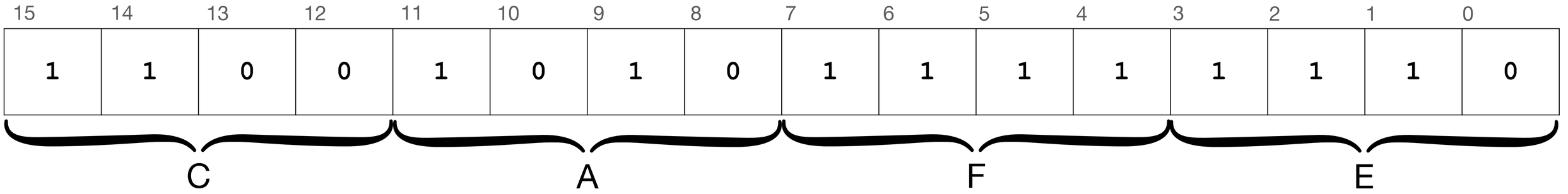


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>>> hex(0b1100101011111110)
'0xcafe'
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# Hexadecimal Numbers

0x123

x 16

0x1230

```
>>> bin(0x123)
'0b100100011'
>>> bin(0x1230)
'0b1001000110000'
```

**Hexadecimal**

**Binary**

# Hexadecimal Numbers

## Hex numbers are everywhere