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# Leaving Certificate Computer Science National Workshop 2

Day 1

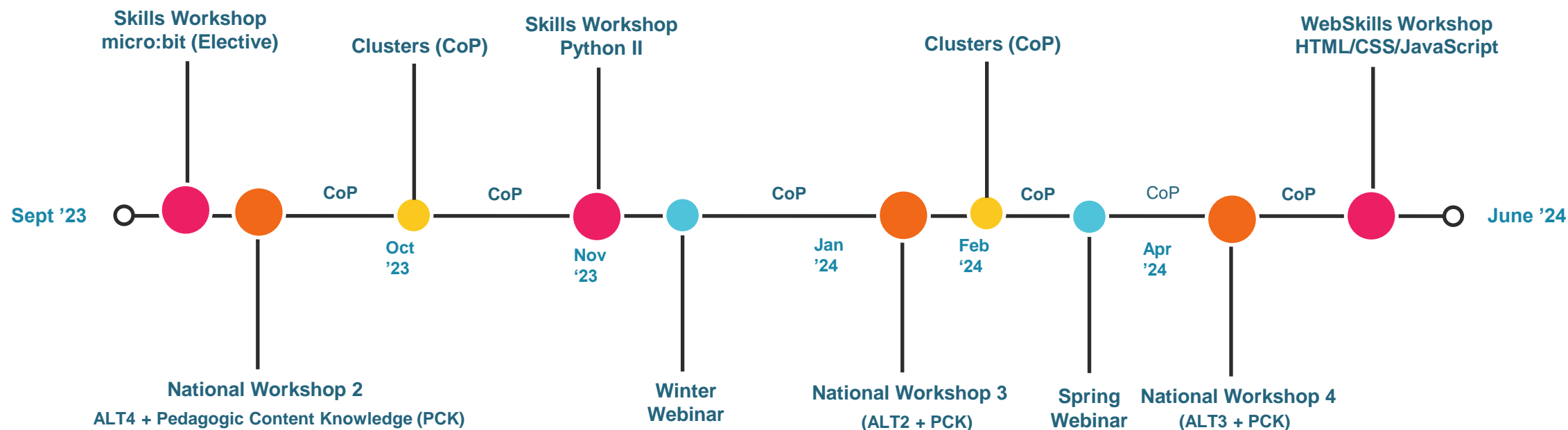


## Workshop Overview

<b>Session 1</b> 10:00 - 11:30	Introduction Computer Systems I
<b>Tea/Coffee</b> 11:30 – 12:00	
<b>Session 2</b> 12:00 - 13:30	Computational Thinking II
<b>Lunch</b> 13:30 - 14:30	
<b>Session 3</b> 14:30 - 16:30	PRIMM and Curriculum Planning



# Dates for your Diary for 2023/4



**Next CPD event: Community of Practice cluster meetings – online early November**



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# Introducing Oide



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## Purpose for the Day



To allow Phase 5 LCCS teachers to engage with the core concepts of Computer Systems and Computational Thinking.



To experience ALT4 (Embedded Systems) through the eyes of the student by engaging with the Design Process.



## Key Messages



All learning outcomes (LOs) are interwoven. This means that the specification can be used in many different ways.



ALTs provide an opportunity to teach theoretical aspects of LCCS.



LCCS can be mediated through a constructivist pedagogical approach.



Group work is a key feature in the teaching, learning and assessment of LCCS.



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## LCCS NW2 Session 1 Number Systems







## By the end of this session..

Participants will be enabled to...

- develop an understanding of Computational Thinking concepts such as abstraction, decomposition, algorithmic thinking and pattern recognition
- develop a shared understanding of how *programming as a process* can be used to mediate CT in the classroom
- convert decimal numbers to binary numbers and vice versa

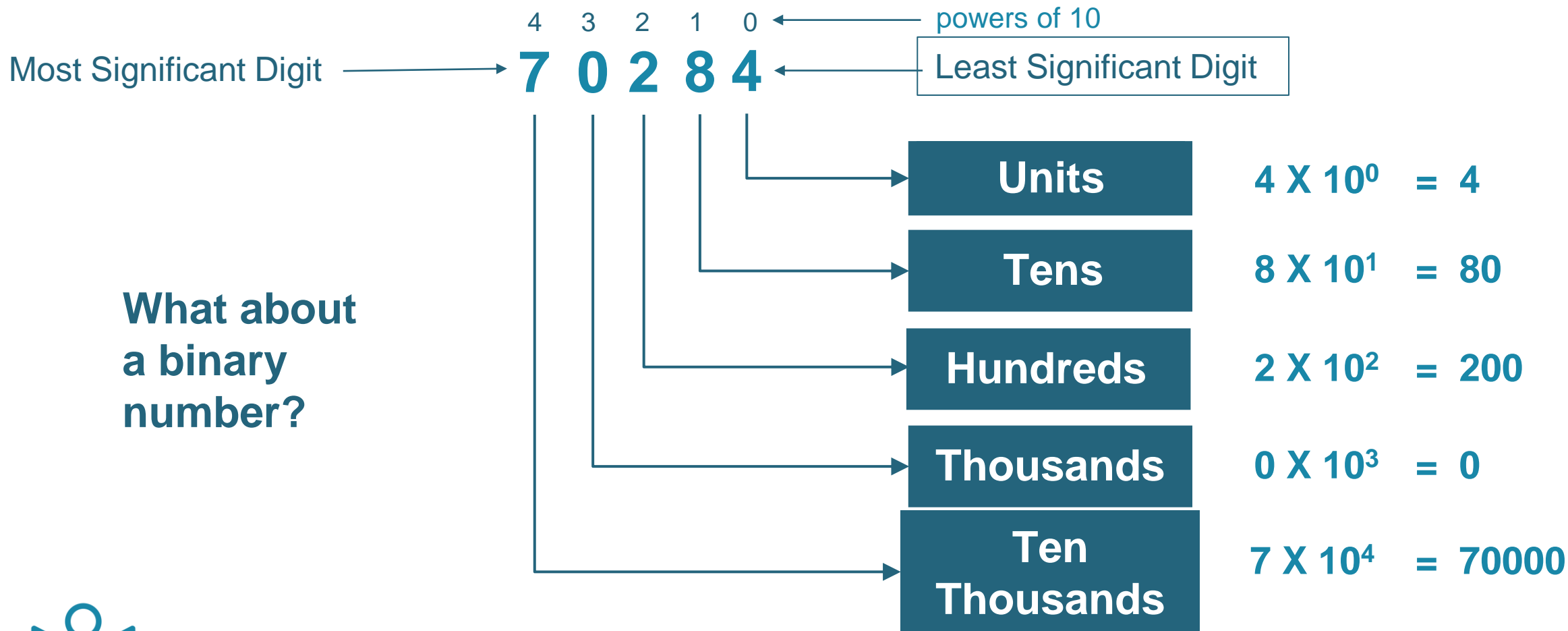


# Computational Thinking

*“... the thought processes involved in formulating problems and their solutions so that the solutions are represented in a form that can be effectively carried out by an information-processing agent.”*  
(Wing 2011)



# Decomposition of a decimal number



$$70,000 + 0,000 + 200 + 80 + 4 = 70,284$$



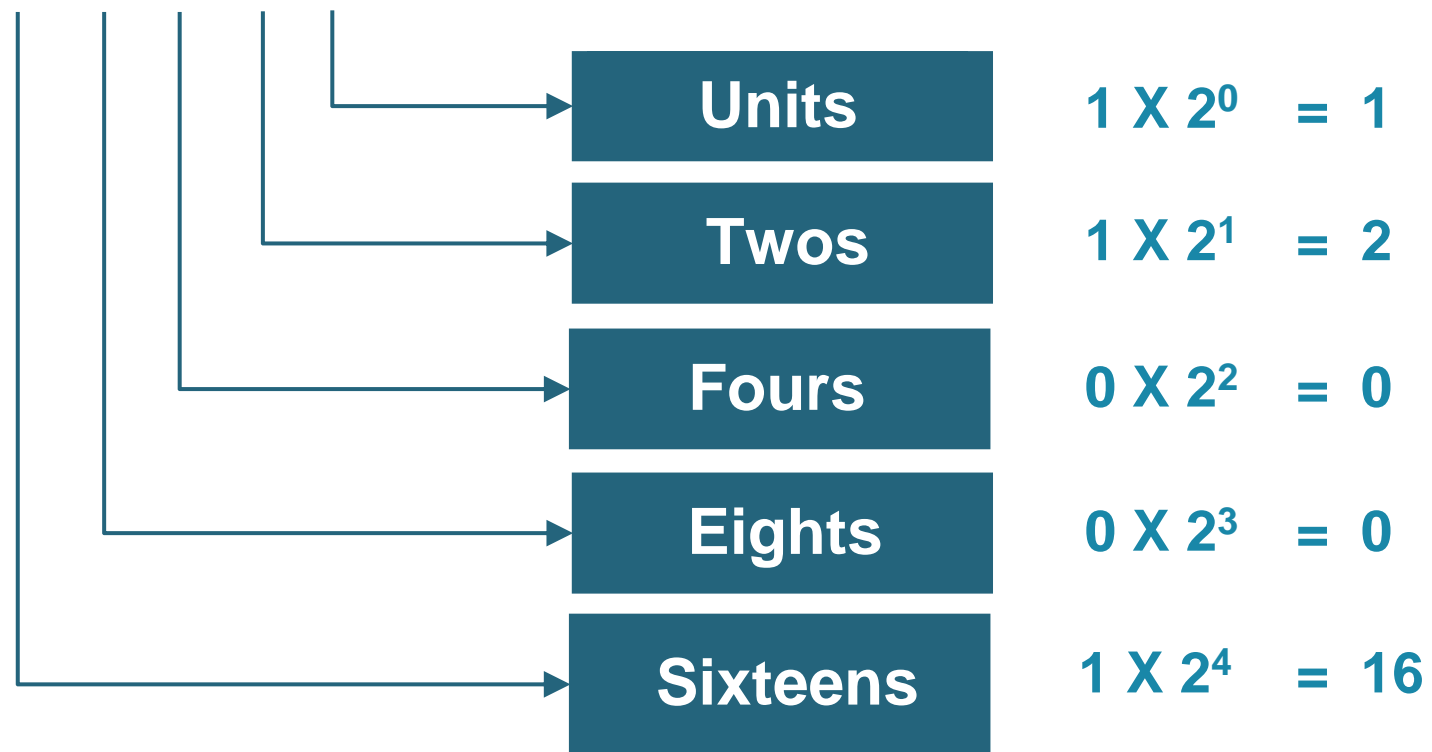


## Decomposition of a binary number

Most Significant Bit (MSB) → <sup>4</sup>1 <sup>3</sup>0 <sup>2</sup>0 <sup>1</sup>1 <sup>0</sup> ← Least Significant Bit (LSB)

← powers of 2

Can we do  
this in  
Python?



$$16 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 1 = 19$$

etc.

$$10011_2 = 19_{10}$$



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# Convert $19_{10}$ to base 2

- 1 Divide by 2 .... note the remainder
- 2 The quotient becomes the new dividend
- 3 Keep dividing ...
- 4 Stop when the quotient reaches zero
- 5 Read the answer from the bottom up

$\frac{\text{Dividend}}{\text{Divisor}}$

= Quotient + Remainder



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$$\frac{19}{2} = 9 + 1$$

$$\frac{9}{2} = 4 + 1$$

$$\frac{4}{2} = 2 + 0$$

$$\frac{2}{2} = 1 + 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0 + 1$$

So,  $19_{10} = 10011_2$

2	19	
2	9	+ 1
2	4	+ 1
2	2	+ 0
2	1	+ 0
2	0	+ 1

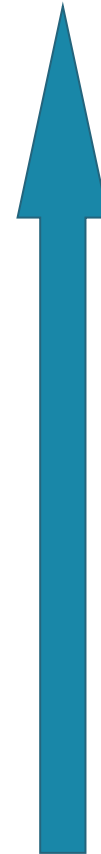
# Decimal -> Binary (another example)



- 1 Divide by 2 .... note the remainder
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- 5 Read the answer from the bottom up

Convert  $47_{10}$  to base 2

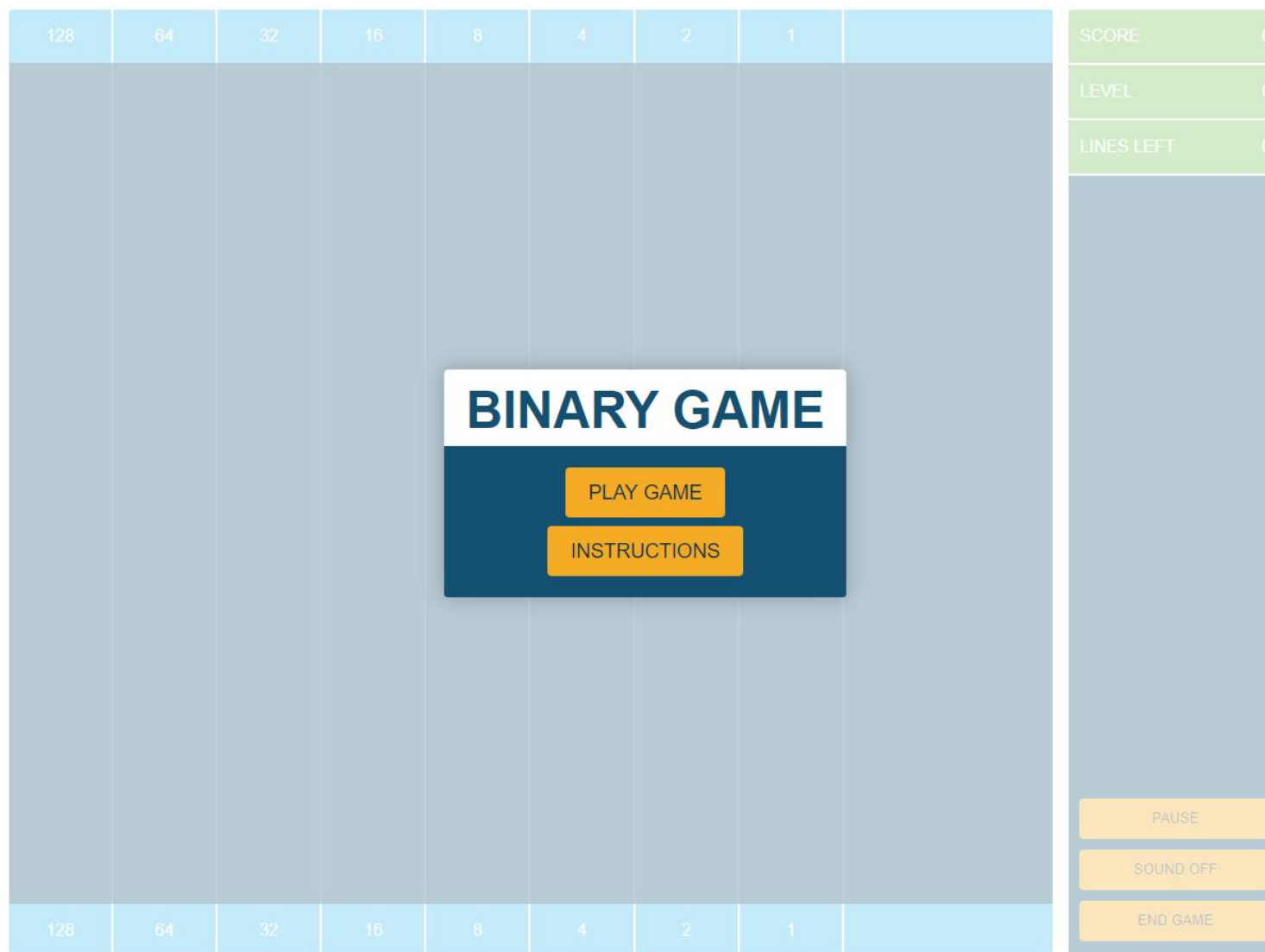
2	47
2	23 + 1
2	11 + 1
2	5 + 1
2	2 + 1
2	1 + 0
2	0 + 1



$$47_{10} = 101111_2$$



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<https://learningcontent.cisco.com/games/binary/index.html>



# Code Along Activity



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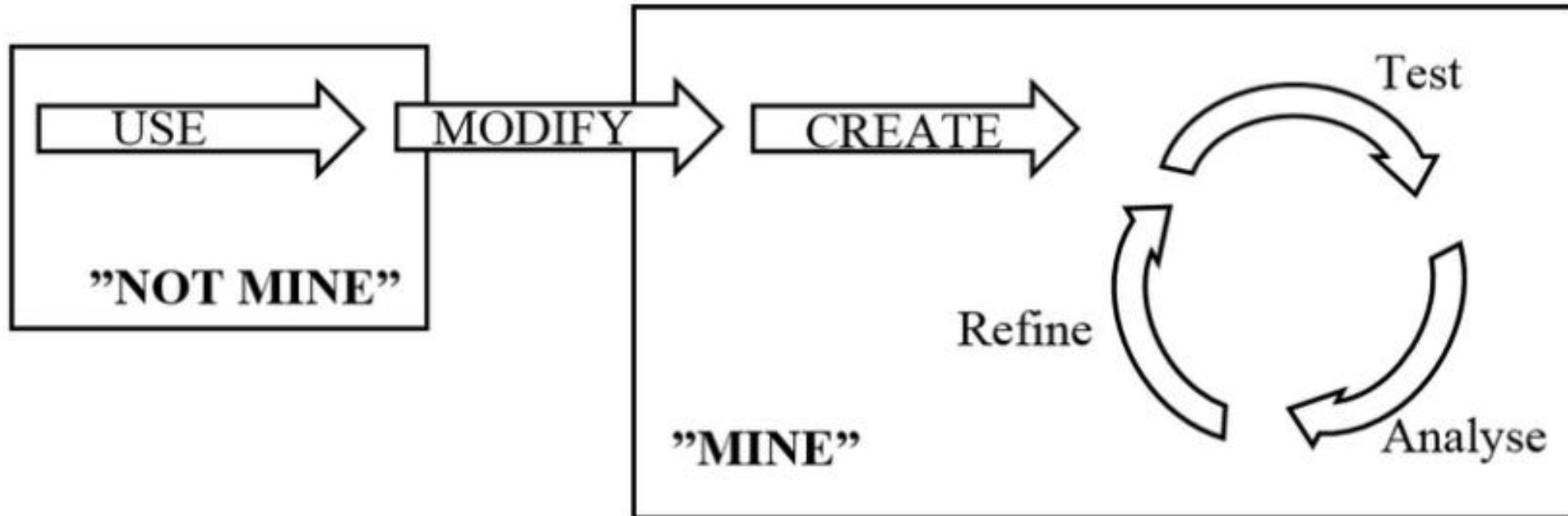




# Use Modify Create



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# Program Tracing / Debugging



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quotient: 9

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>>> 9 1
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quotient: 9 4
remainder1: 1
```

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>>> 9 1
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quotient: ~~9~~ 4

remainder1: 1

remainder2: 1

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>>> 9 1

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quotient: 9 4
remainder1: 1
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This is what is displayed ....

```
>>> 9 1
>>> 4 1
```

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quotient: ~~9~~~~4~~2

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quotient: ~~9~~~~4~~2

remainder1: 1

remainder2: 1

remainder3: 0

This is what is displayed ....

>>> 9 1

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This is what is displayed ....

>>> 9 1

>>> 4 1

>>> 2 0



# Group Activity: Breakout



# Binary to Decimal (1 of 2)



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```
binary_number = 10011
decimal_number = 0

digit0 = 10011 % 10 # lsb
stem = 10011 // 10
print(stem, digit0)
```

How could we develop this Python code to a general solution?

# Binary to Decimal



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```
# ... convert binary 10011 to decimal ...  
# ... the initial number is a string  
binary_number = "10011"  
# index:           01234  
  
units      = int(binary_number[4]) * 1  
twos       = int(binary_number[3]) * 2  
fours      = int(binary_number[2]) * 4  
eights     = int(binary_number[1]) * 8  
sixteens   = int(binary_number[0]) * 16  
decimal    = units + twos + fours + eights + sixteens
```

How could we develop this Python code to a general solution?





20 minutes



# Group Activity: Feedback





Break



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