

Binary Conversion to Bases: Octal, Hexadecimal, and Decimal

1. Binary to Decimal (Base 2 to Base 10)

The decimal system (base-10) uses powers of 10, while the binary system (base-2) uses powers of 2. To convert binary to decimal, you multiply each binary digit by 2 raised to the power of its position, starting from the right (starting with 0).

Example: Convert binary 1011 to decimal:

$$1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 = 8 + 0 + 2 + 1 = 11$$

So, binary 1011 is 11 in decimal.

2. Binary to Octal (Base 2 to Base 8)

The octal system (base-8) uses digits from 0 to 7, and it is closely related to binary. Each octal digit corresponds to a group of three binary digits. To convert binary to octal, group the binary digits into sets of three, starting from the right. Add leading zeros if necessary.

Example: Convert binary 101110 to octal:

Group the binary digits in sets of three: 101 110.

Convert each group to its octal equivalent:

101 (binary) = 5 (octal)

110 (binary) = 6 (octal)

So, binary 101110 is 56 in octal.

3. Binary to Hexadecimal (Base 2 to Base 16)

The hexadecimal system (base-16) uses digits 0–9 and letters A–F to represent values 10–15. Each hexadecimal digit corresponds to a group of four binary digits. To convert binary

to hexadecimal, group the binary digits into sets of four, starting from the right. Add leading zeros if necessary.

Example: Convert binary 110111 to hexadecimal:

Group the binary digits in sets of four: 0011 0111.

Convert each group to its hexadecimal equivalent:

0011 (binary) = 3 (hex)

0111 (binary) = 7 (hex)

So, binary 110111 is 37 in hexadecimal.

4. Decimal to Binary (Base 10 to Base 2)

To convert a decimal number to binary, repeatedly divide the decimal number by 2 and record the remainders. The binary number is the sequence of remainders read from bottom to top.

Example: Convert decimal 13 to binary:

$13 \div 2 = 6$ remainder 1

$6 \div 2 = 3$ remainder 0

$3 \div 2 = 1$ remainder 1

$1 \div 2 = 0$ remainder 1

So, decimal 13 is 1101 in binary.

5. Decimal to Octal (Base 10 to Base 8)

To convert a decimal number to octal, repeatedly divide the decimal number by 8 and record the remainders.

Example: Convert decimal 125 to octal:

$125 \div 8 = 15$ remainder 5

$15 \div 8 = 1$ remainder 7

$1 \div 8 = 0$ remainder 1

So, decimal 125 is 175 in octal.

6. Decimal to Hexadecimal (Base 10 to Base 16)

To convert a decimal number to hexadecimal, repeatedly divide the decimal number by 16 and record the remainders.

Example: Convert decimal 254 to hexadecimal:

$254 \div 16 = 15$ remainder 14 (which is E in hex)

$15 \div 16 = 0$ remainder 15 (which is F in hex)

So, decimal 254 is FE in hexadecimal.

7. Hexadecimal to Binary (Base 16 to Base 2)

Each hexadecimal digit corresponds to a group of four binary digits. To convert hexadecimal to binary, replace each hexadecimal digit with its four-bit binary equivalent.

Example: Convert hexadecimal A9 to binary:

A (hex) = 1010 (binary)

9 (hex) = 1001 (binary)

So, hexadecimal A9 is 10101001 in binary.

8. Octal to Binary (Base 8 to Base 2)

Each octal digit corresponds to a group of three binary digits. To convert octal to binary, replace each octal digit with its three-bit binary equivalent.

Example: Convert octal 75 to binary:

7 (octal) = 111 (binary)

5 (octal) = 101 (binary)

So, octal 75 is 111101 in binary.