Improving our program
Improving the output

- How can we put together the bits we generate, in the correct order, to construct the binary equivalent?

- **String concatenation!**

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• After $i$ iterations of the while loop we have generated the right most $i$ bits of our answer.

• Call this the \textit{length-$i$ suffix}.

• We want to maintain a string that grows as:
Example

- Input is 39.

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Improved program

```python
n = int(input("Enter a positive integer:"))
suffix = ""
while n > 0:
    suffix = str(n % 2) + suffix
    n = n/2
print suffix
```
Here is another improvement to the output

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suffix = ""
originalN = n
while n > 0:
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    n = n/2
print "The binary equivalent of", originalN, "is", suffix
```
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Types of errors

- **Syntax error**
  Syntax refers to the structure of the program. (e.g., English sentences start with a capital letter)

**Examples:**

```python
while x < 10:
    x = x + 1

n = int(input())
print n
```
Types of errors

- **Run-time errors (or exceptions)**
  This is an error that occurs during the running of the program and is typically caused by the user not anticipating a certain behavior of their program.

Example:

```python
n = int(raw_input("Enter a number:"))
print n + 5
```

What if the user inputs "hello"?
Types of errors

- **Semantic errors**
  The program may not produce an error message when executed, but it may not do what we expect it to do.

**Example:**
In an earlier version of our program:

```text
print "The binary equivalent of", n, "is", suffix
```

We forgot that `n` would have changed to `0` at this point.
The case of non-positive integers

- What does the program currently do, if the user inputs a negative integer or 0?

- We could instead try to print an informative message.

- We will use the if-else statement for that.
Simple if statement

- If boolean expression is true: Line 1, Line 2, Line 3, Line 4.
- Otherwise: Line 1, Line 4.
if-else statement

- If boolean expression is true: Line 1, Line 2, Line 3, Line 5

- Otherwise: Line 1, Line 4, Line 5
Dealing with negative integer input

One possible approach:

- If \( n \leq 0 \), print out an appropriate message and do nothing else.

- Else, continue to do what the program is currently doing.
n = int(input("Enter a positive integer:"))
if n <= 0:
    print "Enter a positive integer next time. Bye!"
else:
    suffix = ""
    originalN = n
    while n > 0:
        suffix = str(n%2) + suffix
        n = n/2
    print "The binary equivalent of", originalN, "is", suffix