An Introduction to STEM Programming with Python 3 – Chapter 2 Other Bases - Binary

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In this video we will cover:

- Decimal numbers (BASE 10)
- * The positional notation for representing numbers
- ★ Binary numbers (BASE 2)
- The remainder method for converting decimal to binary.
- The positional method for converting binary to decimal
- Binary numbers in Python

Decimal Numbers

- Decimal numbers use a base of 10.
- We write large numbers using a positional notation.
 - For numbers on the left of the decimal point we increase the power of 10
 - For numbers on the right of the decimal point we decrease the power of 10



Decimal Numbers

- Using the positional notation:
- 123.45 can be written as $1x10^2 + 2x10^1 + 3x10^0 + 4x10^{-1} + 5x10^{-2}$
- And 987654321 can be written as 9 x10⁸ + 8x10⁷ + 7x10⁶ + 6x10⁵ + 5x10⁴ + 4x10³ + 3x10² + 2x10¹ + 1x10⁰

Binary – Base 2

- The computer was born without hands but it has switches that are
 - either on or off -1 or 0
- If you can only count using a positional sequence of 1 or 0 we would call that base 2 – Binary
- Instead of using powers of 10 the computer represents numbers using powers of 2

Binary Numbers

- Using the positional notation for understanding and converting binary back to decimal:
- 10110_2 can be thought of as
- $1x2^4 + 0x2^3 + 1x2^2 + 1x2^1 + 0x2^0$ 16 + 4 + 2 22_{10}
- And 111101_2 can be written as $1x2^5 + 1x2^4 + 1x2^3 + 1x2^2 + 0x2^1 + 1x2^0$ 32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 1 61_{10}



Powers of 2

- $2^8 = 256$ • $2^0 = 1$
- $2^1 = 2$
- $2^2 = 4$
- $2^2 = 8$
- $2^4 = 16$
- $2^5 = 32$
- $2^6 = 64$
- $2^7 = 128$

- $2^9 = 512$
- $2^{10} = 1024$
- 2¹¹ = 2048
- $2^{12} = 4096$
- 2¹³ = 8192
- 2¹⁴ = 16384
- $2^{15} = 32768$

Converting Decimal to Binary Remainder Method

- Convert 101_{10} to binary
 - 101 / 2 = 50 r 1 50 / 2 = 25 r 0 25 / 2 = 12 r 1 12 / 2 = 6 r 0 6 / 2 = 3 r 0 3 / 2 = 1 r 1 1 / 2 = 0 r 1
- Write the remainders in the reverse order you calculated them
- 1100101

Binary in Python

- Binary literal
 - Prefix the binary number with "0b"
- Convert decimal integer to binary
 - bin(number)
 - Function takes integer and returns a string (with the 0b)



x = 98989

print(bin(x))

Thank you

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