Data and Program Representation

- In order to be understood by a computer, data and programs need to be represented appropriately
- Coding systems:
- Digital computers:
- Digital data representation:

Digital Data Representation

- Bit:
- Byte =
- Byte terminology used to express the size of documents and other files, programs, etc.
- Prefixes are often used to express larger quantities of bytes: _____ (KB), _____ (MB), _____ (GB), (TB), etc.



The Binary Numbering System

- Numbering system: A way of representing numbers
- Decimal numbering system
- Binary numbering system
- In both systems, the position of the digits determines the power to which the base number (such as 10 or 2) is raised

The Binary Numbering System



Coding Systems for Text-Based Data

ASCII and EBCDIC
 ASCII:

– EBCDIC:

11
0000
0001
0010
0011
0100
0101
0001
0010
0011
0100
0101
0110
1011
0001
0011



Coding Systems for Text-Based Data

• Unicode: newer code

 Replacing _____ as the primary text-coding system



Coding Systems for Other Types of Data

- Graphics (still images such as photos or drawings)
 - Bitmapped images:
 A variety of bit
 depths are possible
 (4, 8, 24 bits)



With bitmapped images, the color of each pixel is represented by bits; the more bits used, the better the image quality. Coding Systems for Other Types of Data

• Audio data:

- Often compressed when sent over the Internet

• Video data:

Amount of data can be substantial, but can be compressed

Representing Programs: Machine Language

- Machine language:
 - Early programs were written in machine language.
 - Today's programs still need to be translated into machine language in order to be understood by the computer
- Most programs are written in other programming languages
 - Language translators are used to translate the programs into machine language

Quick Quiz

- 1. Another way to say "one million bytes" is
 - a. one kilobyte
 - b. one gigabyte
 - c. one megabyte
- 2. True or False: MP3 files are stored using 0s and 1s.
- 3. The ______ numbering system is used by computers to perform mathematical computations.