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Question:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Points:	10	7	14	15	11	9	14	10	90
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**1.0:** 90-85.5, **1.3:** 85-81, **1.7:** 80.5-76.5, **2.0:** 76-72, **2.3:** 71.5-67.5,  
**2.7:** 67-63, **3.0:** 62.5-58.5, **3.3:** 58-54, **3.7:** 53.5-49.5, **4.7:** 49-45, **5.0:** <45

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**Question 1**

**Points:** .....(max. 10 points)

Decide whether the following statements are correct or wrong and explain shortly why.

- (a) IEEE 802.11 (WLAN) uses a deterministic MAC protocol.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** because CSMA is contention-based.

- (b) HTTP uses TCP instead of UDP because it is more secure.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** TCP guarantees no security.

- (c) The maximum goodput of a network is always limited by the data rate on the data link layer.  **True**  Wrong

**Solution:** the link layer defines the upper bound.

- (d) If you update the specification of a transport layer protocol you must also adapt the network layer protocol accordingly.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** the protocols on each layer are independent from each other

- (e) For each valid IP address the forwarding table of the OS may contain multiple possible entries.  **True**  Wrong

**Solution:** In this case the one with the longest matching prefix will be selected.

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- (f) With IPv6 I do not need a transport layer protocol because it has so many addresses that I can assign one address for each network service.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** because the transport layer offers more than just multiplexing.

- (g) You can use NDP to find the MAC address for a given IPv4 address.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** NDP is used for IPv6 to resolve logical into physical addresses.

- (h) When you try to access an e-mail server via SMTP your operating system will know the port automatically.  **True**  Wrong

**Solution:** SMTP uses the well-known port 25.

- (i) Broadcasting video streams via the Internet makes efficient use of the networks' resources.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** broadcasting puts unnecessary load on many links.

- (j) The Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) is used by a routing algorithm to detect loops in Internet routing.  True  **Wrong**

**Solution:** STP is used to eliminate loops in switched link layer networks.

**Question 2**

**Points:** .....(max. 7)

- (a) An image has a size of  $5120 \times 2880$  pixels (5K) with true color (3 Bytes per pixel are used for the color information). How long does it take to transmit the uncompressed image via a 2.5 Gb/s ( $= 2.5 \times 10^9$  bits per second) Ethernet connection? (3)

**Solution:** Bytes per image: (1 point)  $\times$  pixels = pixels \* 3 Bytes per pixel = Bytes per image  
Bits per image: (1 point) Bytes \* 8 = Bits per image  
Transfer time: (1 point)  $\frac{\text{Bits}}{\text{Bits/s}} = s \text{ bits} / 0,000,000 \text{ bits/s} = s$

- (b) The unit for the data rate is bit/s, whereas the symbol rate is given in baud. How are these two units related? (1)

**Solution:** The data rate is the symbol multiplied by the number of bits that can be encoded per symbol.

- (c) Under which circumstances are symbol rate and bit rate equal? (1)

**Solution:** If a symbol can represent exactly one bit.

- (d) Is it possible that the bit rate is smaller than the symbol rate? (1)

**Solution:** If more than one symbol is required to represent a bit.

- (e) Mark the label of Twisted Pair Cables that have no cable and no pair shielding. (1)

- ATP
- FTP
- STP
- UTP
- XTP
- ZTP

**Question 3****Points:** .....(max. 14 points)

For the network devices, protocols, transmission units, line codes and addressing schemes in the table, mark the corresponding layer of the hybrid reference model. (1 stands for bottom layer and 5 for top layer in the hybrid reference model.)

If more than just a single layer are a correct answer, it is sufficient to select at least one correct layer.)

	Hybrid reference model layer				
	1	2	3	4	5
ALOHA		X			
Congestion control				X	
Differential Manchester-Code	X				
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)					X
Ethernet		X			
Flow control				X	
Frame		X			
Hub	X				
Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)					X
ICMP			X		
Internet Protocol (IP)			X		
Internet Message Access Protocol					X
Intermediate System to Intermediate System (IS-IS)			X		
Link state routing protocol			X		
Logical address			X		
Media access control		X			
Network Time Protocol (NTP)					X
Non-Return to Zero (NRZ)	X				
Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)			X		
Packet			X		
Physical address		X			
Port number				X	
Repeater	X				
Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)		X			
Secure Shell (SSH)					X
Transmission Media	X				
Non-Return to Zero Invert (NRZI)	X				
User Datagram Protocol (UDP)				X	



**Question 4**

**Points:** ..... (max. 15)

- (a) The following list contains the source and destination address of IP packets. Decide for each IP packet if a router in the Internet should forward the packet or not. If the packet should not be forwarded, explain briefly why. (7)

**Source:** 160.45.170.10  
**Destination:** 160.45.114.11

**Solution:** Should forward

**Source:** 10.51.0.23  
**Destination:** 35.163.72.93

**Solution:** Should not forward, source address is a private address

**Source:** 192.109.234.218  
**Destination:** 193.99.144.80

**Solution:** Should forward

**Source:** 172.18.42.23  
**Destination:** 172.20.8.15

**Solution:** Should not forward, source and destination address are private addresses

**Source:** fd41:9312::beef:ea:ff:1927  
**Destination:** 2001:67c:254:b0b0::1

**Solution:** Should not forward, source address is a ULA

**Source:** 2a01:4f8:151:64::10  
**Destination:** 2a00:1450:400f:804::200e

**Solution:** Should forward

**Source:** 2a02:2e0:3fe:1001:302::  
**Destination:** fe80::3772:d265:966c:95e6

**Solution:** Should not forward, destination address is link-local

- (b) Split the class B network 183.126.00.0 for implementing 7 subnets. Calculate the subnet masks and answer the questions. (4)

Network ID: 10110111.01111110.00000000.00000000 183.126.0.0  
Number of bits for subnet IDs? 3  
Subnet mask: 11111111.11111111.11100000.00000000 255.255.224.0  
Number of bits for host IDs? 13  
Number of host IDs per subnet? 8190

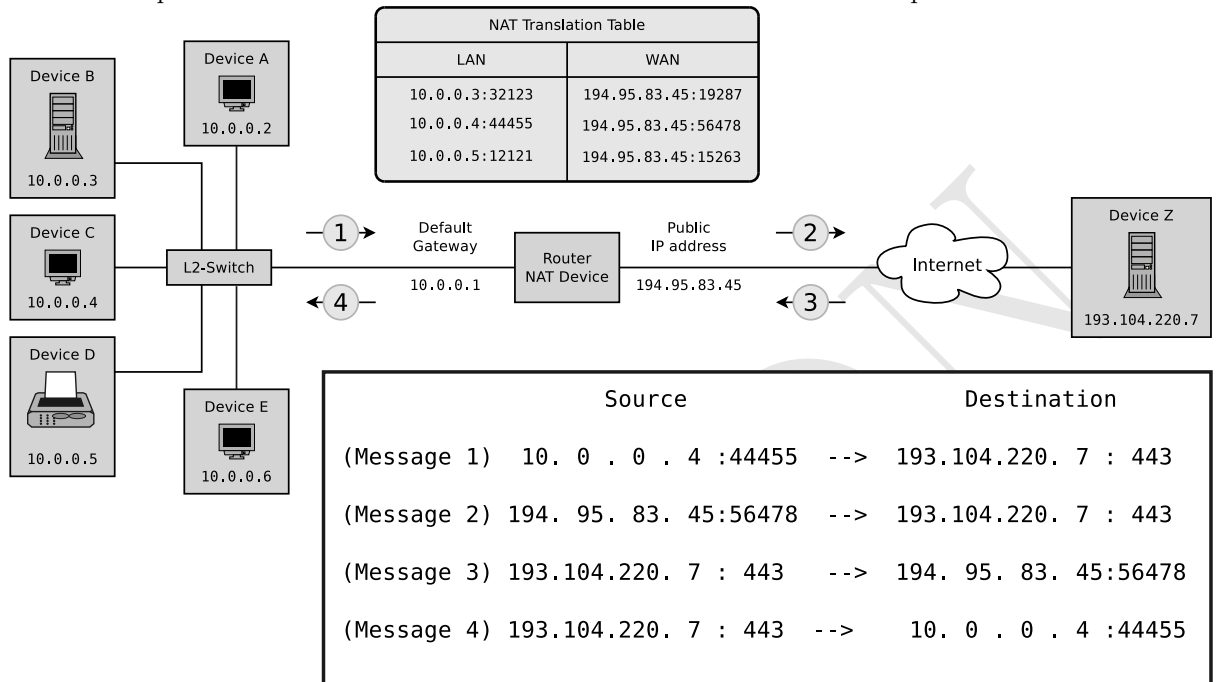
- (c) Split the class C network 211.252.127.0 into subnets which contain 31 hosts each. Calculate the subnet masks and answer the questions. (4)

Network ID: 11010011.11111100.01111111.00000000 211.252.127.0  
Number of bits for host IDs? 6  
Number of bits for subnet IDs? 2  
Number of possible subnets? 4  
Subnet mask: 11111111.11111111.11111111.11000000 255.255.255.192

**Question 5**

**Points:** ..... (max. 11)

- (a) Fill the missing IP addresses and port numbers into the figure that describes a NAT scenario where device C sends an HTTP request to a web server process that runs on device Z and can be accessed on device Z via port number 443. (8)



- (b) The sender transmits an IP packet to a receiver. Calculate the subnet ID of sender and receiver and specify whether the IP packet leaves the subnet during transmission or not. (3)
- Sender:           10000100.10011000.01010011.11111110      132.152.83.254  
 Subnet mask:   11111111.11111111.11111100.00000000      255.255.252.0

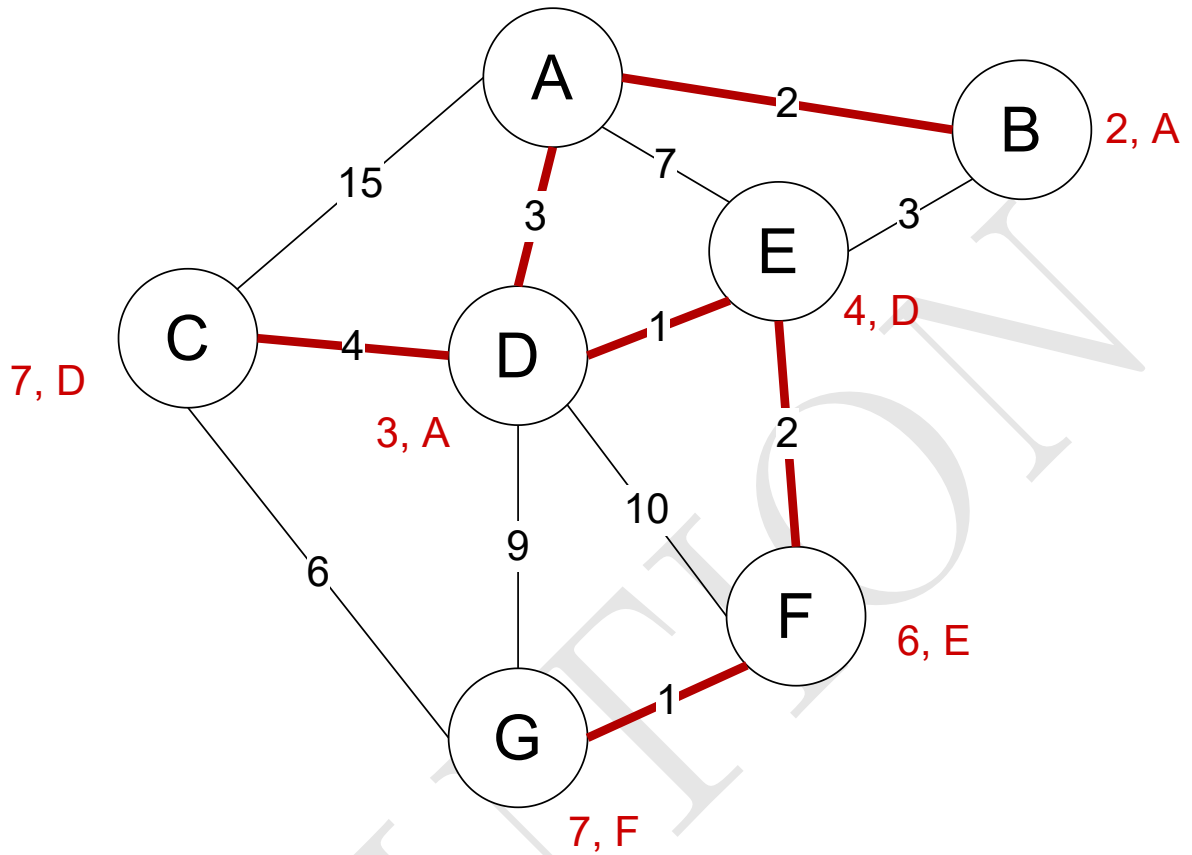
Receiver:         10000100.10011000.01010001.00000010      132.152.81.2  
 Subnet mask:   11111111.11111111.11111100.00000000      255.255.252.0

Subnet ID of sender? 20  
 Subnet ID of receiver? 20  
 Does the IP packet leave the subnet [yes/no]? no

**Question 6**

**Points:** ..... (max. 9 points)

Calculate the shortest path from node A to all other nodes using Dijkstra's algorithm. Denote for each node the path cost and the predecessor node.



**Question 7**

**Points:** ..... (max. 14)

(a) The diagram shows the establishment of a TCP connection. Complete the table.

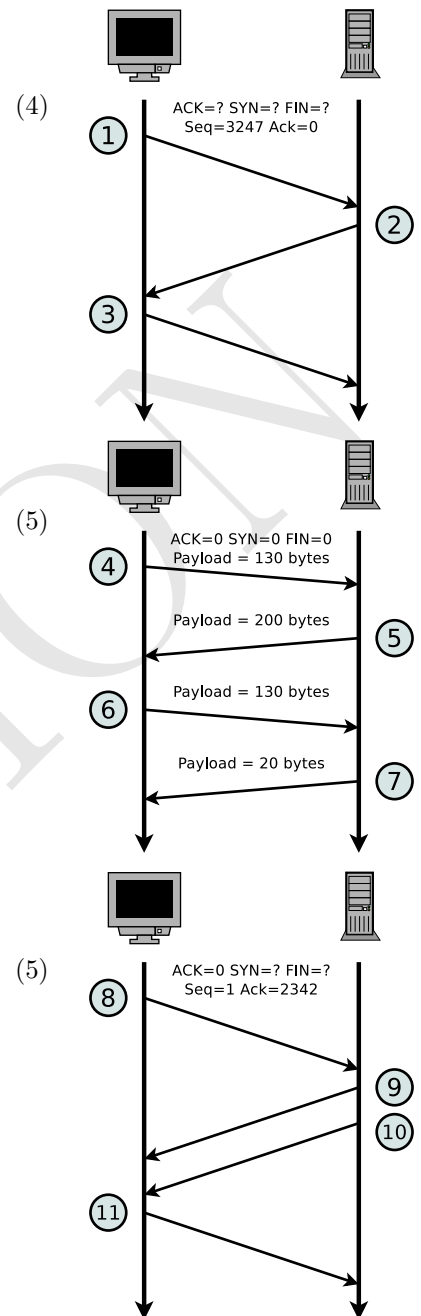
Message	ACK flag	SYN flag	FIN flag	Payload length	Seq number	Ack number
1	0	1	0	0	3247	0
2	1	1	0	0	7	3248
3	1	0	0	0	3248	8

(b) The diagram shows an excerpt of the transmission phase of a TCP connection. Complete the table.

Message	ACK flag	SYN flag	FIN flag	Payload length	Seq number	Ack number
4	0	0	0	130	50	500
5	1	0	0	200	500	630
6	1	0	0	130	630	700
7	1	0	0	20	700	760

(c) The diagram shows the termination of a TCP connection. Complete the table.

Message	ACK flag	SYN flag	FIN flag	Payload length	Seq number	Ack number
8	0	0	1	0	1	2342
9	1	0	0	0	2342	2
10	0	0	1	0	2342	2
11	1	0	0	0	2	2343



**Question 8**

**Points:** .....(max. 10 points)

- (a) Explain the **differences** between TCP and UDP.

**Solution:**

- *UDP*
  - connectionless
  - less complex/more lightweight
  - best effort/no guarantees
- *TCP*
  - connection-oriented
  - reliable
  - guarantees order
  - eliminates duplicates

- (b) Describe what the Seq number in an TCP segment specifies.

**Solution:** The sequence number of a segment is the position of the segments first byte in the data stream.

- (c) Describe what the ACK number in an TCP segment specifies

**Solution:** The sequence number of the next expected segment.

- (d) Describe the functioning of **silly window syndrome avoidance**.

**Solution:** The receiver notifies the sender about free storage capacity in the receive window not before 25% of the reception buffer is free or a segment size of size MSS can be received.

- (e) Why does the sender maintain **two windows** when using TCP and not just a single one?

**Solution:** The receive window as sent by the receiver avoids congestion of the receiver, the congestion window maintained by the sender avoids congestion of the network.

SOLUTION

## Formulas, Definitions, Specifications

- You may need some of these formulas:
  - **Whittaker-Kotel'nikov-Shannon (WKS) sampling theorem**  
 $f_s = 2 * f_{max}$
  - **Hartley's law**  
 $C = 2 * H * \log_2(V)$
  - **Shannon-Hartley theorem**  
 $C = H * \log_2(1 + S/N)$
  - **Latency**  
Latency = Propagation delay + Transmission delay + Waiting time  
Propagation delay =  $\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed of light} * \text{Velocity factor}}$
  - **Change of logarithm base**  
 $\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a(b)}{\log_a(x)}$
- Some line encoding schemes you may need:
  - **NRZ**  
A logical 0 is encoded with physical signal level 1, a logical 1 is encoded with level 2.
  - **NRZI**  
A logical 0 is encoded as missing signal level change, a logical 1 is encoded as signal level change.
  - **MLT-3**  
A logical 0 is encoded as no signal level change, a logical 1 is alternating encoded, according to the sequence +, 0, -, 0
  - **RZ**  
A logical 0 is encoded as low signal level for half a clock cycle before returning to the middle signal level. A logical 1 is encoded as high signal level for half a clock cycle before returning to the middle signal level.
  - **Unipolar RZ**  
A logical 0 is encoded as low signal level, a logical 1 is encoded as high signal level for half a clock cycle before returning to the low signal level.
  - **Manchester**  
A logical 0 is encoded with a **falling edge**, a logical 1 is encoded with a **rising edge**
  - **Differential Manchester**  
A logical 0 is encoded as a signal level change taking place at the beginning and the middle of a clock cycle. A logical 1 is encoded as a signal level change only in the middle of a clock cycle.



- Some IP address ranges:
  - IPv4
    - \* 127.0.0.1/32 is loopback (localhost)
    - \* Class A defines a /8 network with a prefix of 0.
    - \* Class B defines a /16 network with a prefix of 10.
    - \* Class C defines a /24 network with a prefix of 110.
    - \* Class D is reserved for multicast. The prefix is 1110.
    - \* 10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, and 192.168.0.0/16 are defined as private address range.
    - \* 169.254.0.0/16 is link-local
  - IPv6
    - \* ::1/128 is loopback (localhost)
    - \* fc00::/7 is unique-local
    - \* fe80::/10 is link-local
    - \* ff00::/8 is multicast
    - \* ff02::1:ff00:0/104 is solicited-node multicast

## Conversion table between decimal and binary representation

0 - 00000000	64 - 01000000	128 - 10000000	192 - 11000000
1 - 00000001	65 - 01000001	129 - 10000001	193 - 11000001
2 - 00000010	66 - 01000010	130 - 10000010	194 - 11000010
3 - 00000011	67 - 01000011	131 - 10000011	195 - 11000011
4 - 00000100	68 - 01000100	132 - 10000100	196 - 11000100
5 - 00000101	69 - 01000101	133 - 10000101	197 - 11000101
6 - 00000110	70 - 01000110	134 - 10000110	198 - 11000110
7 - 00000111	71 - 01000111	135 - 10000111	199 - 11000111
8 - 00001000	72 - 01001000	136 - 10001000	200 - 11001000
9 - 00001001	73 - 01001001	137 - 10001001	201 - 11001001
10 - 00001010	74 - 01001010	138 - 10001010	202 - 11001010
11 - 00001011	75 - 01001011	139 - 10001011	203 - 11001011
12 - 00001100	76 - 01001100	140 - 10001100	204 - 11001100
13 - 00001101	77 - 01001101	141 - 10001101	205 - 11001101
14 - 00001110	78 - 01001110	142 - 10001110	206 - 11001110
15 - 00001111	79 - 01001111	143 - 10001111	207 - 11001111
16 - 00010000	80 - 01010000	144 - 10010000	208 - 11010000
17 - 00010001	81 - 01010001	145 - 10010001	209 - 11010001
18 - 00010010	82 - 01010010	146 - 10010010	210 - 11010010
19 - 00010011	83 - 01010011	147 - 10010011	211 - 11010011
20 - 00010100	84 - 01010100	148 - 10010100	212 - 11010100
21 - 00010101	85 - 01010101	149 - 10010101	213 - 11010101
22 - 00010110	86 - 01010110	150 - 10010110	214 - 11010110
23 - 00010111	87 - 01010111	151 - 10010111	215 - 11010111
24 - 00011000	88 - 01011000	152 - 10011000	216 - 11011000
25 - 00011001	89 - 01011001	153 - 10011001	217 - 11011001
26 - 00011010	90 - 01011010	154 - 10011010	218 - 11011010
27 - 00011011	91 - 01011011	155 - 10011011	219 - 11011011
28 - 00011100	92 - 01011100	156 - 10011100	220 - 11011100
29 - 00011101	93 - 01011101	157 - 10011101	221 - 11011101
30 - 00011110	94 - 01011110	158 - 10011110	222 - 11011110
31 - 00011111	95 - 01011111	159 - 10011111	223 - 11011111
32 - 00100000	96 - 01100000	160 - 10100000	224 - 11100000
33 - 00100001	97 - 01100001	161 - 10100001	225 - 11100001
34 - 00100010	98 - 01100010	162 - 10100010	226 - 11100010
35 - 00100011	99 - 01100011	163 - 10100011	227 - 11100011
36 - 00100100	100 - 01100100	164 - 10100100	228 - 11100100
37 - 00100101	101 - 01100101	165 - 10100101	229 - 11100101
38 - 00100110	102 - 01100110	166 - 10100110	230 - 11100110
39 - 00100111	103 - 01100111	167 - 10100111	231 - 11100111
40 - 00101000	104 - 01101000	168 - 10101000	232 - 11101000
41 - 00101001	105 - 01101001	169 - 10101001	233 - 11101001
42 - 00101010	106 - 01101010	170 - 10101010	234 - 11101010
43 - 00101011	107 - 01101011	171 - 10101011	235 - 11101011
44 - 00101100	108 - 01101100	172 - 10101100	236 - 11101100
45 - 00101101	109 - 01101101	173 - 10101101	237 - 11101101
46 - 00101110	110 - 01101110	174 - 10101110	238 - 11101110
47 - 00101111	111 - 01101111	175 - 10101111	239 - 11101111
48 - 00110000	112 - 01110000	176 - 10110000	240 - 11110000
49 - 00110001	113 - 01110001	177 - 10110001	241 - 11110001
50 - 00110010	114 - 01110010	178 - 10110010	242 - 11110010
51 - 00110011	115 - 01110011	179 - 10110011	243 - 11110011
52 - 00110100	116 - 01110100	180 - 10110100	244 - 11110100
53 - 00110101	117 - 01110101	181 - 10110101	245 - 11110101
54 - 00110110	118 - 01110110	182 - 10110110	246 - 11110110
55 - 00110111	119 - 01110111	183 - 10110111	247 - 11110111
56 - 00111000	120 - 01111000	184 - 10111000	248 - 11111000
57 - 00111001	121 - 01111001	185 - 10111001	249 - 11111001
58 - 00111010	122 - 01111010	186 - 10111010	250 - 11111010
59 - 00111011	123 - 01111011	187 - 10111011	251 - 11111011
60 - 00111100	124 - 01111100	188 - 10111100	252 - 11111100
61 - 00111101	125 - 01111101	189 - 10111101	253 - 11111101
62 - 00111110	126 - 01111110	190 - 10111110	254 - 11111110
63 - 00111111	127 - 01111111	191 - 10111111	255 - 11111111

## Units conversion table

### Data units

1 B = 1 Byte = 8 bit = 8 b

1 kB = 1,000 B

1 MB = 1,000 kB = 1,000,000 B

1 GB = 1,000 MB = 1,000,000 kB = 1,000,000,000 B

### Units of length

1 m = 1 meter

1 km = 1,000 m

1 cm = 0.01 m

1 mm = 0.1 cm = 0.001 m

### Units of time

1 s = 1 second

1 min = 1 minute = 60 s

1 h = 1 hour = 60 min = 3,600 s

1 d = 1 day = 24 h = 1,440 min = 86,400 s