

# CSEE 3827: Fundamentals of Computer Systems

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Information Representation

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# Number systems: Base 8 (Octal)

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$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 2 & 3 & 6 & 5 & . & 2 \\ \times 8^3 & \times 8^2 & \times 8^1 & \times 8^0 & \times 8^{-1} & \\ \hline 1024 & + & 192 & + & 48 & + & 5 & + & .25 & = & (1269.25)_{10} \end{array}$$

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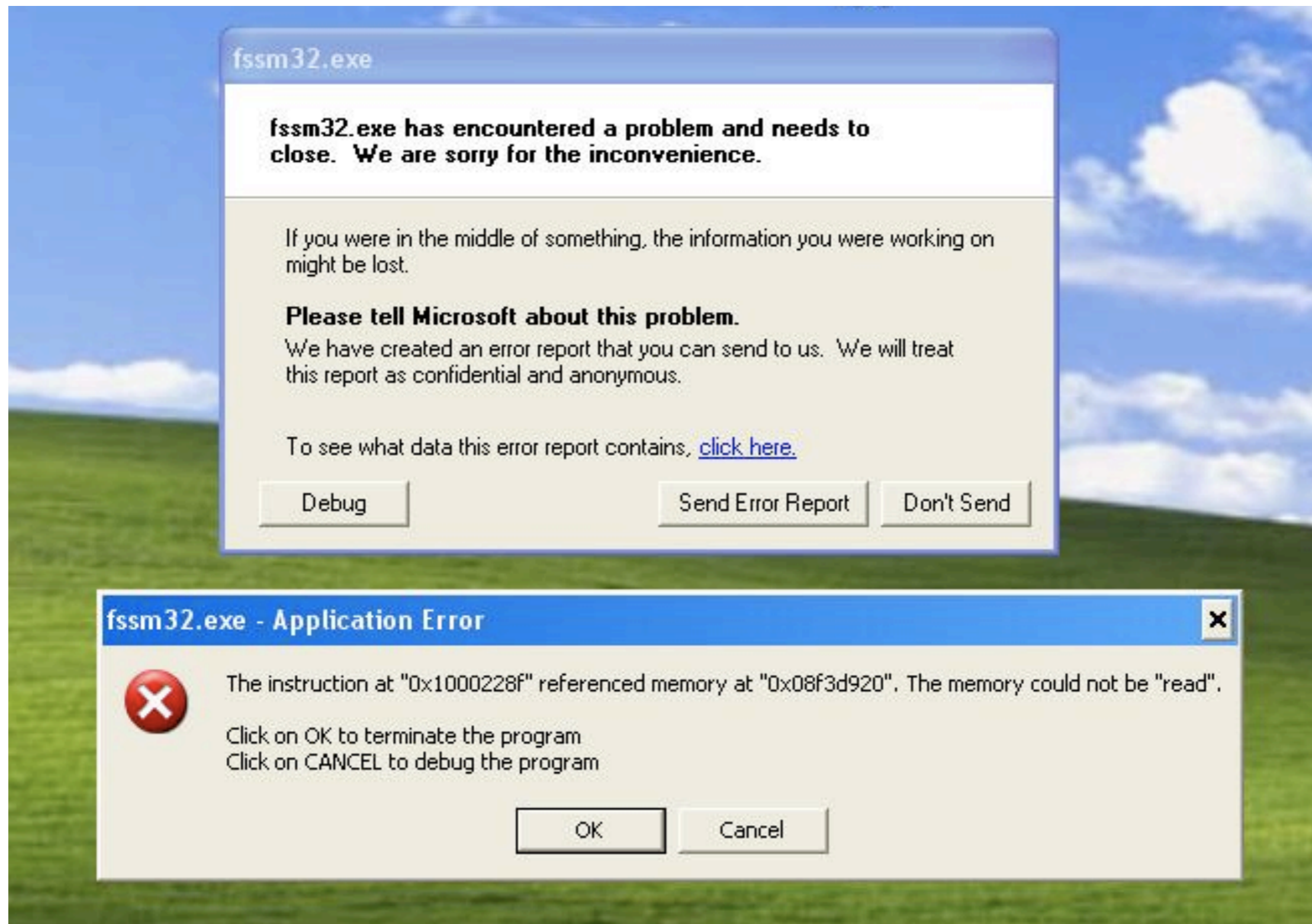
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$$\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 6 & B & A \\ \times 16^3 & \times 16^2 & \times 16^1 & \times 16^0 \\ \hline 8192 & + 1536 & + 176 & + 10 & = (9914)_{10} \end{array}$$

# Hexadecimal (or hex) is often used for addressing



# Number ranges

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- Map infinite numbers onto finite representation for a computer
- How many numbers can I represent with ...

... 5 digits in decimal?

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*$16^4$  possible values*



# Need a bigger range?

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- Change the encoding.
- Floating point (used to represent very large numbers in a compact way)

- A lot like scientific notation:  $5.4 \times 10^5$   
*mantissa*  $\nearrow$  *exponent*

- Except that it is binary:  
 $\underline{1001} \times 2^{\underline{1011}}$

# What about negative numbers?

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- Change the encoding.
  - Sign and magnitude
  - Ones compliment
  - Twos compliment

# Sign and magnitude

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- Most significant bit is sign
- Rest of bits are magnitude

$$0110 = (6)_{10}$$

$$1110 = (-6)_{10}$$

- Two representations of zero

$$0000 = (0)_{10}$$

$$1000 = (-0)_{10}$$

# Ones compliment

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- Compliment bits in positive value to create negative value
- Most significant bit still a sign bit

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$$1111 = (-0)_{10}$$

# Twos complement

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- Complement bits in positive value and add 1 to create negative value
- Most significant bit still a sign bit

$$0110 = (6)_{10} \quad 1001 + 1 = 1010 = (-6)_{10}$$

- One representation of zero

$$0000 = (0)_{10} \quad 1000 = (-8)_{10} \quad 1111 = (-1)_{10}$$

- One more negative number than positive

$$\text{MIN: } 1000 = (-8)_{10} \quad \text{MAX: } 0111 = (7)_{10}$$

How about letters?

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# How about letters?

- Change the encoding.

□ **TABLE 1-5**  
**American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)**

$B_4B_3B_2B_1$	$B_7B_6B_5$							
	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
0000	NULL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	`	p
0001	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a	q
0010	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b	r
0011	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c	s
0100	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t
0101	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
0110	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	v
0111	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	w
1000	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	x
1001	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	y
1010	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	z
1011	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	{
1100	FF	FS	,	<	L	\	l	
1101	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m	}
1110	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	~
1111	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	DEL

# Gray code

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*Binary numeric encoding where successive numbers differ by only 1 bit*

<i>value</i>	BCD	<i># bit flips</i>	Gray	<i># bit flips</i>
0	0 0 0	3	0 0 0	1
1	0 0 1	1	0 0 1	1
2	0 1 0	2	0 1 1	1
3	0 1 1	1	0 1 0	1
4	1 0 0	3	1 1 0	1
5	1 0 1	1	1 1 1	1
6	1 1 0	2	1 0 1	1
7	1 1 1	1	1 0 0	1



# Some definitions

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- bit = a binary digit

e.g., 1 or 0

- byte = 8 bits

e.g., 01100100

- word = a group of bytes

a 16-bit word = 2 bytes

e.g., 1001110111000101

a 32-bit word = 4 bytes

e.g., 100111011100010101110111000101