

# Fundamentals | Intermediate Memory

# Basic memory refresh

- ◆ Memory is stored using binary
  - Bits: 0 or 1
- ◆ Computer optimized for bytes
  - 1 byte == 8 contiguous bits
- ◆ Fully contiguous

# ■ Addresses

- ◆ All data in memory has an “address”
  - Used to locate data
  - Always the same – only data changes
- ◆ Usually don't utilize addresses directly
  - Variables handle most of the work

# ■ Offsets

- ◆ Items can be located at an address using an “offset”
- ◆ Offsets begin at 0
- ◆ Represent the number of bytes away from the original address
  - Normally deal with indexes instead

# Addresses & Offsets



# ■ Recap

- ◆ Memory uses addresses & offsets
- ◆ Addresses are permanent, data differs
- ◆ Offsets can be used to “index” into some data