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# Digital Information

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Fluency in Information Technology

<http://www.cs.washington.edu/100>

# Readings and References

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- Reading
  - » *Fluency with Information Technology*
    - Chapter 11, Representing Multimedia Digitally
- Wikipedia - The Free Encyclopedia
  - » Arabic numerals, ASCII
    - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic\\_numerals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_numerals)
    - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascii>
- Cyrillic Text
  - <http://www.dimka.com/ru/cyrillic/>

# Info Representation

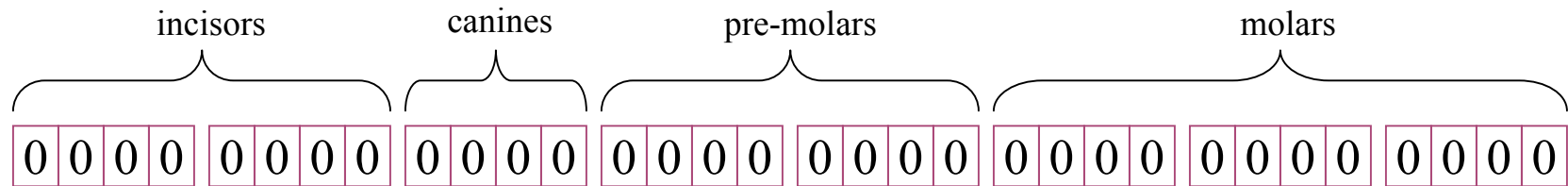
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- Adult humans have 32 teeth
  - » sometimes a tooth or two is missing!
- How can we represent a set of teeth?
  - » How many different items of information?
    - 2 items - *tooth* or *no tooth*
  - » How many "digits" or positions to use?
    - 32 positions - one per tooth socket
  - » Choose a set of symbols
    - no tooth: 0*     *tooth: 1*

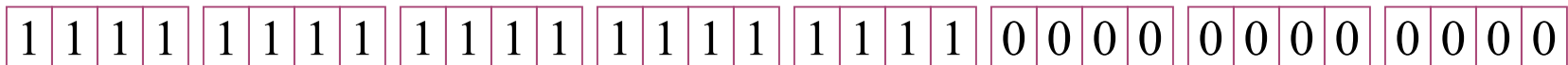




# What's your tooth number?



no teeth ↔ 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

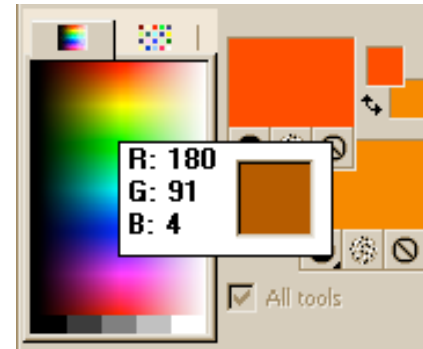


no molars ↔ 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 0000 0000 0000

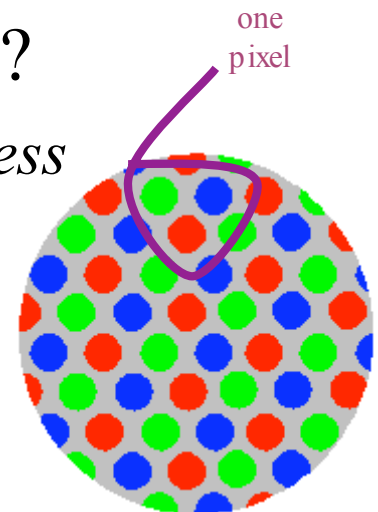
How many possible combinations?  $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2 = 2^{32} \approx 4 \text{ Billion}$

# Info Representation





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- Color monitors combine light from Red, Green, and Blue phosphors to show us colors
- How can we represent a particular color?
  - » How many different items of information?
    - 256 items - *distinguish 256 levels of brightness*
  - » How many "digits" or positions to use?
    - 3 positions - *one Red, one Green, one Blue*
  - » Choose a set of symbols
    - brightness level represented by the numbers 0 to 255

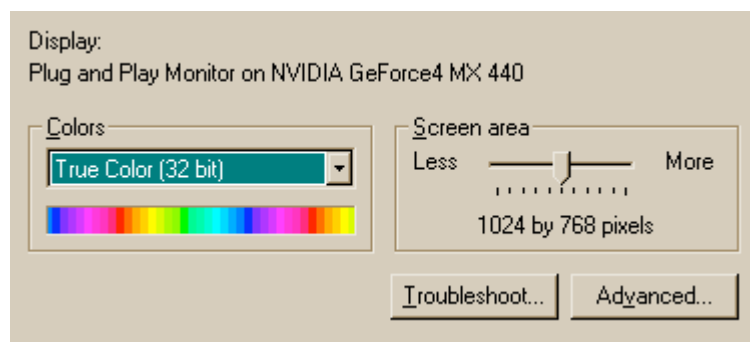


# What is the pixel's color?

	red	green	blue
	255	0	0
	255	102	0
	128	128	128
	0	0	0

How many possible combinations?  
 $256 \times 256 \times 256 = 256^3 \approx 16 \text{ Million}$

16 M colors is often called "True Color"



# How can we store numbers?

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- We want to store numbers
  - » 0 to 255 for color brightness
  - » 0 to 4B for tooth configuration
  - » 0 to 255 for ASCII character codes
- What do we have available in memory?
  - » *Binary digits*
    - 0 or 1
    - on or off
    - clockwise or counter-clockwise

0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 ...

# The hardware is binary

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- 0 and 1 are the only symbols the computer can actually store directly in memory
  - » a single bit is either *off* or *on*
- How many numbers can we represent with 0 and 1?
  - » How many different items of information?
    - 2 items - *off* or *on*
  - » How many "digits" or positions to use?
    - let's think about that on the next slide
  - » Choose a set of symbols
    - already chosen: 0 and 1



# How many positions should we use?

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It depends: how many numbers do we need?

one position

0
1

} two numbers

two positions

0	0
0	1
1	0
1	1

} four numbers

three positions

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

} eight numbers



# The sky's the limit

- We can get as many numbers as we need by allocating enough positions
  - » each additional position means that we get *twice* as many values because we can represent *two* numbers in each position
  - » these are *base 2* or *binary* numbers
    - each position can represent two different values
- How many different numbers can we represent in base 2 using 4 positions?

... 11010100010111100101010101000011101010010101



# How can we read binary numbers?

Let's look at the equivalent *decimal* (ie, *base 10*) numbers.

binary base 2      decimal base 10

0	⇔	0
1		1

binary base 2      decimal base 10

0	0	⇔	0
0	1		1
1	0		2
1	1		3

binary base 2      decimal base 10

0	0	0	⇔	0
0	0	1		1
0	1	0		2
0	1	1		3
1	0	0		4
1	0	1		5
1	1	0		6
1	1	1		7

$111_2$  represents *exactly the same quantity* as  $7_{10}$   
 They are just different ways of representing the same number.



# What do the positions represent?

$2^7 = 128$	$2^6 = 64$	$2^5 = 32$	$2^4 = 16$ <small><math>2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2</math></small>	$2^3 = 8$ <small><math>2 \times 2 \times 2</math></small>	$2^2 = 4$ <small><math>2 \times 2</math></small>	$2^1 = 2$	$2^0 = 1$	base 10
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	base 2

Each position represents one more multiplication by the base value. For binary numbers, the base value is 2, so each new column represents a multiplication by 2.

What base 10 decimal value is equivalent to the base 2 binary value  $10001010_2$  shown above?

# Some Examples

$2^7 = 128$     $2^6 = 64$     $2^5 = 32$     $2^4 = 16$     $2^3 = 8$     $2^2 = 4$     $2^1 = 2$     $2^0 = 1$    base 10

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base 2

$$10_2 = 2_{10}$$

$$100_2 = 4_{10}$$

$$110_2 = 4_{10} + 2_{10} = 6_{10}$$

$$111_2 = 4_{10} + 2_{10} + 1_{10} = 7_{10}$$

$$1000_2 = 8_{10}$$

$$1001_2 = 8_{10} + 1_{10} = 9_{10}$$

# Converting from binary to decimal

$2^7 = 128$	$2^6 = 64$	$2^5 = 32$	$2^4 = 16$	$2^3 = 8$	$2^2 = 4$	$2^1 = 2$	$2^0 = 1$	base 10
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	base 2

$$1 \cdot 128 + 0 \cdot 64 + 0 \cdot 32 + 1 \cdot 8 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 0 = 138_{10}$$

$$1 \cdot 128 + 1 \cdot 8 + 1 \cdot 2 = 138_{10}$$

Each position represents one more multiplication by the base value.

For binary numbers, the base value is 2, so each new column represents a multiplication by 2.

# Use the base, Luke

0123456789

- Each position represents one more multiplication by the base value
  - » The base value can be **2** - *binary numbers*
    - Two symbols: 0 and 1
    - Each column represents a multiplication by two
  - » The base value can be **10** - *decimal numbers*
    - Ten symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
    - Each column represents a multiplication by ten

$10 \times 10 \times 10$      $10 \times 10$      $10$      $1$   
 $10^3 = 1000$      $10^2 = 100$      $10^1 = 10$      $10^0 = 1$     base 10

0	1	3	8
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base 10

$$1 \cdot 100 + 3 \cdot 10 + 8 \cdot 1 = 138_{10}$$

# Base 16 Hexadecimal

- The base value can be **16** - *hexadecimal numbers*
  - » Sixteen symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F
  - » Each column represents a multiplication by sixteen
  - » Hex is easier to use than binary because the numbers are shorter even though *they represent the same value*

$16 \times 16 \times 16$	$16 \times 16$	$16$	$1$	
$16^3 = 4096$	$16^2 = 256$	$16^1 = 16$	$16^0 = 1$	base 10

0	0	8	A
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base 16

$$8 \cdot 16 + 10 \cdot 1 = 138_{10}$$

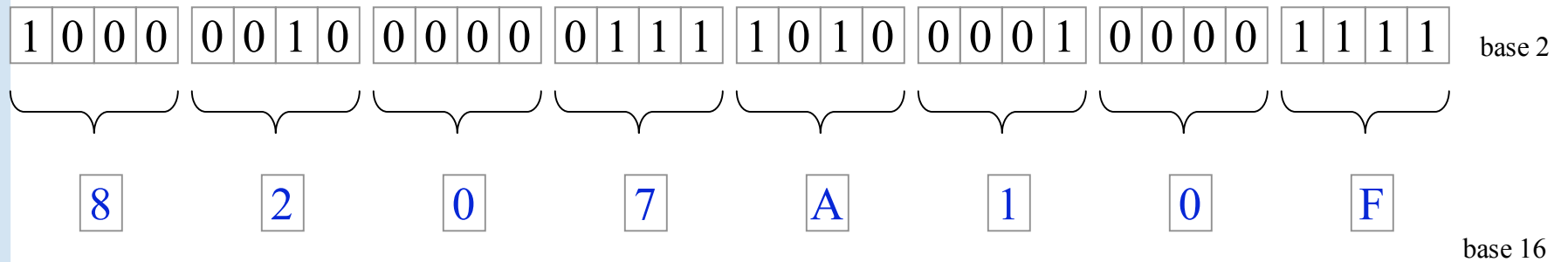


# Four binary bits $\Leftrightarrow$ One hex digit

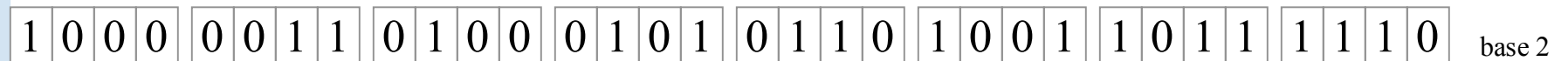
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0 0 0 1	1	1		1 0 0 1	9	9
0 0 1 0	2	2		1 0 1 0	A	10
0 0 1 1	3	3	$\Leftrightarrow$	1 0 1 1	B	11
0 1 0 0	4	4		1 1 0 0	C	12
0 1 0 1	5	5	$\Leftrightarrow$	1 1 0 1	D	13
0 1 1 0	6	6		1 1 1 0	E	14
0 1 1 1	7	7		1 1 1 1	F	15



# Binary to Hex examples

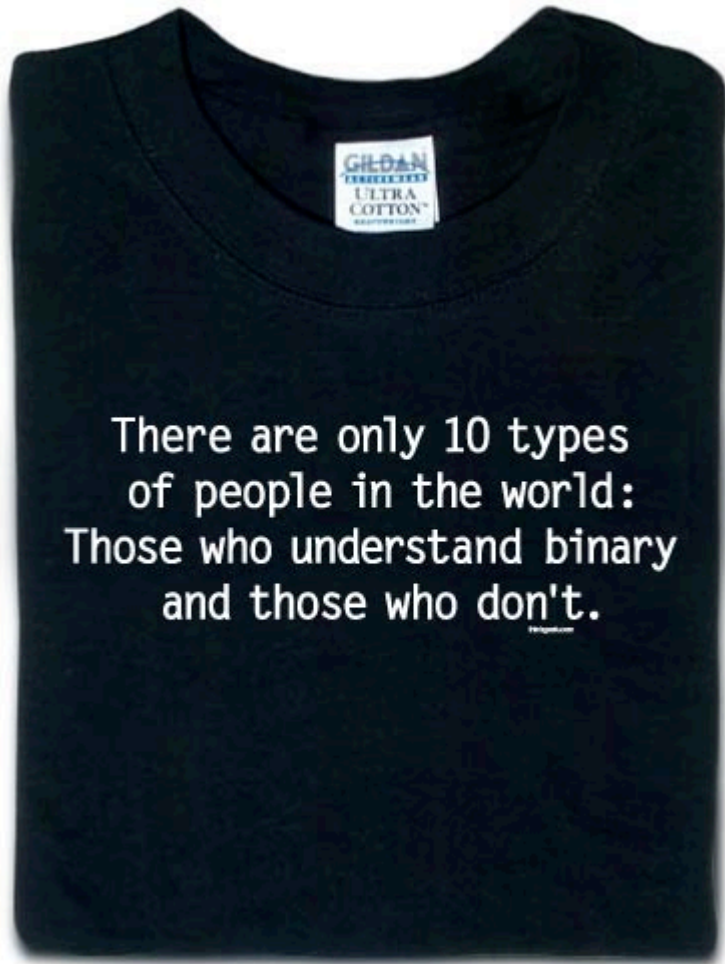


$$10000010000001111010000100001111_2 = 8207A10F_{16}$$



$$10000011010001010110100110111110_2 = \text{_____}_{16}$$

# Whew! We are now official geeks ...



<http://www.thinkgeek.com/tshirts/frustrations/5aa9/>

## Recall: The hardware is binary

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- How many numbers can we represent with 0 and 1?
  - » As many as we want, it just takes a little more space to get a bigger range
- So what can we represent with these numbers?
  - » Anything that has a numeric value or can be associated with a numeric value
  - » Number of people, index into a list, account balance, ...
  - » Alphabetic characters, punctuation marks, display tags
  - » Any signal that can be converted into numeric values
    - colors, sounds, water level, blood pressure, temperature
  - » Computer instructions

# Represent numbers

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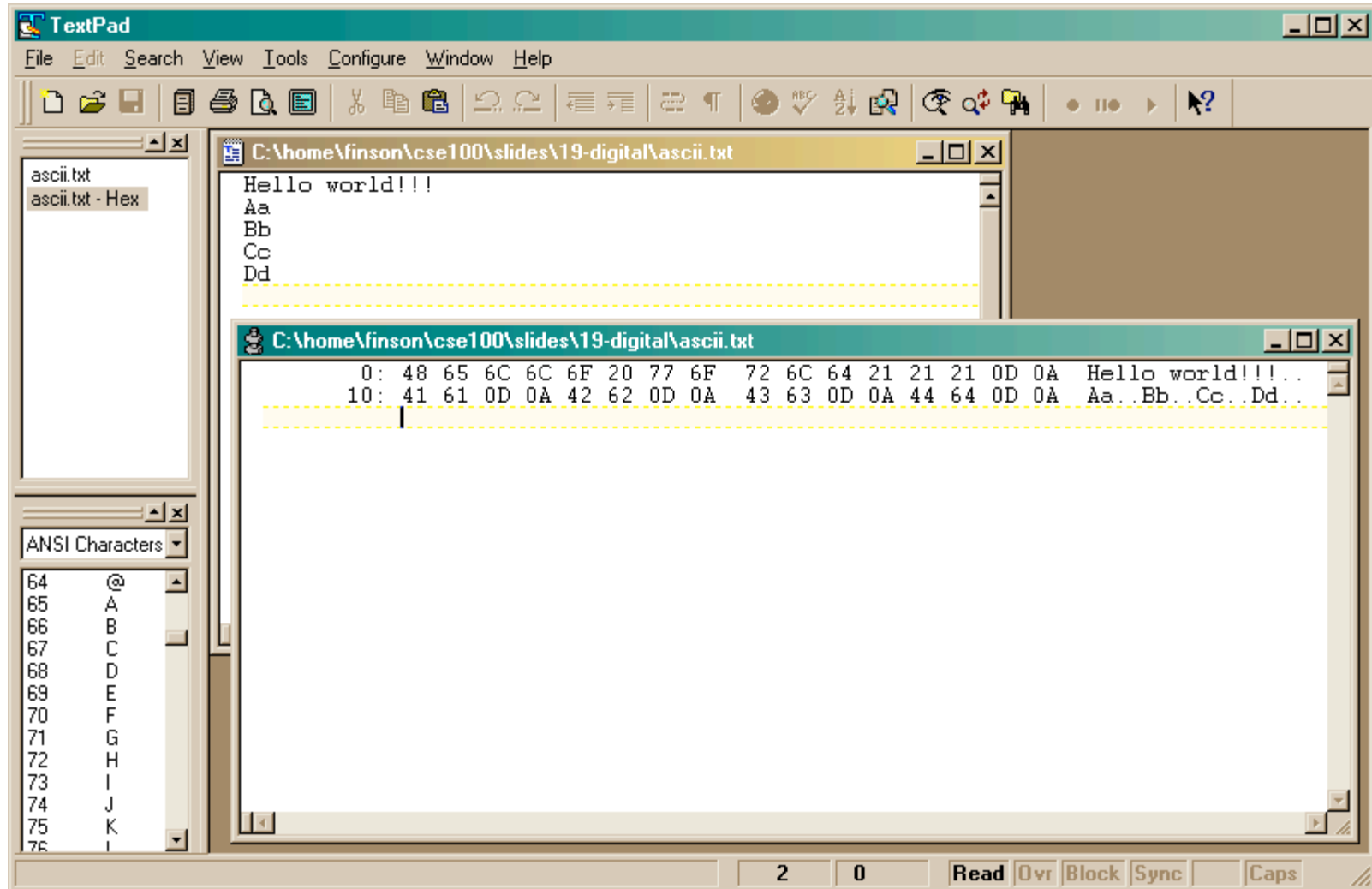
- How many bit positions to allocate?
  - » Depends on the desired range
  - » 8 bits  $\rightarrow$  0 to 255
    - or -128 to +127
  - » 16 bits  $\rightarrow$  0 to 65535
    - or -32768 to +32767
  - » 32 bits  $\rightarrow$  0 to 4294967296
    - or  $-2B$  to  $+2B$

# Represent Text - ASCII

- Assign a unique number to each character
  - » 7-bit ASCII
    - Range is 0 to 127 giving 128 possible values
    - There are 95 printable characters
    - There are 33 control codes like tab and carriage return

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!"#$%&'()*+,-./  
0123456789:;<=>?  
@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO  
PQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_  
'abcdefghijklmno  
pqrstuvwxyz{|}~
```

# ASCII text



# Represent Text - Unicode

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- The goal of Unicode is to provide the means to encode the text of every document people want to store in computers
- Unicode aims to provide a unique number for each letter, without regard to typographic variations used by printers
- Unicode encodes each character in a number
  - » the number can be 7, 8, 16, or 32 bits long
  - » 16-bit encoding is common today





# Represent Text - Postscript

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- Postscript is a page description language somewhat like HTML
  - » The file is mostly text and can be looked at with a regular text editor
  - » programs that know what it is can interpret the embedded commands
  - » Programs *and printers* that understand Postscript format can display complex text and graphical images in a standard fashion

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File Edit Options View Orientation Media Help

File Edit Options View Orientation Media Help

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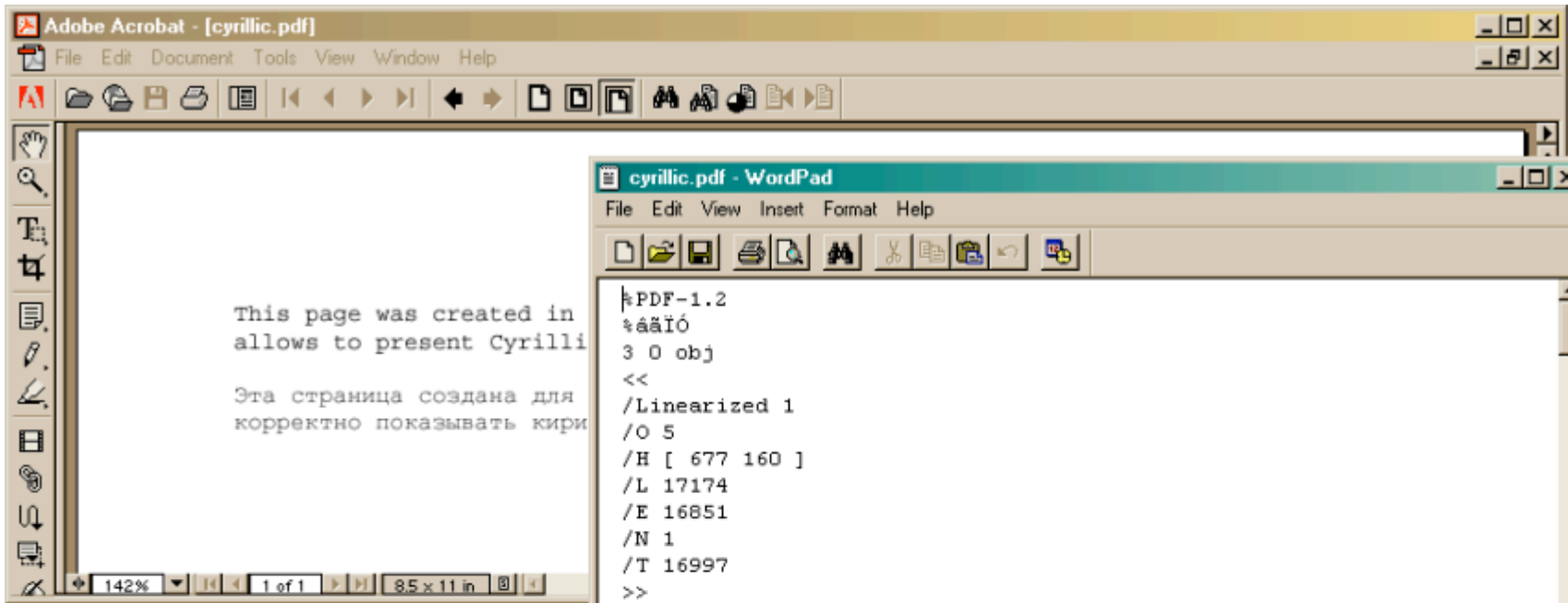
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# Represent Text - PDF

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- PDF is another page description language based on Postscript
- The file is mostly text
  - » can be looked at with a regular text editor
  - » programs that know what it is can interpret the embedded commands
  - » just like Postscript and HTML in that respect



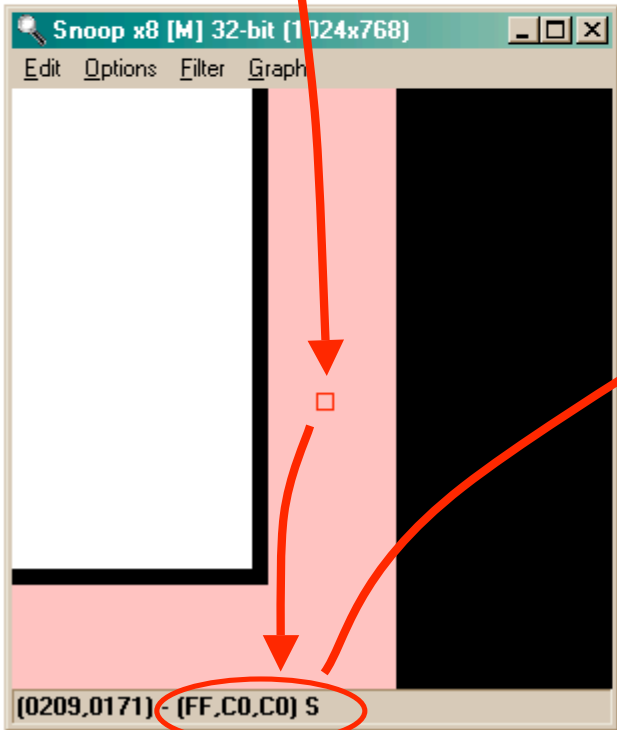
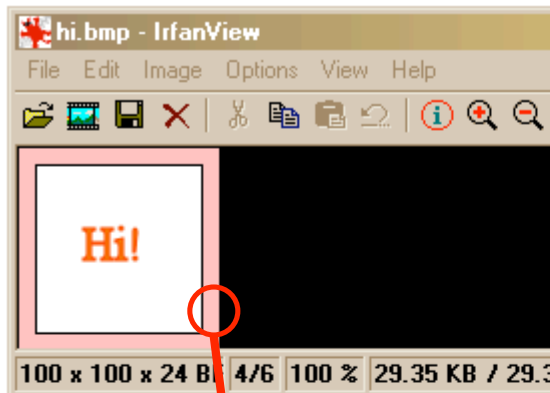
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## Represent Color - Bit Map

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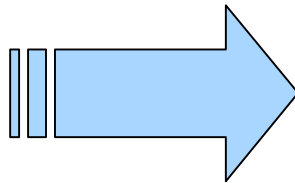
- Numbers can represent anything we want
- Recall that we can represent colors with three values
  - » Red, Green, Blue brightness values
- There are *numerous* formats for image files
  - » All of them store some sort of numeric representation of the brightness of each color at each pixel of the image
  - » commonly use 0 to 255 range (or 0 to  $FF_{16}$ )



File	Hex Data
00000000:	42 4D 66 75 00 00 00 00 00 00 36 00 00 00 28 00
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00000020:	00 00 30 75 00 00 20 4E 00 00 20 4E 00 00 00 00
00000030:	00 00 00 00 00 00 C0 C0 FF C0 C0 FF C0 C0 FF C0
00000040:	C0 FF C0 C0 FF C0 C0 FF C0 C0 C0 FF C0 C0 FF C0 C0
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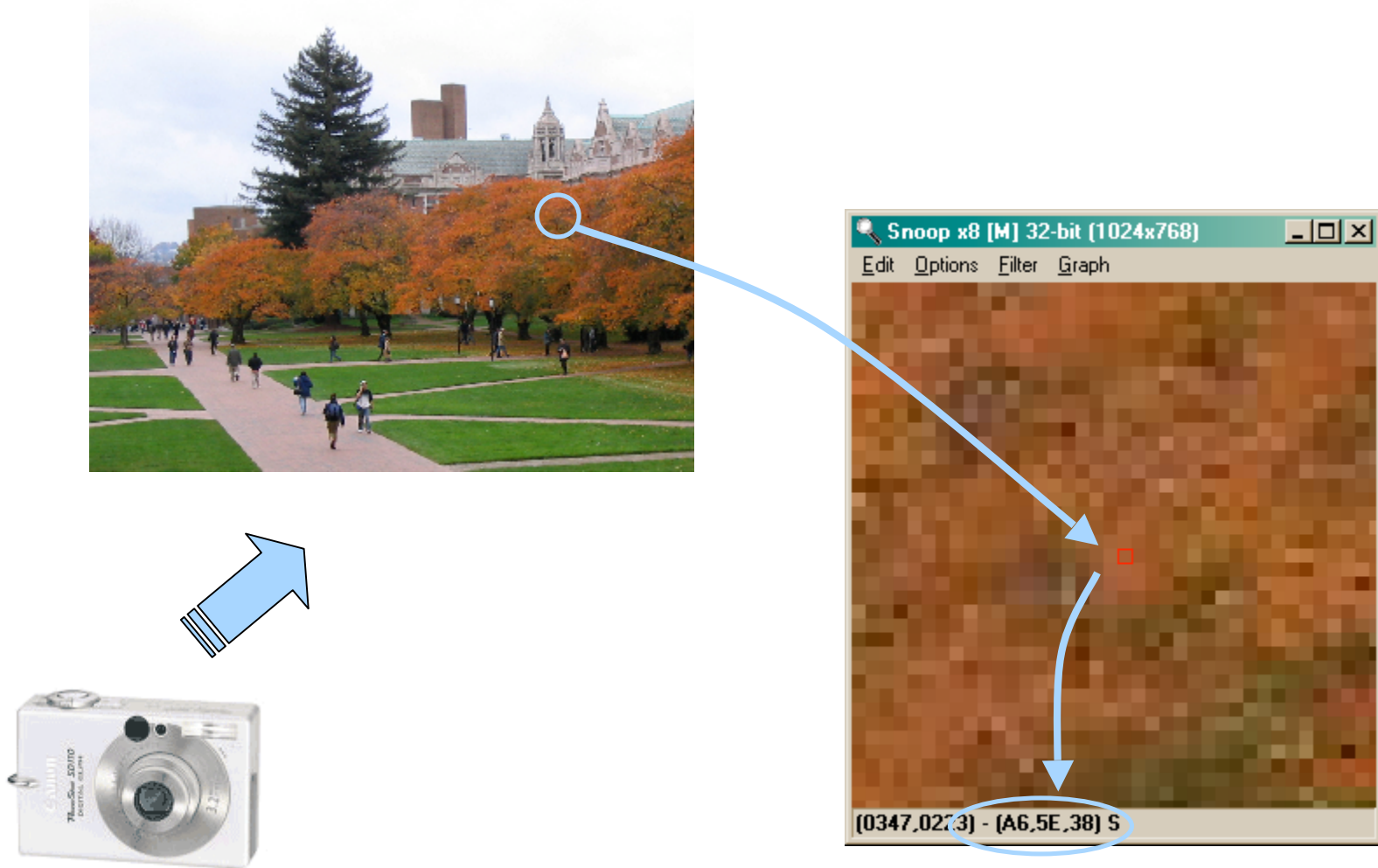
# What about "continuous" signals?

- Color and sound are natural quantities that don't come in nice discrete numeric quantities
- But we can “make it so!”





# Digitized image contains color data





# Summary

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- Bits can represent any information
  - » Discrete information is directly encoded using binary
  - » Continuous information is made discrete
- We can look at the bits in different ways
  - » The format guides us in how to interpret it
  - » Different interpretations let us work with the data in different ways