Simplest computer I can think of...

If the British went out by Water, we would shew two Lanthorns in the North Church Steeple; and if by Land, one, as a Signal.

(Paul Revere)

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BINARY system. TWO possible choices

Binary System

0 and 1

How many light switches..

..would it take to store “what season is it?”

A minimum of 2:

Winter	OFF-OFF	00
Fall	OFF-ON	01
Spring	ON-OFF	10
Summer	ON-ON	11

Binary System

0 and 1

Humans counting things !!!!

Humans counting!

In the beginning, there was...probably just a buncha lines, right?

THEN....Tally Marks

THEN ...Roman Numerals

THEN..Arabic Numerals

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THEN..Arabic Numerals

uh... 5.

Humans counting!

THEN...

Arabic Numerals

and (this is huge)

“Place Value”

Humans counting!

THEN...

Arabic Numerals

and (this is huge)

“Place Value”

05.00

Let’s get weird:

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5

V

5.0

2 + 3

Let's get weird:

5

V

5.0

2 + 3

cinco

"five"

"dedos en su mano"

"number of fingers on one hand for the majority of people."

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101    (wtf)
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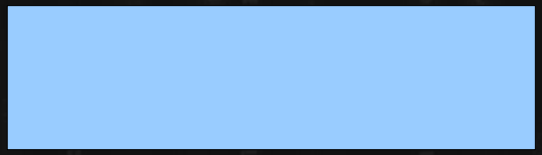
Place Value

Arabic numerals include ZERO.
This is important for two related reasons:

ONE: Sometimes you want to talk about nothing.
TWO: This enables place value. That is, 10 unique symbols, but both SYMBOL and its LOCATION are important: (would you take the following salary?)



Place Value

And now, you can do magic amazing ridiculous things in your head.

5436 v 5438

101 (Dalmatians)

(100s) (10s) (1s)

100x1 + 10x0 + 1x1

(10^2)x1 + (10^1)x0 + (10^0)x1

“101” (fingers)

(4s) (2s) (1s)

4x1 + 2x0 + 1x1

(2^2)x1 + (2^1)x0 + (2^0)x1

decimal (base 10) v. binary (base 2)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	1	10	11	100	101	110	111	1000	1001	1010	1011

Let's get even weirder...

So, decimal is good because "people,

Binary is good because computers.

What about both?
(e.g, something "binary-like"
but also "compact and easy to read?"

Let's get even weirder...

We need a power of 2 that's close to 10.

Could do 8, but why not go with 16?'

We just need 6 more familiar symbols...

hexadecimal.

(6 + 10)

decimal (base 10) v. binary (base 2) v. hexadecimal (base 16)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
0	1	10	11	100	101	110	111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111	10000	10001	10010
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	10	11	12

Quick Binary Review and some bad jokes

How many fingers and toes do you have?

In Base Ten(10) or Decimal?

20

(Twenty)

10x2 + 1x0

Quick Binary Review and some bad jokes

How many fingers and toes do you have?

In Base Two (2) or Binary?

10100

- 16x1 8x0 4x1 2x0 1x0

Quick Binary Review and some bad jokes

How many fingers and toes do you have?

In Base Sixteen (16) or Hexadecimal?

14

$16 \times 1 + 1 \times 4$

Place Value

Decimal	4-bit Binary	Hexadecimal
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	0001 0000	10 (1+0)
17	0001 0001	11 (1+1)

The jokes...

“There are 10 kinds of people, those who understand binary, and those who don't.”

If you want to get technical, ALL bases are Base 10.

Exponential growth =
Wide range of possibilities

Exponential REDUCTION =
“Easy to specify things”

The “shape” of computer numbers

e.g. – 128, 256, 1024, etc.

(why hard drive sizes are “wrong”)

Also, computer gibberish?

Like bitcoin addresses?
(3kKno34bvEl...?) –
base 64 numbers

Or Blue screens of death?
(923E0BC902...)
base 16 numbers.

Where this comes up today...

IP addresses -

MAC addresses

(are more similar than you thought)

Where this comes up today...

IP addresses:

127.0.0.1

192.168.0.1

146.201.195.214

Where this comes up today...

0-255!

BUT, MAC addresses are like:
ac:d5:b8:c0:e1:03

0-FF?

SAME THING! See, also RGB Colors!

Where this comes up today...