

# EECS 10: Computational Methods in Electrical and Computer Engineering

## Lecture 21

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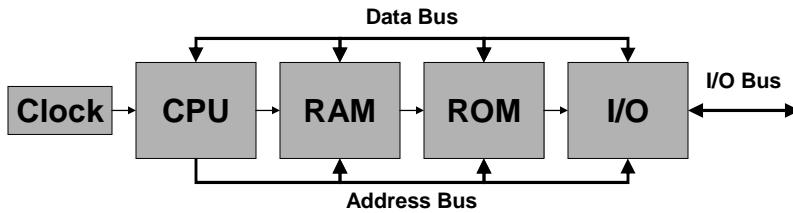
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## Lecture 21: Overview

- Basic Computer Architecture
- Binary Data Representation
  - Bits, Bytes, and Words
  - Memory sizes
  - Memory format
  - Number systems
    - decimal
    - binary
    - octal
    - hexadecimal
  - Memory segmentation

## Basic Computer Architecture

- Main Computer Components
  - Central Processing Unit (CPU)
    - e.g. Intel Pentium, Motorola PowerPC, Sun SPARC, ...
  - Random Access Memory (RAM)
    - storage for program and data, read and write access
  - Read Only Memory (ROM)
    - fixed storage for basic input/output system (BIOS)
  - I/O Units
    - Input/output units connecting to peripherals



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## Binary Data Representation

- Programs and data in a computer are represented in binary format
  - 1 bit (binary digit), 2 possible values
    - 0 (false, "no", current off, "empty", ...)
    - 1 (true, "yes", current on, "solid", ...)
  - 1 byte = 8 bits ( $2^8 = 256$  values)
    - in C, type `char` equals one byte
  - 1 word = 4\* bytes ( $2^{32} = 4294967296$  values)
    - in C, type `int` equals one word
- Memory size is measured in Bytes
  - 1 KB = 1024 byte = 1 "kilo byte"
  - 1 MB = 1024\*1024 byte = 1 "mega byte"
  - 1 GB = 1024\*1024\*1024 byte = 1 "giga byte"

(\*architecture dependent!)

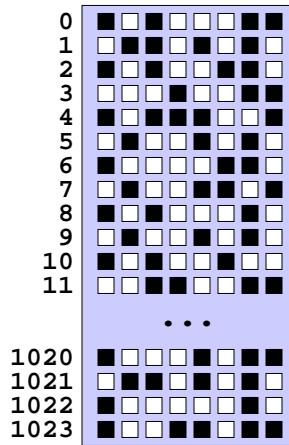
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## Binary Data Representation

- Memory is composed of addressable bytes
  - Example:  
1 KB of memory

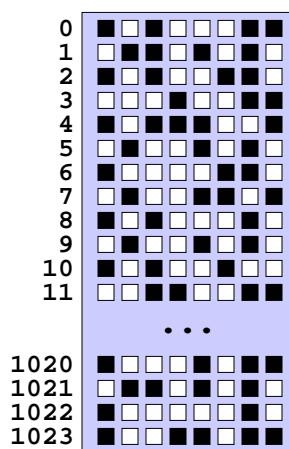


## Binary Data Representation

- Memory is composed of addressable bytes

- Example:  
1 KB of memory
- What is the value at  
address 7?

$$\begin{aligned}
 7 & \quad \square \blacksquare \square \square \blacksquare \blacksquare \square \blacksquare \\
 & \quad 7 \ 6 \ 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0 \\
 = 0 * 2^7 & + 1 * 2^6 + 0 * 2^5 + 0 * 2^4 \\
 + 1 * 2^3 & + 1 * 2^2 + 0 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0 \\
 = 0 * 128 & + 1 * 64 + 0 * 32 + 0 * 16 \\
 + 1 * 8 & + 1 * 4 + 0 * 2 + 1 * 1 \\
 = 64 & + 8 + 4 + 1 \\
 = 77
 \end{aligned}$$



## Binary Data Representation

- Number Systems
  - DEC: Decimal numbers
    - Base 10, digits 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 9
    - e.g.  $157 = 1*10^2 + 5*10^1 + 7*10^0$
  - BIN: Binary numbers
    - Base 2, digits 0, 1
    - e.g.  $10011101_2 = 1*2^7 + 0*2^6 + \dots + 1*2^0$
  - OCT: Octal numbers
    - Base 8, digits 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 7
    - e.g.  $235_8 = 2*8^2 + 3*8^1 + 5*8^0$
  - HEX: Hexadecimal numbers
    - Base 16, digits 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 9, A, B, C, ..., F
    - e.g.  $9D_{16} = 9*16^1 + 13*16^0$

## Binary Data Representation

- Number Systems

DEC	BIN	OCT	HEX
0	0000	0	0
1	0001	1	1
2	0010	2	2
3	0011	3	3
4	0100	4	4
5	0101	5	5
6	0110	6	6
7	0111	7	7
8	1000	10	8
9	1001	11	9
10	1010	12	A
11	1011	13	B
12	1100	14	C
13	1101	15	D
14	1110	16	E
15	1111	17	F

## Binary Data Representation

- Number Systems (signed vs. unsigned)

SDEC	UDEC	BIN	OCT	HEX
0	0	0000	0	0
1	1	0001	1	1
2	2	0010	2	2
3	3	0011	3	3
4	4	0100	4	4
5	5	0101	5	5
6	6	0110	6	6
7	7	0111	7	7
-8	8	1000	10	8
-7	9	1001	11	9
-6	10	1010	12	A
-5	11	1011	13	B
-4	12	1100	14	C
-3	13	1101	15	D
-2	14	1110	16	E
-1	15	1111	17	F

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## Binary Data Representation

- Number Systems

- Signed representation: *two's complement*
    - to obtain the negative of any number in binary representation, ...
      - ... invert all bits,
      - ... and add 1
  - Example: 4-bit two's complement

SDEC	UDEC	BIN	OCT	HEX
...	...	...	...	...
7	7	0111	7	7
-8	8	1000	10	8
-7	9	1001	11	9
...	...	...	...	...

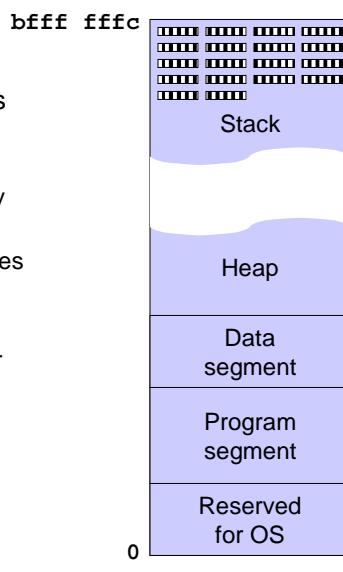
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## Binary Data Representation

- Memory Segmentation
  - typical (virtual) memory layout on processor with 4-byte words and 1 GB of memory
  - Stack
    - grows and shrinks dynamically
    - function call hierarchy
    - stack frames with local variables
  - Heap
    - “free” storage
    - dynamic allocation by the user
  - Data segment
    - global (and static) variables
  - Program segment
    - stores binary program code



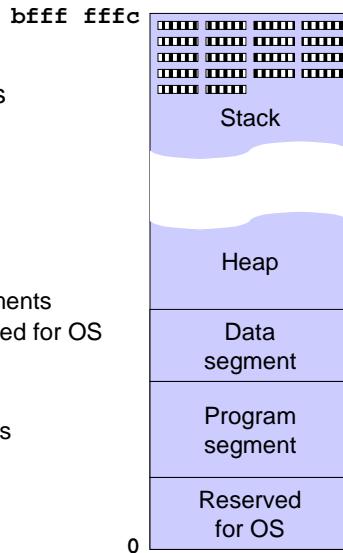
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## Binary Data Representation

- Memory Segmentation
  - typical (virtual) memory layout on processor with 4-byte words and 1 GB of memory
- Memory errors
  - *Out of memory*
    - Stack and heap collide
  - *Segmentation fault*
    - access outside allocated segments
    - e.g. access to segment reserved for OS
  - *Bus error*
    - mis-aligned word access
    - e.g. word access to an address that is not divisible by 4



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