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Reference - remember binary and hex are fine but information on codes is out of date.

Decimal Numbering Systems:

The decimal numbering system is a base 10 numbering system (this means there are 10 digits we can use - these digits are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9). When we talk about a number, we understand what the number is because of its face value and its positional value. Thus, the digit 5 has a different meaning when it is in the tens position than when it is in the ones position (i.e. when it is in the tens position, we express it as 50 and when it is in the ones position, we express it as 5). In this case, the face value of the digit is 5 and the positional value of a number is based on the position it occupies. In decimal, the positional value of a number is based on the powers of 10 (remember, we are in base 10):

5	7	2	4	Face value
10^3	10^2	10^1	10^0	Positional Value (powers of 10)
1000	100	10	1	Resolved positional value

To figure out the value of 5724, we do the following:

$$5 \times 10^3 = 5 \times 1000 = 5000$$

$$7 \times 10^2 = 7 \times 100 = 700$$

$$2 \times 10^1 = 2 \times 10 = 20$$

$$4 \times 10^0 = 4 \times 1 = 4$$

5724

Binary Numbering systems:

The binary numbering system works much the same way as the decimal numbering system except that now we are in base 2 so we only have 2 digits (0, 1). The value of the number is still determined by the face value times the positional value, but since we are in base 2, the positional values are the powers of 2. Since the face values can only be 0 or 1, this means that the 0 or 1 is multiplied by the positional place in which it is found.

Example: binary number 1011011

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face value

$$10110_2 = \underline{22}_{10}$$

positional value

2^4	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0
16	8	4	2	1

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \times 2^4 &= 1 \times 16 = 16 \\
 0 \times 2^3 &= 0 \times 8 = 0 \\
 1 \times 2^2 &= 1 \times 4 = 4 \\
 1 \times 2^1 &= 1 \times 2 = 2 \\
 0 \times 2^0 &= 0 \times 1 = 0 \\
 \hline
 &22_{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

1	0	1	1	0
16	8	4	2	1
16		4		
		2		
			2	
				2
				2
				2

$$101110001_2 = \underline{369}_{10}$$

256 128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1

$$\begin{array}{r} 256 \\ 64 \\ 32 \\ 16 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 369_{10} \end{array}$$

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Convert to binary

$$\begin{array}{r}
 256 \\
 64 \\
 32 \\
 16 \\
 1 \\
 + \\
 \hline
 369_{10}
 \end{array}$$

	369	113	49	17		
	-256	-64	-32	-16		
	<u>113</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>		
	1	1	0	0	0	1
256	128	64	32	16	8	4
0	0	1	1	0	0	1

Binary base 2 — 0, 1

Decimal base 10 — 0-9

Hex

Hexadecimal base 16 — 0-9, A, B, C, D, E, F

Dec	Binary	Hex
0	0000	0
1	0001	1
2	0010	2
3	0011	3
4	0100	4
5	0101	5
6	0110	6
7	0111	7
8	1000	8
9	1001	9
10	1010	A
11	1011	B
12	1100	C
13	1101	D
14	1110	E
15	1111	F
16	10000	10

Binary

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Every hex digit can be expressed in 4 binary digits

Bin
 +1

 10

Dec
 +1

 10

Hex
 +1

 10

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1	1	1
10	2	2
11	3	3
100	4	4
101	5	5
110	6	6
111	7	7
1000	8	8
1001	9	9
1010	10	A
1011	11	B
1100	12	C
1101	13	D
1110	14	E
1111	15	F
10000	16	10
10001	17	11
10010	18	12

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Example: Hexadecimal number A359

A	3	5	9	face value
16^3	16^2	16^1	16^0	positional value (powers of 16)
4096	256	16	1	resolved positional value

Converting hexadecimal to decimal:
 To convert hexadecimal to its decimal equivalent, we multiply the face value times the positional value:

$A \times 16^3 =$	$10 \times 4096 =$	40960 (note A is equivalent to decimal 10)
$3 \times 16^2 =$	$3 \times 256 =$	768
$5 \times 16^1 =$	$5 \times 16 =$	80
$9 \times 16^0 =$	$9 \times 1 =$	9
		41817

The equivalent of hexadecimal A359 in decimal is 41817.

Converting decimal to hexadecimal:

Now we will take the decimal number 41817 and convert it back to hexadecimal. To do this, we will follow the same steps we used in converting decimal to binary with one change. This time we are concerned with multiplying by the face value (in binary this was not a concern because multiplying by 1 doesn't change anything).

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$$B6E_{16} = \frac{2926}{10}$$

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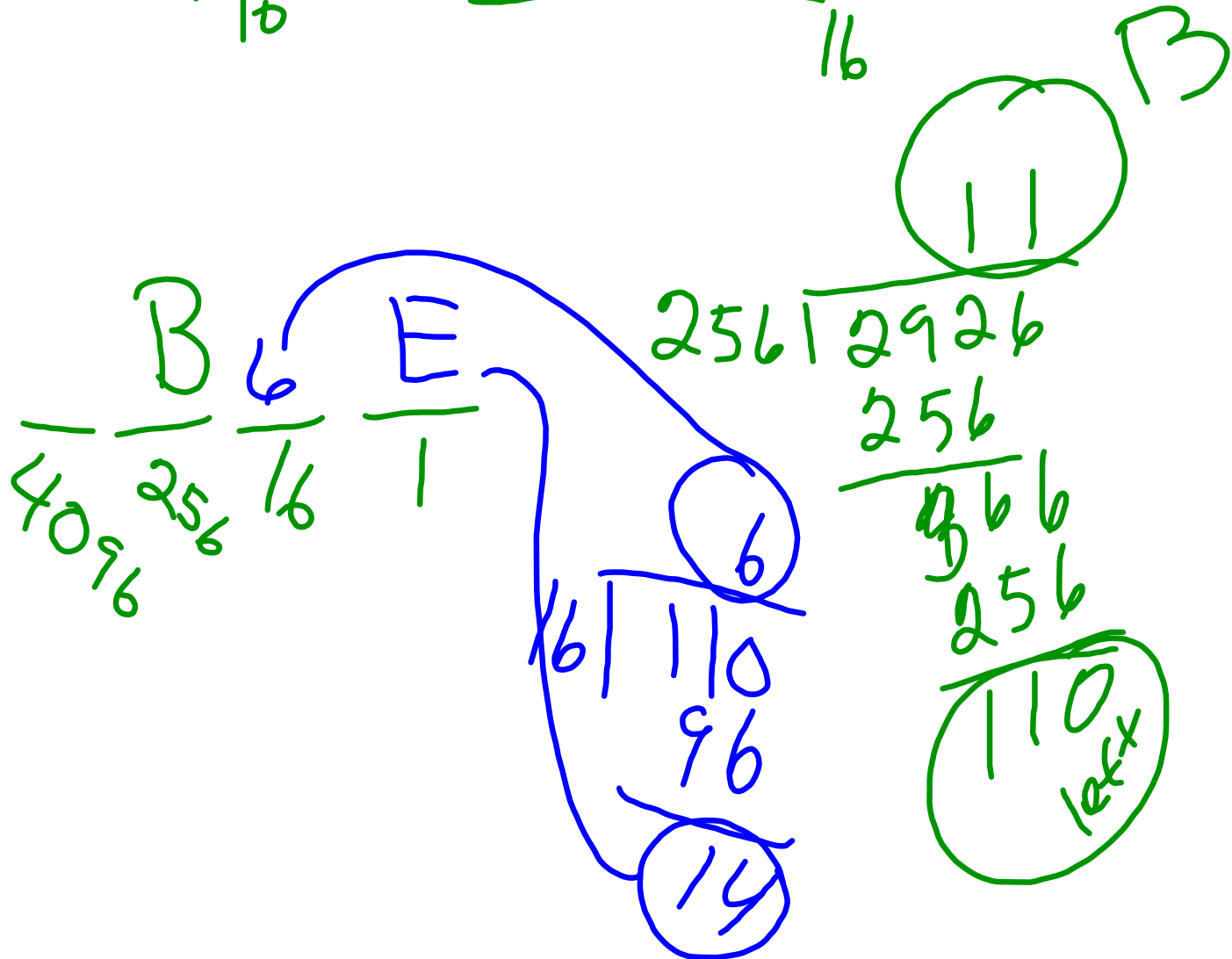
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$$2926_{10} = \underline{B6E}_{16}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|ccc}
 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\
 & & 5 & & & & A & & & & D & & \\
 \hline
 & & & & & & & & & & 5AD & & 16
 \end{array}
 = \frac{\quad}{16}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 5AD_{16} = 010110101101_2 \\
 \begin{array}{l}
 | \quad | \quad | \\
 0101 \quad 1010 \quad 1101
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

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2	2	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	"	"	66	42	102	B	B	98	62	142	b	b
3	3	003	ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	#	#	67	43	103	C	C	99	63	143	c	c
4	4	004	EOT (end of transmission)	36	24	044	$	\$	68	44	104	D	D	100	64	144	d	d
5	5	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	%	%	69	45	105	E	E	101	65	145	e	e
6	6	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&	&	70	46	106	F	F	102	66	146	f	f
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$$A = \text{hex } 41_{16} \qquad B = 42_{16}$$

$$A = 0100\ 0001$$

$$B = 0100\ 0010$$

$$C = 0100\ 0011 = 43_{16}$$

$$D = 0100\ 0100 = 44_{16}$$

$$49_{\text{hex}} \quad I = 0100\ 1001$$

$$4A_{\text{hex}} \quad J = 0100\ 1010$$

$$4F_{\text{hex}} \quad O = 0100\ 1111$$

$$50_{16} \quad P = 0101\ 0000$$

$$5A_{16} \quad Z = 0101\ 1010$$

hex ASCII

41 = A = 01000001

61 = a = 01100001

30 = 0 = 00110000

31 = 1 = 00110001

$$A = 65_{10}$$

$$\left(41_{16} = 01060001 \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} \underline{0} & \underline{1} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{1} \\ 128 & 64 & 32 & 16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$B = 66_{10}$$

$$42_{16} = 01000010$$

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