

# 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:

# Let's get weird:

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)

# 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?)

5



# Place Value

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

5436

v

5438

101 (Dalmatians)

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

$$100 \times 1 + 10 \times 0 + 1 \times 1$$

$$(10^2) \times 1 + (10^1) \times 0 + (10^0) \times 1$$

“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)

$$10 \times 2 + 1 \times 0$$

# 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...

HTML Web Safe Colors											
#000000 0,0,0	#000033 0,0,51	#000066 0,0,102	#000099 0,0,153	#0000CC 0,0,204	#0000FF 0,0,255	#990000 153,0,0	#990033 153,0,51	#990066 153,0,102	#990099 153,0,153	#9900CC 153,0,204	#9900FF 153,0,255
#003300 0,51,0	#003333 0,51,51	#003366 0,51,102	#003399 0,51,153	#0033CC 0,51,204	#0033FF 0,51,255	#993300 153,51,0	#993333 153,51,51	#993366 153,51,102	#993399 153,51,153	#9933CC 153,51,204	#9933FF 153,51,255
#006600 0,102,0	#006633 0,102,51	#006666 0,102,102	#006699 0,102,153	#0066CC 0,102,204	#0066FF 0,102,255	#996600 153,102,0	#996633 153,102,51	#996666 153,102,102	#996699 153,102,153	#9966CC 153,102,204	#9966FF 153,102,255
#009900 0,153,0	#009933 0,153,51	#009966 0,153,102	#009999 0,153,153	#0099CC 0,153,204	#0099FF 0,153,255	#999900 153,153,0	#999933 153,153,51	#999966 153,153,102	#999999 153,153,153	#9999CC 153,153,204	#9999FF 153,153,255
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