There are only 10 types of students ...

- those that understand binary
- those that don't understand binary
Decimal Representation

- Can interpret decimal number 4705 as:
  \[ 4 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 0 \times 10^1 + 5 \times 10^0 \]
- The base or radix is 10 ... digits 0 – 9
- Place values:

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<tr>
<th>1000</th>
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  | ... | ... | ... | ...

  \[ 10^3 \quad 10^2 \quad 10^1 \quad 10^0 \]

- Write number as 4705\textsubscript{10}
  - Note use of subscript to denote base
• base 10 is an arbitrary choice
• can use any base
• e.g. could use base 7

Place values:

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
343 & 49 & 7 & 1 \\
7^3 & 7^2 & 7^1 & 7^0 \\
\end{array}
\]

• Write number as \(1216_7\) and interpret as:
\[
1 \times 7^3 + 2 \times 7^2 + 1 \times 7^1 + 6 \times 7^0 = 454_{10}
\]
Modern computing uses binary numbers because digital devices can easily produce high or low level voltages which can represent 1 or 0.

- The *base* or *radix* is 2
  - Digits 0 and 1
- Place values:
  
  \[
  \begin{array}{cccc}
  \cdots & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\
  \cdots & 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\
  \end{array}
  \]

- Write number as $1011_2$ and interpret as:
  
  \[
  1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 = 11_{10}
  \]
Hexadecimal Representation

- Binary numbers hard for humans to read — too many digits!
- Conversion to decimal awkward and hides bit values
- Solution: write numbers in hexadecimal!

The base or radix is 16 ... digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F

- Place values:

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
\ldots & 4096 & 256 & 16 & 1 \\
\ldots & 16^3 & 16^2 & 16^1 & 16^0 \\
\end{array}
\]

- Write number as 3AF116 and interpret as:
  \[3 \times 16^3 + 10 \times 16^2 + 15 \times 16^1 + 1 \times 16^0 = 15089_{10}\]

- in C, 0x prefix denotes hexadecimal, e.g. 0x3AF1
Octal & Binary C constants

- Octal (based 8) representation used to be popular for binary numbers
- Similar advantages to hexadecimal
- In C a leading 0 denotes octal, e.g. 07563
- Standard C doesn’t have a way to write binary constants
- Some C compilers let you write 0b
  - OK to use 0b in experimental code but don’t use in important code

```c
printf("%d", 0x2A);       // prints 42
printf("%d", 052);        // prints 42
printf("%d", 0b101010);   // might compile and print 42
```
Binary Constants

In hexadecimal, each digit represents 4 bits

0100 1000 1111 1010 1011 1100 1001 0111
0x 4 8 F A B C 9 7

In octal, each digit represents 3 bits

01 001 000 111 110 101 011 110 010 010 111
0 1 1 0 7 6 5 3 6 2 2 7

In binary, each digit represents 1 bit

0b0100100011110101011110010010111
Example: Convert $101111000101001_2$ to Hex:

Example: Convert $10111101011100_2$ to Hex:
Hexadecimal to Binary

- Reverse the previous process ...
- Convert each hex digit into equivalent 4-bit binary representation
- Example: Convert $AD5_{16}$ to Binary:
modern computers almost always use two’s complement to represent integers
positive integers and zero represented in obvious way
negative integers represented in clever way to make arithmetic in silicon fast/simpler
for an n-bit binary number the representation of $-b$ is $2^n - b$
e.g. in 8-bit two’s complement $-5$ is represented as $2^8 - 5 = 1111011_2$
Some simple code to examine all 8 bit twos complement bit patterns.

```c
for (int i = -128; i < 128; i++) {
    printf("%4d ", i);
    print_bits(i, 8);
    printf("\n");
}
```

```
$ dcc 8_bit_twos_complement.c print_bits.c -o 8_bit_twos_complement
```

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Code example: printing all 8 bit twos complement bit patterns

$ ./8_bit_twos_complement
-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
Code example: printing bits of int

```c
int a = 0;
printf("Enter an int: ");
scanf("%d", &a);
// sizeof returns number of bytes, a byte has 8 bits
int n_bits = 8 * sizeof a;
print_bits(a, n_bits);
printf("\n");
```

source code for print_bits_of_int.c

```
$ dcc print_bits_of_int.c print_bits.c -o print_bits_of_int
$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: 42
00000000000000000000000000101010
$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: -42
1111111111111111111111111010110
```
Code example: printing bits of int

$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: 0
00000000000000000000000000000000
$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: 1
00000000000000000000000000000001
$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: -1
11111111111111111111111111111111
$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: 2147483647
01111111111111111111111111111111
$ ./print_bits_of_int
Enter an int: -2147483648
10000000000000000000000000000000
$
Many hardware operations work with bytes: 1 byte == 8 bits.

C’s `sizeof` gives you the number of bytes used for a variable or type.

- `sizeof variable` - returns the number of bytes to store the variable.
- `sizeof (type)` - returns the number of bytes to store the type.

On CSE servers, C types have these sizes:

- `char` = 1 byte = 8 bits, 42 is 00101010
- `short` = 2 bytes = 16 bits, 42 is 0000000000101010
- `int` = 4 bytes = 32 bits, 42 is 00000000000000000000000000101010
- `double` = 8 bytes = 64 bits, 42 = ?

Above are common sizes but not universal on a small embedded CPU.

`sizeof (int)` might be 2 (bytes)
We can use `sizeof` and `limits.h` to explore the range of values which can be represented by standard C integer types on our machine...

```
$ gcc integer_types.c -o integer_types
$ ./integer_types
```

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### Code example: `integer_types.c` - exploring integer types

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<td>unsigned short</td>
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<td>int</td>
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#include <stdint.h>

- to get below integer types (and more) with guaranteed sizes
- we will use these heavily in COMP1521

```c
// range of values for type
// minimum                maximum
int8_t    i1;    //          -128            127
uint8_t   i2;    //          0               255
int16_t   i3;    //          -32768          32767
uint16_t  i4;    //          0               65535
int32_t   i5;    //          -2147483648      2147483647
uint32_t  i6;    //          0               4294967295
int64_t   i7;    //          -9223372036854775808 9223372036854775807
uint64_t  i8;    //          0               18446744073709551615
```

source code for stdint.c
Common C bug:

```c
char c;  // c should be declared int    (int16_t would work, int is better)
while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
    putchar(c);
}
```

Typically `stdio.h` contains:

```c
#define EOF -1
```

- most platforms: char is signed (-128..127)
  - loop will incorrectly exit for a byte containing 0xFF
- rare platforms: char is unsigned (0..255)
  - loop will never exit

[source code for char_bug.c](https://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1521/23T1/)