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Decimal Binary Octal Hexadecimal

Decimal system

Radix / base = 10

- For example :
253 means
 $2 \cdot 10^2 + 5 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0$

- 1,10,100 (from R to L) are the “weights”
- 10 digits, values 0 through 9
- After 9 comes 10 (double digits)

0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

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Binary system

Radix / base = 2

- For example :

1011 means $1*2^3 + 0*2^2 + 1*2^1 + 1*2^0$

0
1

- 2 digits, values 0 and 1
- 1, 2, 4, 8 are the weights
- After 1 comes 10
- Count 0 1 10 11 100 101 110 111 1000

For example : 1011 means $1*2$

3

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Binary system

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Octal system

Radix / base = 8

- For example :
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- 1, 8, 64 are the weights
- 8 digits, values 0 through 7
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2

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1

+ 3*8

0

Radix / base = 8

0

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

Hexadecimal system

Radix / base = 16

- For example :

3B6 means $3 \cdot 16^2 + B \cdot 16^1 + 6 \cdot 16^0$

- 1, 16, 256 are the weights
- 16 digits, values 0 - 9 and A-F
- After F comes 10
- Used to display memory addresses in most modern computers e.g., 3C0F 95EA

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

For example : 3B6 means $3 \cdot 16$

2

Radix / base = 16

+ B*16

1

+ 6*16

0

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Categorizing the Conversion Rule

- Converting from one number system to the other system can be categorized as
 - Any radix to Decimal system
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