

**THERE ARE  
10 TYPES  
OF PEOPLE  
IN THE WORLD  
THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND  
BINARY  
AND THOSE WHO DON'T**

# CMPT 120

Lecture 30 – Computer Visions - Under the Hood  
Binary Encoding

# Last Lectures

- We continued our exploration of **Computer vision**
  - We started developing a **jellybean computer vision program** using the following concepts:
    - Problem-solving Strategies
      1. **Divide and conquer**
      2. **Incremental development and testing**
      3. **Debug as you go, using `print()` to inspect the value of your variables**
    - Added to lists with **append**
  - We recycled the idea of colour functions we created last time.

# Today's Menu

- We continue our exploration of **Computer vision**
  - We shall finish developing a **jellybean computer vision program** using the following concepts:
    - Multiplying and dividing in Python with **\*** and **/**
    - String formatting when we output **float** values
- Start looking **under the hood** of the computer and have a look at how the computer memory remembers!



Under the hood!

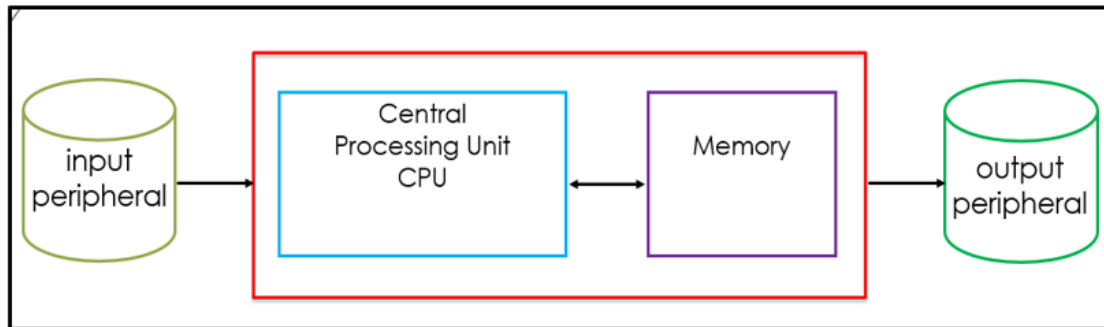
# Under the Hood

- Ever wonder how computers represent data?
  - You got it! -> Computers use 0's and 1's to represent everything
- In this module, we shall discover
  - Why computers use 0's and 1's to represent everything
  - How to count in binary
  - ASCII, Unicode
  - Why does **255** mean **full on green**?
  - What does Kb, Mb, Gb, etc. stand for?

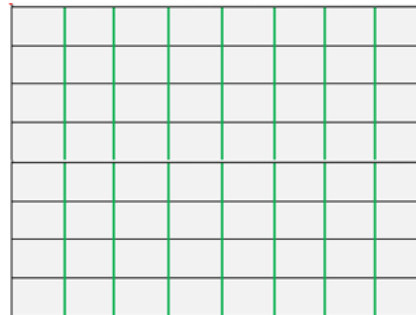
# Remember our first lecture?

## Let's get started!

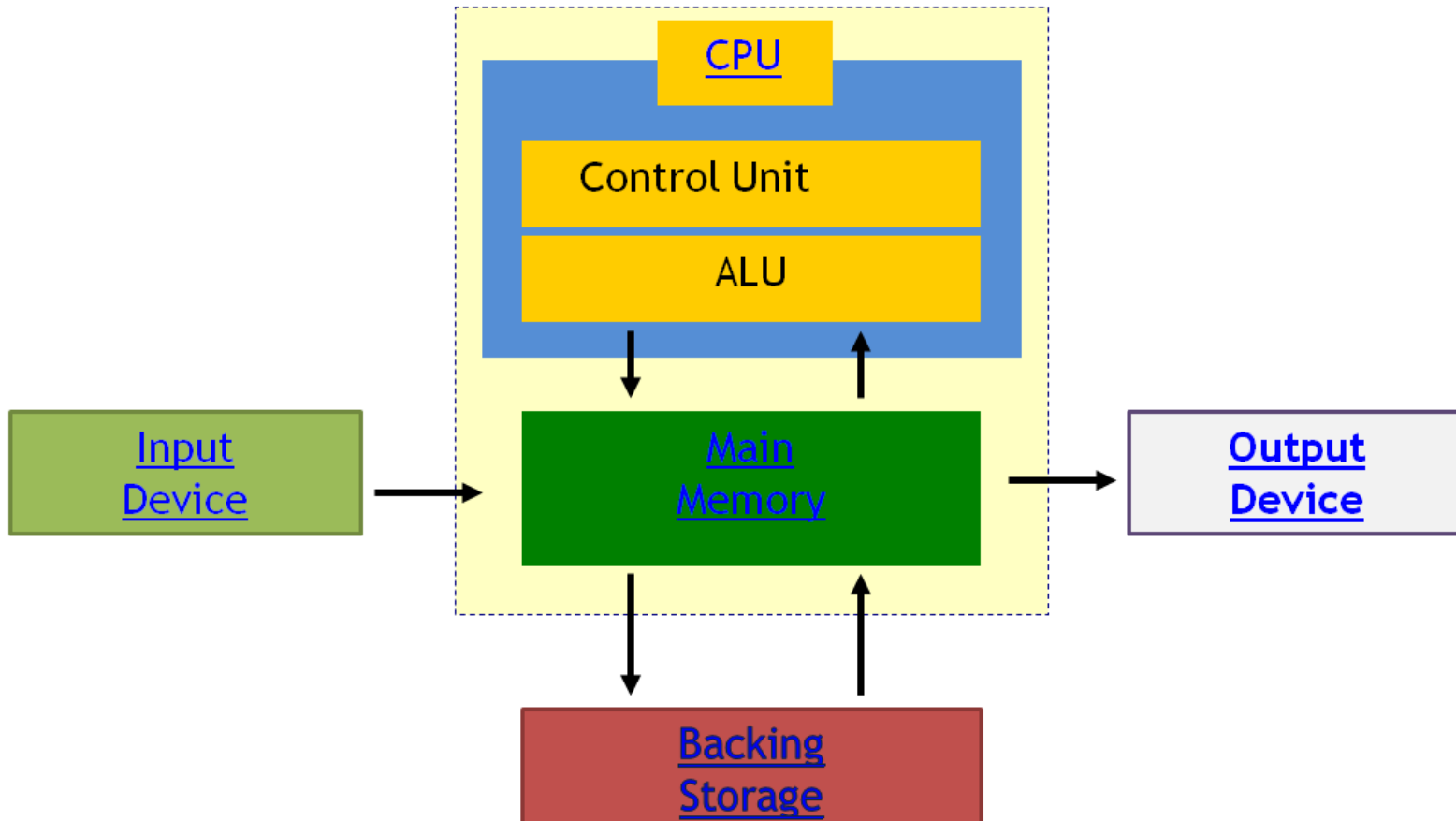
- How does a computer work?



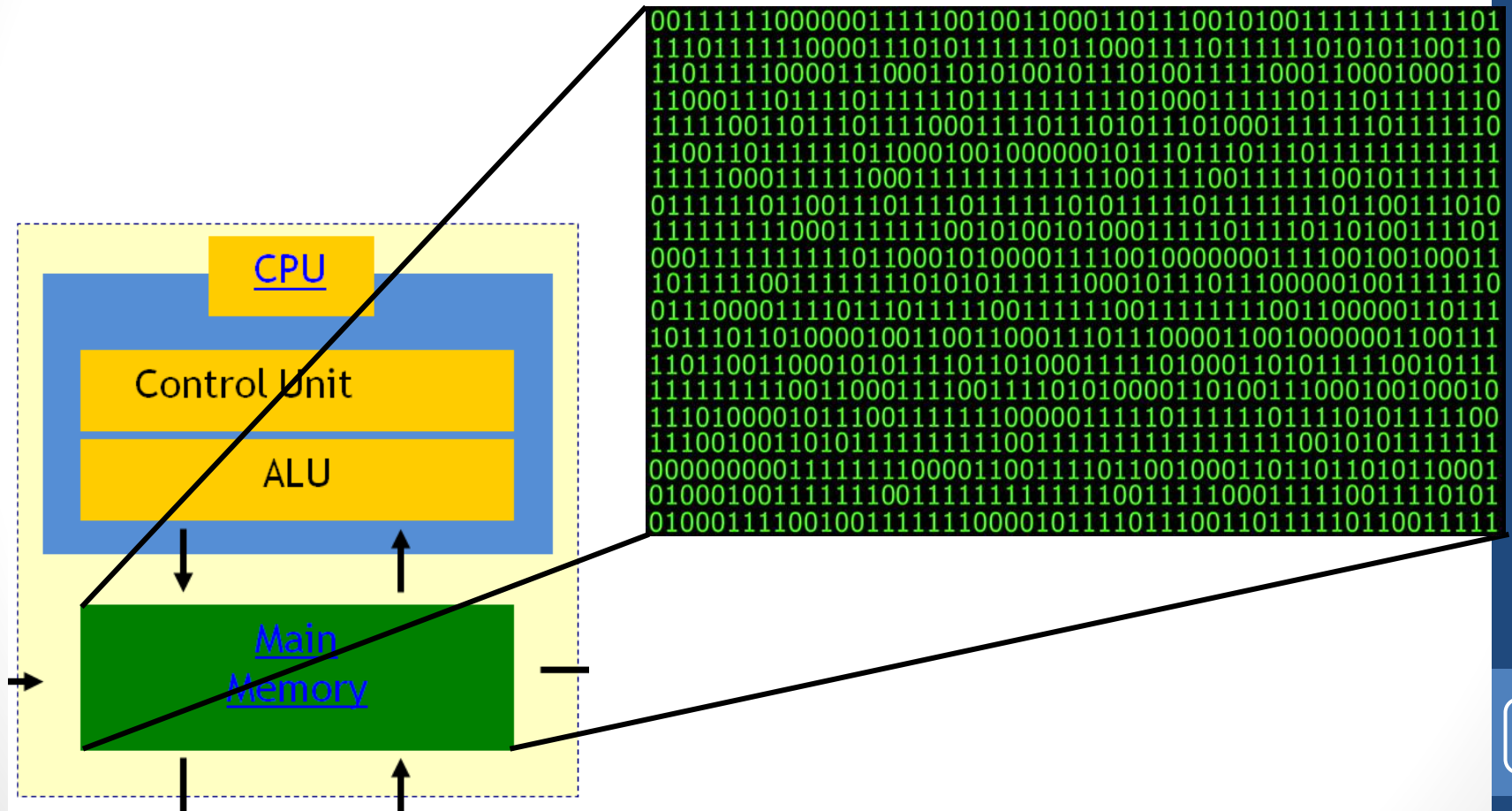
Data in Memory




# Let's lift the hood!



# Main Memory





# “Computers use 0’s and 1’s to represent everything”

Computer memory:

integer

colour

floating  
point  
number

character

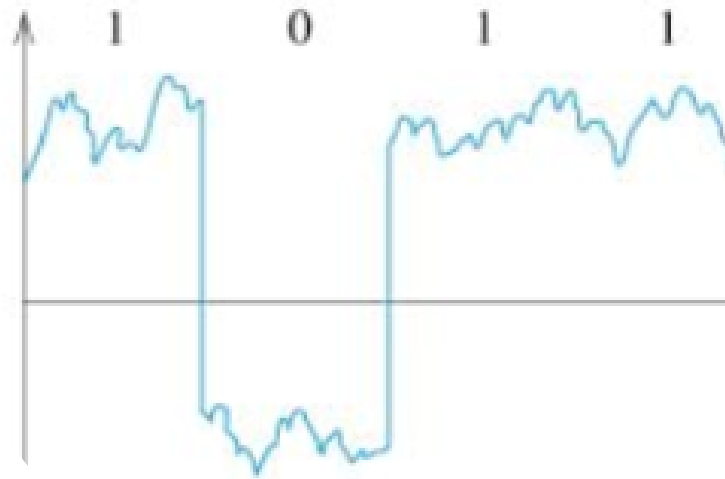
```
001111110000001111100100110001101110010100111111111111101
111011111100001110101111110110001111011111101010100110
1101111100001110001101010010111010011111000110001000110
11000111011110111111011111111111101000111111011111110
111110011011111011000100100000010111011101110111111111
111110001111110001111111111111001111001111110010111111
011111011001110111101111111010111110111111101100111010
1111111100011111100101001010001111011110110100111101
000111111111011000101000011110010000000111100100100011
101111100111111110101011111100010111011100000100111110
01110000111101110111110111111100111111001100000110111
10111011010001001001100 100011101110000110010000001100111
110110011000101011111011000111110100011010111110010111
1111111110011000111100111101010000110100111000100100010
11101000010111001111110000011111011111011110101111100
1110010011010111111111001111111111111111111001010111111
000000000111111110001100111 101100100011011011010110001
0100010011111111001111111111 110011111000111110011110101
0100011110010011111110000101 11011100110111110110011111
```

sound

CPU instruction

# Why the 0's and the 1's

Fundamentally, digital computers are machines that convert high and low electrical signals (called **voltage**) into 0's and 1's.



- Let's learn to speak its native language!

# Decimal numeral system

- **Decimal** -> 10  
(Base 10)
- Ten symbols (digits):
- Positional system
  - When counting:

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,  
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,  
...

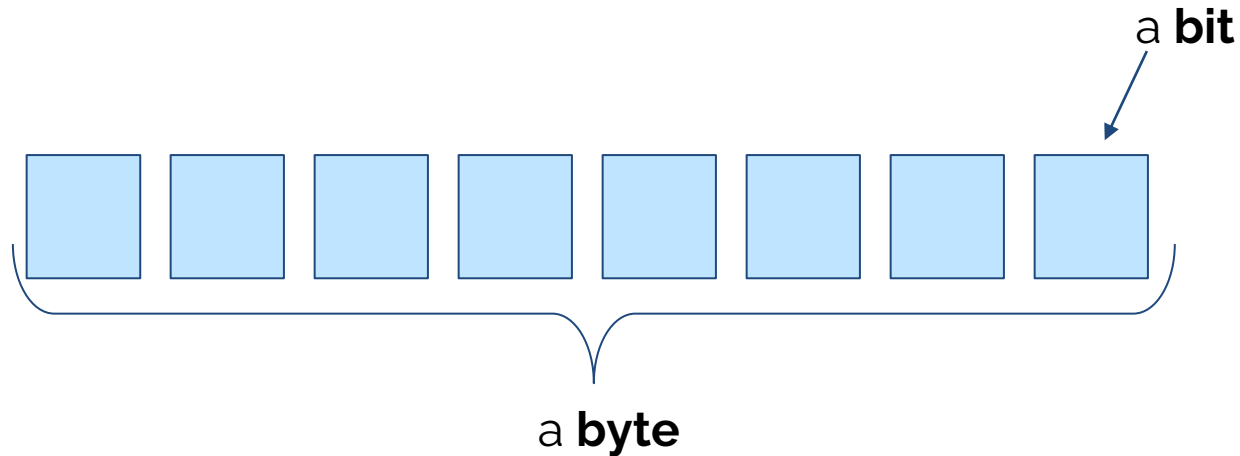
# Binary numeral system

- **Binary** -> 2  
(Base 2)
- Two symbols (bits):
- Positional system
  - When counting:

bits -> binary digits

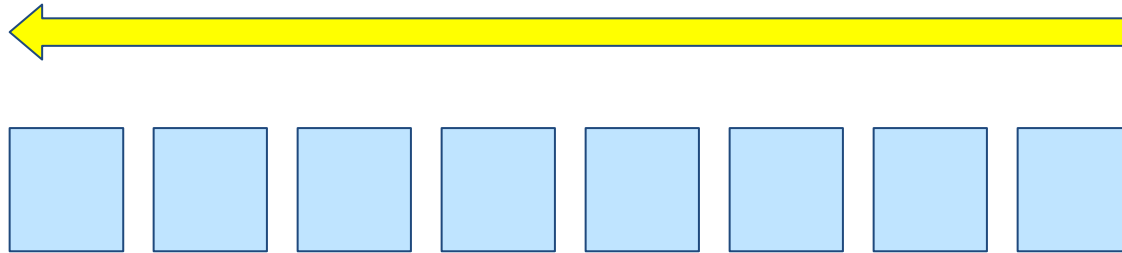
0, 1,  
10, 11,  
100, 101,  
110, 111, ...

Can you read this **01001100**?



- a **bit** is the smallest memory location.
- a **byte** is 8 bits.

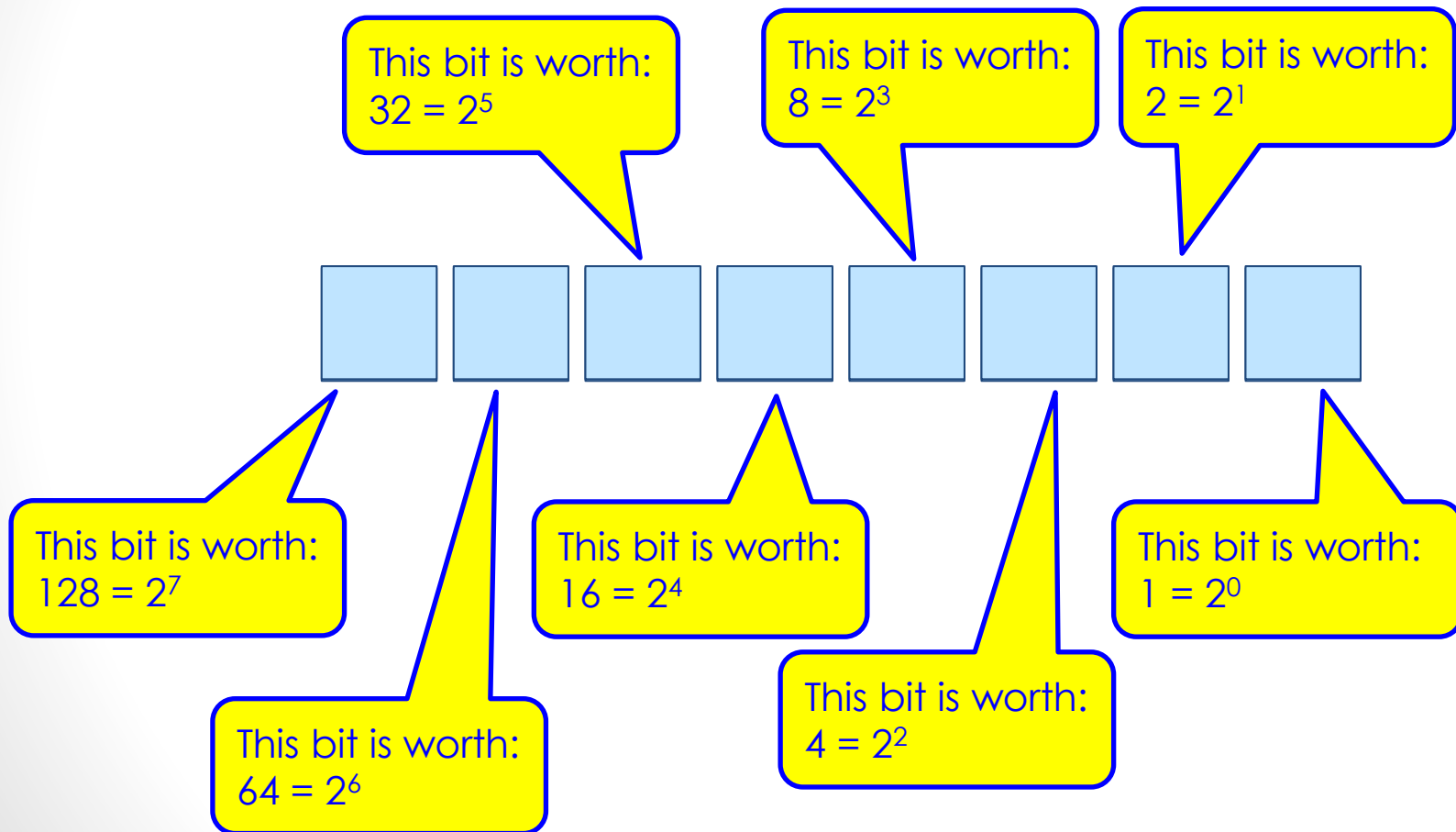
Can you read this **01001100**?



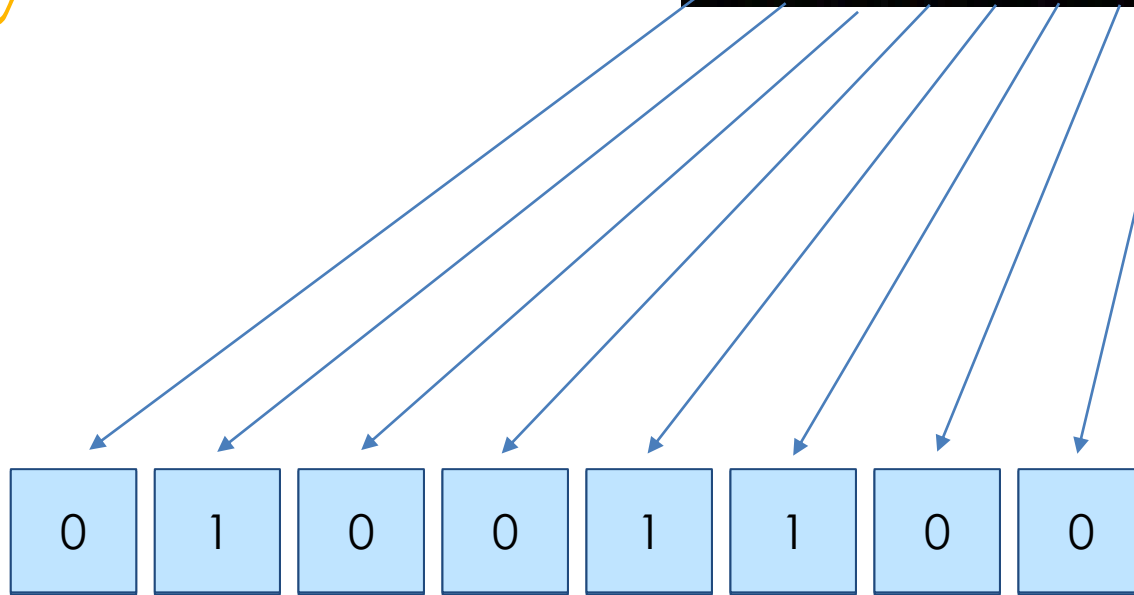
**In decimal**, each digit, from right to left, represents a power of ten (10): 1's ( $\times 10^0$ ), 10's ( $\times 10^1$ ), 100's ( $\times 10^2$ ), 1000's ( $\times 10^3$ ), etc.

**In binary**, each bit, from right to left, represents a power of two (2): 1 ( $\times 2^0$ ), 2 ( $\times 2^1$ ), 4 ( $\times 2^2$ ), 8 ( $\times 2^3$ ), 16 ( $\times 2^4$ ), etc.

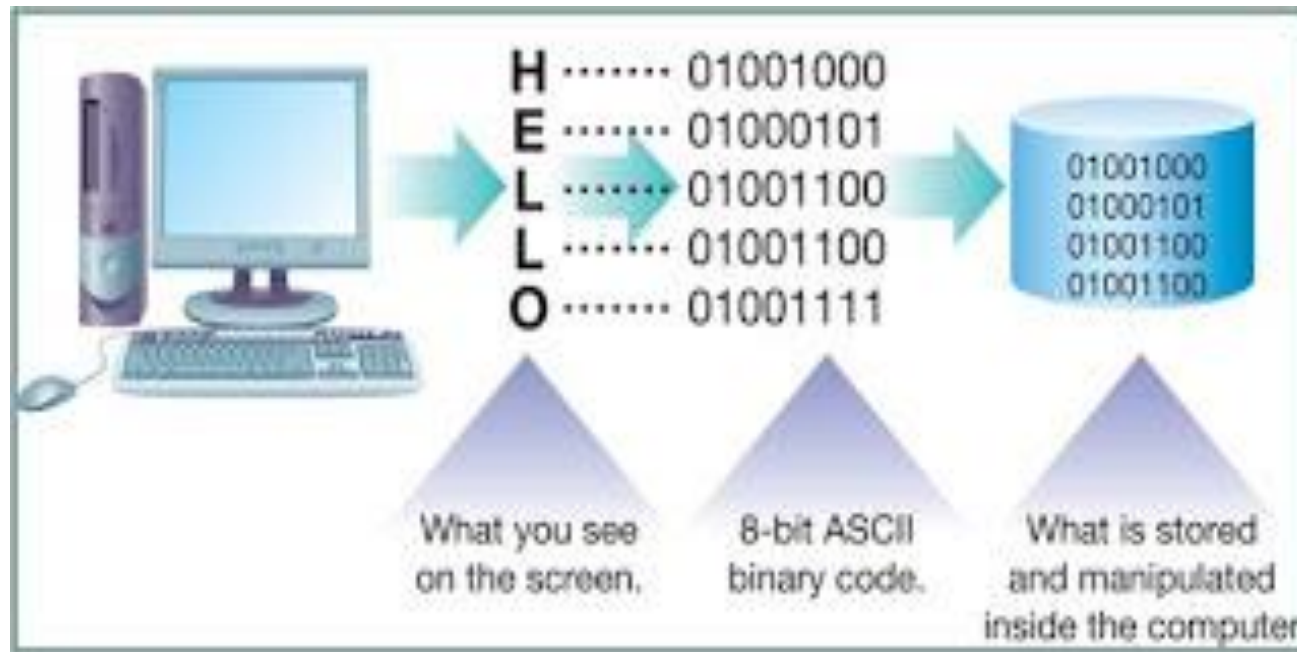
Can you read this **01001100**?



Can you read this **01001100**?



# How computers represent characters



Source: [http://1.bp.blogspot.com/\\_e8aZh22zXKM/TMeR\\_fL8aI/AAAAAAAAAAo/pIR08vVLkz0/s320/Hello\\_World.jpg](http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_e8aZh22zXKM/TMeR_fL8aI/AAAAAAAAAAo/pIR08vVLkz0/s320/Hello_World.jpg)

See ASCII Table: <https://www.ascii-code.com/>



# Next Lecture

- More about Binary Numeral System
  - Binary -> Decimal
  - Decimal -> Binary
- Can we write a converter program that convert binary numbers into decimal numbers?