

Base-16

Hexadecimal!

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Hexadecimal/Base-16, is convenient for bit patterns

Digits {0, 1, 2, ..., 9, A, B, ..., F}

High-order place values come before low-order

400_{16} is $4 \times 16^2 - 1024$

020_{16} is $2 \times 16^1 - 32$

006_{16} is $6 \times 16^0 - 6$

Incrementing a place value beyond 1 causes a carry

$01 + 0F$ is 10

the next higher-order place value increases by one

the lower-order place value resets back to zero

Hexadecimal ₁₆	Binary ₂	Decimal ₁₀
0	0000	00
1	0001	01
2	0010	02
3	0011	03
4	0100	04
5	0101	05
6	0110	06
7	0111	07
8	1000	08
9	1001	09
A	1010	10
B	1011	11
C	1100	12
D	1101	13
E	1110	14
F	1111	15

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$$w = 2$$

$$\vec{h} = [A, F] \quad \text{thus} \quad \begin{aligned} h_1 &= A \\ h_0 &= F \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hex2Unsigned}_2([A, F])$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^1 h_i 16^i \\ &= h_0 \times 16^0 + h_1 \times 16^1 \\ &= F \times 16^0 + A \times 16^1 \\ &= 15 \times 1 + 10 \times 16 \\ &= 175 \end{aligned}$$

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