

Data Representation

Αναπαράσταση Δεδομένων Αναλογικά και Ψηφιακά δεδομένα



Information can be represented in one of two ways: analog or digital

Analog data

A continuous representation, analogous to the actual information it represents

Digital data

A discrete representation, breaking the information up into separate elements

Analog and Digital Information Thermometer is an analog device A mercury thermometer continually rises in direct proportion to the temperature

Analog and Digital Information

Computers cannot work well with analog data, so we digitize the data

Digitize

Breaking data into pieces and representing those pieces separately

Why do we use binary to represent digitized data?

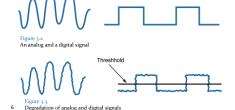
Electronic Signals

Important facts about electronic signals

- □An analog signal continually fluctuates in voltage up and down
- □A digital signal has only a high or low state, corresponding to the two binary
- □All electronic signals (both analog and digital) degrade as they move down a
- □The voltage of the signal fluctuates due 5 to environmental effects

Electronic Signals (Cont'd)

Periodically, a digital signal is reclocked to regain its original shape



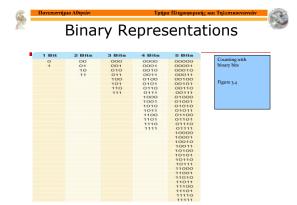
Binary Representations

One bit can be either 0 or 1 One bit can represent two things (Why?) Food (sweet or sour - 0 or 1)

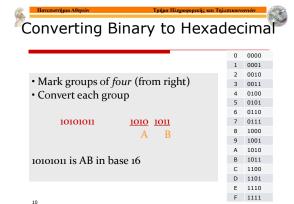
Two bits can represent four things (Why?) Gears (neutral, park, drive, reverse - 00,01,10,11) How many things can three bits represent?

How many things can four bits represent?

How many things can eight bits represent?



Converting Binary to Octal 100 101 110 • Mark groups of three (from right) · Convert each group 10101011 10 101 011 2 5 3 10101011 is 253 in base 8



Binary and Computers

Byte 8 bits

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The number of bits in a word determines the word length of the computer, but it is usually a multiple of 8

- 32-bit machines
- 64-bit machines etc.

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Representing Text

What must be provided to represent text?

There are finite number of characters to represent, so list them all and assign each a binary string

Character set

A list of characters and the codes used to represent each one

Computer manufacturers agreed to standardize

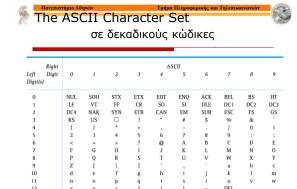
The ASCII Character Set

ASCII stands for American Standard
Code for Information Interchange
ASCII originally used seven hits to

ASCII originally used seven bits to represent each character, allowing for 128 unique characters

Later extended ASCII evolved so that all eight bits were used

How many characters could be represented?



The ASCII Character Set σε δεκαεξαδικούς κώδικες



The Unicode Character Set

Extended ASCII is not enough for international use

Unicode uses 16 bits per character

How many characters can UNICODE represent?

Unicode is a superset of ASCII
The first 256 characters correspond
exactly to the extended ASCII
character set

The Unicode Character Set

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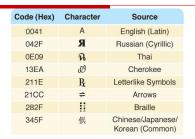
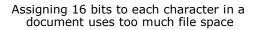


Figure 3.6 A few characters in the Unicode character set

Text Compression



We need ways to store and transmit text efficiently

Text compression techniques keyword encoding run-length encoding Huffman encoding

Keyword Encoding

Replace frequently used words with a single char

racter	
Word	Symbol
as	٨
the	~
and	+
that	\$
must	&
well	%
these	#

Keyword Encoding

Given the following paragraph,

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. A That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, A That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.



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Keyword Encoding

The encoded paragraph is

We hold # truths to be self-evident, \$ all men are created equal, \$ ~y are endowed by ~ir Creator with certain unalienable Rights, \$ among # are Life, Liberty + ~ pursuit of Happiness. — \$ to secure # Liberty + ~ pursuit of Happiness. — \$ to secure # rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving ~ir just powers from ~ consent of ~ governed, — \$ whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of # ends, it is ~ Right of ~ People to alter or to abolish it, + to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles + organizing its powers in such form, ^ to ~m shall seem most likely to effect ~ir Safety + Happiness.

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Keyword Encoding

What did we save?

Original paragraph 656 characters Encoded paragraph 596 characters Characters saved

60 characters Compression ratio

596/656 = 0.9085

Could we use this substitution chart for all 22 text?



Run-Length Encoding

A single character may be repeated over and over again in a long sequence

Replace a repeated sequence with

- a flag character
- repeated character
- number of repetitions

*n8

- * is the flag character
- n is the repeated character
- 8 is the number of times n is repeated

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Run-Length Encoding



bbbbbbbjjjkllqqqqqq+++++

Encoded text

*b8jjjkll*q6*+5 (Why isn't I encoded? J?)

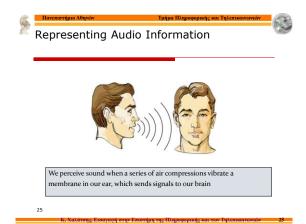
The compression ratio is 15/25 or .6

Encoded text

*x4*p4I*k7 Original text

xxxxpppplkkkkkkk

This type of repetition doesn't occur in English text; can you think of a situation where it might occur?





Representing Audio Information

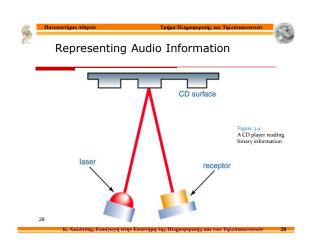
Digitize the signal by sampling

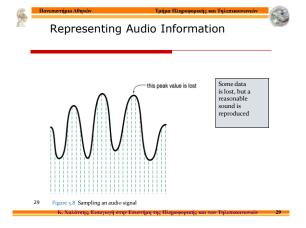
periodically measure the voltage

record the numeric value

How often should we sample?

A sampling rate of about 40,000 times per second is enough to create a reasonable sound reproduction





CDs store audio information digitally
On the surface of the CD are
microscopic pits that represent
binary digits
A low intensity laser is pointed as the
disc The laser light reflects
strongly if the surface is smooth and
poorly if the surface is pitted

Representing Audio Information

Audio Formats

Audio Formats

■ WAV, AU, AIFF, VQF, and MP3

MP3 (MPEG-2, audio layer 3 file) is dominant

- analyzes the frequency spread and discards information that can't be heard by humans
- bit stream is compressed using a form of Huffman encoding to achieve additional compression

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Representing Images and Graphics

Color

Perception of the frequencies of light that reach the retinas of our eyes

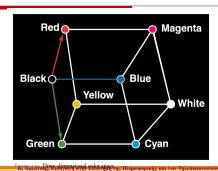
Retinas have three types of color photoreceptor cone cells that correspond to the colors of red, green, and blue

Representing Images and Graphics

Color is expressed as an RGB (redgreen-blue) value--three numbers that indicate the relative contribution of each of these three primary colors

An RGB value of (255, 255, 0) maximizes the contribution of red and green, and minimizes the contribution of blue, which results in a bright yellow

Representing Images and Graphics



Representing Images and Graphics

color depth

The amount of data that is used to represent a color

HiColor

A 16-bit color depth: five bits used for each number in an RGB value with the extra bit sometimes used to represent transparency

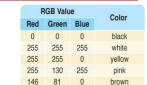
TrueColor

A 24-bit color depth: eight bits used for each number in an RGB value



157 95 82

140 0



Representing Images and Graphics

purple

maroon



Representing Graphics

- ☐ There are two ways of representing graphics
 - Bit Mapped Graphics
 - Vector Graphics
- ☐ We will only study bit-mapped graphics but a brief explanation of vector graphics is included

Digitized Images and Graphics

Digitizing a picture

Representing it as a collection of individual dots called pixels

Resolution

The number of pixels used to represent a picture **Raster Graphics**

Storage of data on a pixel-by-pixel basis Bitmap (BMP), GIF, JPEG, and PNG are rastergraphics formats



Digitized Images and Graphics

Contains the pixel color values of the image from left to right and from top to bottom

GIF format (indexed color)

Each image is made up of only 256 colors JPEG format

Averages color hues over short distances PNG format

Like GIF but achieves greater compression with wider range of color depths



Digitized Images and Graphics



picture

Whole

Figure 3.12 A digitized picture composed of many individual pixels



Digitized Images and Graphics



Magnified portion See the pixels?

Figure 3.12 A digitized picture composed of many individual pixels





A format that describes an image in terms of lines and geometric shapes

A vector graphic is a series of commands that describe a line's direction, thickness, and color

The file sizes tend to be smaller because not every pixel is described

Vector Graphics

The good side and the bad side...

Vector graphics can be resized mathematically and changes can be calculated dynamically as needed

Vector graphics are *not* good for representing real-world images

Bit Mapped Graphics

- ☐ Any graphic is made up from a series of pixels (Picture Elements).
- ☐ Each pixel is an individual point on the screen



Vector Vs Bit-Mapped

Advantages of vector graphics (draw packages)

- Images can be enlarged without losing resolution Objects can be edited by changing their attributes
 Objects can be layered on top/behind
 Images take up less disc space
 Ideal for drawing plans; use library of objects

Advantages of bit-mapped graphics (paint packages)

- Each pixel can be alteredMore realistic when used for photos/real life

Representing Video

Video codec COmpressor/DECompressor Methods used to shrink the size of a

movie to allow it to be played on a computer or over a network

Almost all video codecs use lossy compressions to minimize the huge amounts of data associated with video



Representing Video

Temporal compression

A technique based on differences between consecutive frames: If most of an image in two frames hasn't changed, why should we waste space to duplicate all of the similar information?

Spatial compression

A technique based on removing redundant information within a frame: This problem is essentially the same as that faced when compressing still images

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