

Lexical Rules and Data Types

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Compiling Step #1: *Lexical Scanning*

- Divides the program into *tokens*, which are the smallest meaningful units of a program
- Tokens in C are...
 - **identifiers** (e.g., `num_records`, `cust_name`)
 - **keywords** (e.g., `while`, `if`, `char`)
 - **constants/strings** (e.g., `3.1415`, `"Answer: "`)
 - **operators** (e.g., `+`, `^`, `=`)
 - **explicit separators** (e.g., `(`, `}`, `;`)

Scanning... (cont'd)

- **White space** (space, tabs/indentation, newlines, comments) are **ignored**, except as explicit separators

Scanning (cont'd)

- Not so easy: what are the tokens in `d=-c+++a;`

```
d  =  -c2  +  ++a  ;  ?  
d  =  c2++  +  a    ;  ?  
d  =-  c2++  +  a    ;  ?  
d  =-  c2  +  ++a;  ?
```

This is **not** a precedence issue

- we don't know or care what the precedence of `=`, `=-`, `++`, and `+` is at this point

“Max Munch”

- Scan from left to right, always grabbing the **largest token possible**
- Example (again):

1. **d** = - **c2+++a**; (“d=” not a token)

2. **d** = - **c2+++a**; (“=-” not a token)

3. **d** = - **c2+++a**; (“-c” not a token)

4. **d** = - **c2** **+++a**; (“c2+” not a token)

5. **d** = - **c2** **++** **+a**; (“+++” not a token)

6. **d** = - **c2** **++** **+** **a**; (“+a” not a token)

7. **d** = - **c2** **++** **+** **a** ; (“a;” not a token)

Scanning... (cont'd)

- How many tokens, and what are they?

```
j =+k2+3;
```

Comments About Comments

- Block Style:

```
a = c - b;    /* b must be gt 0 */  
d = a * 3;
```

Great for commenting out whole sections of code,
but **look out** if the code already has comments!

terminates

```
/* Comment out the next two lines  
a = c - b;    /* b must be gt 0 */  
d = a * 3;  
*/
```

💀 common source of bugs 💀


attempt to nest comments

Comments (cont'd)

- To-end-of-line comments are allowed in C99:

```
r = 6 * x; // compute radius  
d = 2 * r; // now diameter
```

Identifiers (Names, Labels)

- Consist of letters, ‘_’, and digits
 - **cannot** start with a digit (**2_B_or_not_2_B**) 
- Case sensitive!
 - **myVar** is not the same as **myvar**
- Unlimited length (advice: **stop at 32**)
- **gnome_memmgt_insert_into_heap_I_modified_thi
s_because_I_can**

Reserved Keywords

- (do **not** use as identifiers)
- C89:
 - `auto, break, case, char, const, continue, default, do, double, else, enum, extern, float, for, goto, if, int, long, register, return, short, signed, sizeof, static, struct, switch, typedef, union, unsigned, void, volatile, while`
- C99 adds a few more:
 - `_Bool, _Complex, _Imaginary, inline, restrict`

C Variables!

- A *variable* =
a *location in memory* + its *interpretation*
- Interpretation of a variable is based on its
 1. *storage class* and
 2. *data type*
- (*We will discuss storage classes later...*)
 - *lifetime* of the variable
 - *how variable is (or can be) initialized*
 - *scope (visibility) of the variable*

Data Types

- The **data type** of a variable defines its interpretation
- Ex: suppose a 32-bit binary value stored in memory is **01000001010000100100001101000100**
 - if type **float**, interpreted to be numerical value **781.03521728515625**
 - if type **unsigned int**, interpreted to be numerical value **1145258561**
 - if type **char**, interpreted to be the ASCII string value **ABCD**

Static or Dynamic Types

- In C (and Java), variables are **statically** typed
 - type must be declared when variable is created, and cannot change thereafter
- Languages with **dynamic** typing (e.g., PHP, Python, Perl, Ruby, Javascript, ...) are more flexible

Fundamental C Types

- (also called built-in, primitive, basic types)
- There are really **only 2!**
 - **integer** (includes **characters**)
 - **floating point**, or limited precision real number

Derived C Types

- These are composed from the fundamental types
 - arrays
 - functions
 - pointers
 - structs
 - unions
 - *these will all be discussed later...*
- **Enumerated** types: *we'll discuss later...*
- **Complex numbers** type: *we won't use this semester*

Specializations of Fundamental Types



- Integers can be...
 - **signed** or **unsigned** (**signed** by default)
 - really short (**char**), **short**, regular (**int** by default), **long**, really long (**long long**)
- Floating point (always signed) can be...
 - regular precision (**float**)
 - double precision (**double**)
 - extended precision (**long double**)

(Footnote)

- The data type of a variable defines its **usual** meaning, but the programmer may interpret it differently
- Ex.: a **char** can represent...
 - an ASCII-encoded character (most common case)
 - an 8-bit integer
 - eight 1-bit flags
 - ...

Min and Max Integer Values

- The **lengths** (in bits) (and the max and min values) of these types are **platform dependent**
- Common Platform (`/usr/include/limits.h`):

Type	# bits	Value
Min 'unsigned anything'	n.a.	0
Min 'signed char'	8	-128
Max 'signed char'	8	127
Max 'unsigned char'	8	255
Min 'signed short'	16	-32,768
Max 'signed short'	16	32,767
Max 'unsigned short'	16	65,535

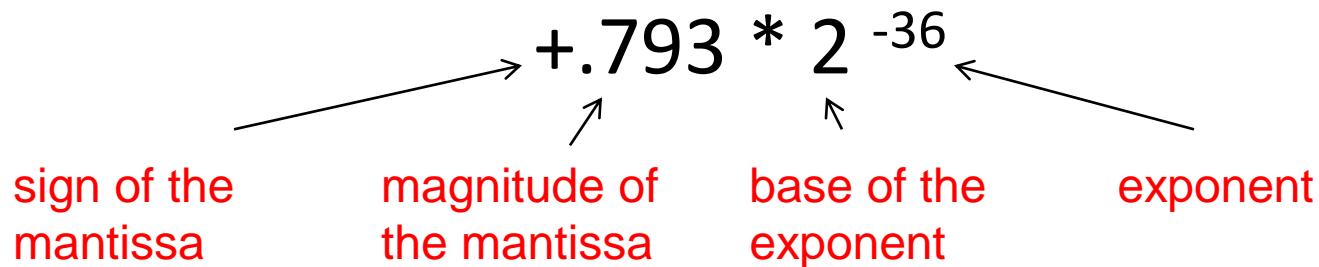
Integer Values... (cont'd)

Type	# bits	Value
Min 'signed int'	32	-2,147,483,648
Max 'signed int'	32	2,147,483,647
Max 'unsigned int'	32	4,294,967,295
Min/Max 'signed long'	64	9,223,372,036,854,775,808 -9,223,372,036,854,775,807
Max 'unsigned long'	64	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
Min 'signed long long'	64	Same as long
Max 'signed long long'	64	Same as long
Max 'unsigned long long'	64	Same as long

- Which is big enough to store the **daily** federal deficit?

Floating Point (Real Numbers)

- Warning! **Platform dependent!** Lots of **gcc** options!
- Terminology

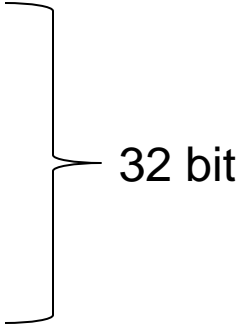


Size of the **exponent** (# bits) mainly determines the **range** of numbers that can be represented

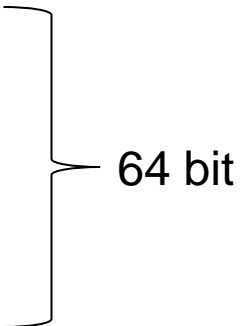
Size of the **mantissa** (# bits) mainly determines the **precision** of numbers that can be represented

Floating Point (Real Numbers)

- IEEE floating point **standard single precision**:

- 1-bit sign
 - 23-bit (+ 1 implied bit) mantissa
 - 8-bit biased exponent (base 2)
 - 6 decimal digits precision
- 
- 32 bit

- **double precision**:

- 1-bit sign
 - 52+1 bit mantissa
 - 11-bit biased exponent (base 2)
 - 15 decimal digits precision
- 
- 64 bit

Floating Point (cont'd)

- **Min** (normalized) **positive** values (approximate)
 - single precision (**float**): 2^{-126} ($\approx 10^{-38}$)
 - double precision (**double**): 2^{-1022} ($\approx 10^{-308}$)
 - Q: small enough to measure the diameter of an atom, in meters?
- **Max** (normalized) **positive** values (approximate)
 - single precision (**float**): 2^{127} ($\approx 10^{38}$)
 - double precision (**double**): 2^{1023} ($\approx 10^{308}$)
 - Q: big enough to count the number of atoms in the universe? distance to the edge of the observable universe, in units of atom diameters?

Floating Point (cont'd)

- **long double** = 128 bits
 - more bits precision than **double**, same range

Reminder: Arithmetic Problems

- Types make a difference in computer arithmetic
 - **signed vs. unsigned** max and min values (integer)
 - **overflow** (integer and floating point)
 - **underflow** and **limited precision** (floating point)
- More info about floating point:
see **CSC236** or **CSC302**

☠ *common source of bugs* ☠

**overflow, limits
of precision**

What does this do?

```
int main()
{
    char i;
    for (i=0; i<200; i++) {
        printf("%d\n",i);
    }
}
```

```
0
1
2
3
...
125
126
127
-128
-127
-126
...
-3
-2
-1
0
1
2
3
...
125
126
127
-128
-127
-126
...
```

Why?

```
int main()
{
    char i;
    for (i=0; i<200; i++) {
        printf("%4d %s\n",i,
                byte_to_binary(i));
    }
}
```

```
0 00000000
1 00000001
2 00000010
3 00000011
...
125 01111101
126 01111110
127 01111111
-128 10000000
-127 10000001
-126 10000010
...
-3 11111101
-2 11111110
-1 11111111
0 00000000
1 00000001
2 00000010
3 00000011
...
125 01111101
126 01111110
127 01111111
-128 10000000
-127 10000001
-126 10000010
...
```


How to fix?

```
int main()  
{  
    ██████████ char i;  
    for (i=0; i<200; i++) {  
        printf("%4d %s\n", i,  
            byte_to_binary(i));  
    }  
}
```

What word can go here?

```
0 00000000  
1 00000001  
2 00000010  
3 00000011  
...  
197 11000101  
198 11000110  
199 11000111
```

How to fix?

```
int main()  
{  
     i;  
    for (i=0; i<200; i++) {  
        printf("%4d %s\n", i,  
            byte_to_binary(i));  
    }  
}
```

What data type can go here?

0	00000000
1	00000001
2	00000010
3	00000011
...	
197	11000101
198	11000110
199	11000111

Constants with 'const'

- Don't want a value to change? Throw a **const** on there.

```
const int BUFFER_SIZE = 1024;
```

```
const double PI = 3.141592653589793238;
```

```
const char delimiter = ',';
```

- Character constants in single quotes: **'a'**, **'b'**
 - value stored is the numeric value of the character in **ASCII**


Constants with #define

#define <CONSTANT_NAME> <value>

- Means “literally replace *CONSTANT_NAME* with *value* every time you see it in my file”.
- Can be very dumb. What does this program do?

```
#define SLOPE -2  
#define Y_INTERCEPT 1
```

Correct answer:
Coords: (1.000000,-1.000000)

```
int main()  
{  
    float x = 1;  
    // find the y coordinate of this line  
    float y = x  SLOPE + Y_INTERCEPT;  
    printf("Coords: (%f,%f)\n",x,y);  
}
```

Missing * operator

Actual output:
Coords: (1.000000,0.000000)

const vs. #define

- The 'const' keyword does other stuff we'll learn later when it comes to arrays/pointers.
- Things can get complicated when it comes to using 'const' to declare constants between files; #define doesn't have these issues.
- Result: Just use #define.

ASCII

American Standard Code for Information Interchange

- ASCII is a specific 8-bit encoding of Western characters (punctuation, digits, upper and lower case characters)
- Only the **first 128 values** (decimal 0-127, octal 000-177) are standardized
- The interpretation of the **remaining 128 values** (decimal 128-255, octal 200-377) are not standardized, i.e., they are **application/platform-specific**

Standardized ASCII (0-127)

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	NUL (null)	32	20	040	 	Space	64	40	100	@	@	96	60	140	`	`
1	1	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	!	!	65	41	101	A	A	97	61	141	a	a
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
7	7	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	'	'	71	47	107	G	G	103	67	147	g	g
8	8	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	((72	48	110	H	H	104	68	150	h	h
9	9	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051))	73	49	111	I	I	105	69	151	i	i
10	A	012	LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	*	*	74	4A	112	J	J	106	6A	152	j	j
11	B	013	VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	+	+	75	4B	113	K	K	107	6B	153	k	k
12	C	014	FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	,	,	76	4C	114	L	L	108	6C	154	l	l
13	D	015	CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	-	-	77	4D	115	M	M	109	6D	155	m	m
14	E	016	SO (shift out)	46	2E	056	.	.	78	4E	116	N	N	110	6E	156	n	n
15	F	017	SI (shift in)	47	2F	057	/	/	79	4F	117	O	O	111	6F	157	o	o
16	10	020	DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	0	0	80	50	120	P	P	112	70	160	p	p
17	11	021	DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	1	1	81	51	121	Q	Q	113	71	161	q	q
18	12	022	DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	2	2	82	52	122	R	R	114	72	162	r	r
19	13	023	DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	3	3	83	53	123	S	S	115	73	163	s	s
20	14	024	DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	4	4	84	54	124	T	T	116	74	164	t	t
21	15	025	NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	5	5	85	55	125	U	U	117	75	165	u	u
22	16	026	SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	6	6	86	56	126	V	V	118	76	166	v	v
23	17	027	ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	7	7	87	57	127	W	W	119	77	167	w	w
24	18	030	CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	8	8	88	58	130	X	X	120	78	170	x	x
25	19	031	EM (end of medium)	57	39	071	9	9	89	59	131	Y	Y	121	79	171	y	y
26	1A	032	SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	:	:	90	5A	132	Z	Z	122	7A	172	z	z
27	1B	033	ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	;	:	91	5B	133	[[123	7B	173	{	{
28	1C	034	FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	<	<	92	5C	134	\	\	124	7C	174	|	
29	1D	035	GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	=	=	93	5D	135]]	125	7D	175	}	}
30	1E	036	RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	>	>	94	5E	136	^	^	126	7E	176	~	~
31	1F	037	US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	?	?	95	5F	137	_	_	127	7F	177		DEL

One Interpretation of 128-255

128	Ç	144	É	161	í	177	☐	193	⊥	209	≠	225	β	241	±
129	ü	145	æ	162	ó	178	☐	194	⊥	210	π	226	Γ	242	≥
130	é	146	Æ	163	ú	179		195	⊥	211	⊥	227	π	243	≤
131	â	147	ô	164	ñ	180	⊥	196	—	212	⊥	228	Σ	244	∫
132	ä	148	ö	165	Ñ	181	⊥	197	+	213	F	229	σ	245	∫
133	à	149	ò	166	ª	182		198	⊥	214	π	230	μ	246	+
134	â	150	û	167	º	183	π	199		215	⊥	231	τ	247	≈
135	ç	151	ù	168	¿	184	⊥	200	⊥	216	⊥	232	Φ	248	°
136	ê	152	—	169	—	185		201	π	217	∫	233	⊙	249	.
137	ë	153	Ö	170	¬	186		202	⊥	218	∫	234	Ω	250	.
138	è	154	Ü	171	½	187	π	203	π	219	■	235	δ	251	√
139	ï	156	£	172	¼	188	∫	204	⊥	220	■	236	∞	252	—
140	î	157	¥	173	¡	189	∫	205	=	221	■	237	φ	253	≈
141	ì	158	—	174	«	190	∫	206	⊥	222	■	238	ε	254	■
142	Ä	159	f	175	»	191	∫	207	⊥	223	■	239	∩	255	
143	Å	160	á	176	☐	192	L	208	⊥	224	α	240	≡		

Source: www.LookupTables.com

(This allowed totally sweet ASCII art in the 90s)




Sources:

- <http://roy-sac.deviantart.com/art/Cardinal-NFO-File-ASCII-35664604>
- <http://roy-sac.deviantart.com/art/Siege-ISO-nfo-ASCII-Logo-35940815>
- <http://roy-sac.deviantart.com/art/deviantART-ANSI-Logo-31556803>



Useful Character Constant Escape Sequences

- `\0` Null character
- `\'` Single quote
- `\"` Double quote
- `\\` Backslash
- `\n` Newline 
- `\t` Horizontal tab
- `\nnn` Octal value of character (ex: `'a' == '\141'`)
- `\xnn` Hexadecimal value of character (`'a' == '\x61'`)

Converting ASCII digits to Integers

- You can read ASCII characters and do arithmetic on them, but results **not** what you expect!
- Program: read a number, print it out

```
int c;  
c = getchar(); // read one ascii character  
printf("%d\n", c); // interpret c as an integer  
// and print as ASCII  
// (decimal) string
```

Result

- user types: **1**
- program prints: **49** **Why??**

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**difference between
ASCII-encoded
strings
and numbers**

Converting ASCII to Numbers

- Converting ASCII-encoded digit to an integer, the **right way**:

```
unsigned char c;  
c = (unsigned char) getchar();  
unsigned int n;  
n = c - '0';  
printf("%d\n", n);
```

Demo...

48	30	060	0	0
49	31	061	1	1
50	32	062	2	2
51	33	063	3	3
52	34	064	4	4
53	35	065	5	5
54	36	066	6	6
55	37	067	7	7
56	38	070	8	8
57	39	071	9	9

Converting integer to ASCII:


```
c = (char) (n + '0');
```

How would we convert an ASCII string ("12") to an integer, and vice versa???

(“Wide” Characters)

- For encoding character sets other than ASCII
- Type: `wchar_t`
- Ex. of specifying a wide character constant:
`L'å'`
- *We'll look at support for this later*

String Literals

- Strings are **arrays** of characters
 - terminated (**automatically**, by the compiler) with **NULL** 
 - *we'll discuss more later...*
- Specifying a string: **"abcdefg"**
 - cannot contain double quote or span multiple lines (use **\"** or **\n** if quote or newline should be in the string)
 - strings of wide characters: **L"åſçøf"**
- Warning: **"a"** is **not the same** as **'a'** !

Multi-line string literals

- Just put quoted string literals one after another; they get glued together automatically.

```
int main()
{
    printf("Usage:\n"
           "  coolapp [options] <filename>\n"
           "\n"
           "Copyright 2014 Tyler Bletsch\n");
}
```

Review: Binary

- Advice: **memorize** the following (need for 236 anyway...)
 - $2^0 = 1$
 - $2^1 = 2$
 - $2^2 = 4$
 - $2^3 = 8$
 - $2^4 = 16$
 - $2^5 = 32$
 - $2^6 = 64$
 - $2^7 = 128$
 - $2^8 = 256$
 - $2^9 = 512$
 - $2^{10} = 1024$



Review: decimal to binary

?	Quotient	Remainder
$457 \div 2 =$	228	1
$228 \div 2 =$	114	0
$114 \div 2 =$	57	0
$57 \div 2 =$	28	1
$28 \div 2 =$	14	0
$14 \div 2 =$	7	0
$7 \div 2 =$	3	1
$3 \div 2 =$	1	1
$1 \div 2 =$	0	1

111001001₄₄

Practice: binary to/from hex

- $0101101100100011_2 \rightarrow$
- $0101\ 1011\ 0010\ 0011_2 \rightarrow$
- $5\ B\ 2\ 3_{16}$

$1\ F\ 4\ B_{16} \rightarrow$

$0001\ 1111\ 0100\ 1011_2 \rightarrow$

0001111101001011_2

Binary	Hex
0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
0100	4
0101	5
0110	6
0111	7
1000	8
1001	9
1010	A
1011	B
1100	C
1101	D
1110	E
1111	F

Integer Constants

- Specifying:
<optionalsign> <stringofdecimaldigits>
 - ex: **7940**, **+7940**, **-36**
- If prefixed by **0**, interpreted as **base 8** constant
 - only **0-7** allowed as digits
- If prefixed by **0x**, interpreted as **base 16** constant
 - **0-9**, **a-f** allowed as digits
- Ex.: what's decimal value of **03**, **0x03**, **3** ?
of **53**, **053**, and **0x53** ?

Integer Constants (cont'd)

- If suffixed by **u**, type is **unsigned int**, and value must be positive
 - ex: **123u**
- If suffixed by **L**, type is **long int**
 - ex: **456L**

Floating Point Constants

- Specifying:
<optionalsign> integerpart . fractionpart
 - either integer part or fractional part can be missing
 - all good: **22.22**, **+2.**, **-.22**
 - warning: **2** is integer constant, **2.** is floating point
- Followed (optionally) by exponent (expressed in base 10)
 - specifying:
e *<optionalsign> <integerconstant>*
 - ex.: **23.45e-67** means $23.45 * 10^{-67}$

Floating Point... (cont'd)

- Default type is **double**
 - suffixed by **f**: force type to be **float**
 - suffixed by **L**: **long double** (extended precision)
- *More about floating point numbers, precision, and range, later...*

A dumb thing that C will let you do, but you shouldn't do it

- The following is legal C code:

```
unsigned x;
```

- What's the data size?
 - Yeah, I don't know either
 - Apparently it's like an int?
 - Let's just never do this
- Always put the type specifier:

```
unsigned int x;
```

tl;dr

Integer Type	Size (on x86!)	Normal use	Signed range (on x86)	Unsigned range (on x86)
char	8 bit (1 byte)	ASCII character or small integer	-128..127	0..255
short	16 bit (2 byte)	Smallish integer	-32768..32767	0..65535
int	32 bit (4 byte)	Normal integer	-2147483648.. 2147483647	0..4294967295
long	64 bit (8 byte)	Big integer	$-2^{63}+1 .. 2^{63}-1$ -9,223,372,036,854,775,808.. 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	0.. $2^{64}-1$ 18,446,744,073,709,551,615
long long	64 bit (8 byte)	Big integer	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808.. 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	18,446,744,073,709,551,615

Decimal Type	Size (on x86!)	Normal use	Decimal digits of precision
float	32 bit (4 byte)	Lousy decimal	6
double	64 bit (8 byte)	Good decimal	15

Exercise 03a

ASCII table

- Write a program that prints ASCII characters 32-127.
- Steps to help you along:
 - Write a loop to print integers 32..127.
 - Write a printf statement that prints a single character.
 - Combine them.

We haven't necessarily covered everything to do this. Ask questions!

BACKUP

Implied Types of Constants

- Default type for **integer** constants: shortest type compatible with value, starting with **signed int** -> **unsigned int** -> ...
- Default type for **floating point** constants: **double**

Base Conversions to/from Binary

...and be able to do the following

- $2 \cdot 8^2 + 5 \cdot 8^1 + 6 \cdot 8^0 == \text{decimal } 174 ==$

- octal 256 ==

- binary 10 101 110 ==

- $2^7 + 2^5 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 ==$

- $128 + 32 + 8 + 4 + 2 == \text{decimal } 174$

...and likewise with hex

Review: binary to/from octal

- $00111000_2 \rightarrow$
- $00\ 111\ 000_2 \rightarrow$
- $0\ 7\ 0_8$

Binary	Octal
000	0
001	1
010	2
011	3
100	4
101	5
110	6
111	7

$356_8 \rightarrow$

$11\ 101\ 110_2 \rightarrow$

11101110_2