

How Much is a Trillion?

Inquiring minds want to know

What does one TRILLION dollars look like?

All this talk about “stimulus packages” and “bailouts”...

A billion dollars...

A hundred billion dollars...

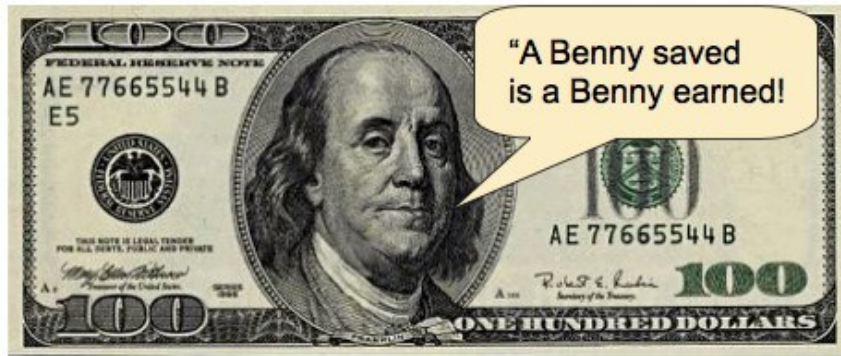
Eight hundred billion dollars...

One TRILLION dollars...

What does that look like? I mean, these various numbers are tossed around like so many doggie treats, so I thought I'd take Google Sketchup out for a test drive and try to get a sense of what exactly a trillion dollars looks like.

Here's a hundred bucks

We'll start with a \$100 dollar bill. Currently the largest U.S. denomination in general circulation. Most everyone has seen them, slightly fewer have owned them. Guaranteed to make friends wherever they go.



Serious coin

A packet of one hundred \$100 bills is less than 1/2" thick and contains \$10,000. Fits in your pocket easily and is more than enough for a week or two of shamefully decadent fun.



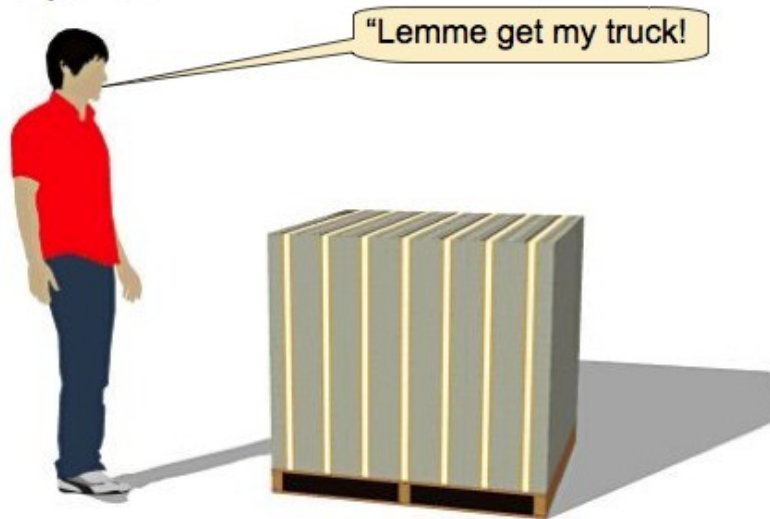
One Million Dollars!!!

Believe it or not, this next little pile is \$1 million dollars (100 packets of \$10,000). You could stuff that into a grocery bag and walk around with it.



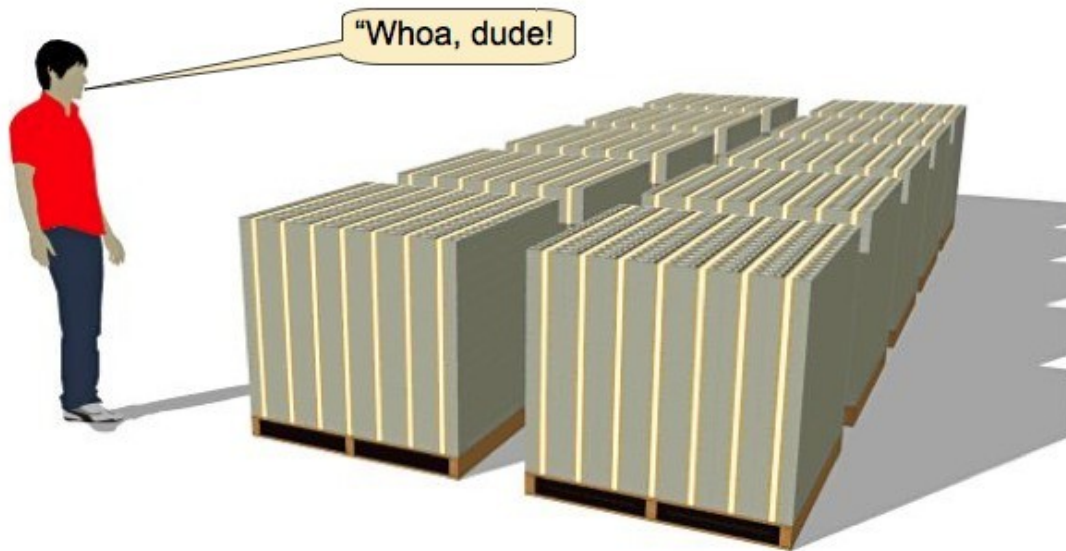
That's what I'm talkin' about!

While a measly \$1 million looked a little unimpressive, \$100 million is a little more respectable. It fits neatly on a standard pallet...



Holy cow!

And \$1 BILLION dollars... now we're really getting somewhere...



Please have a seat

Next we'll look at ONE TRILLION dollars. This is that number we've been hearing so much about.

What is a trillion dollars? Well, it's a million million.

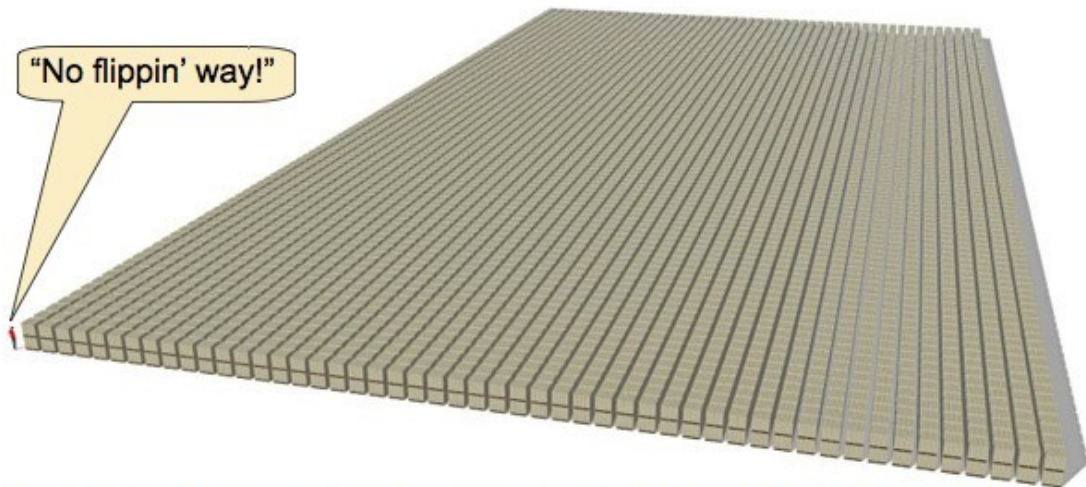
It's a thousand billion.

It's a one followed by 12 zeros.

You ready for this?

Ladies and gentlemen...

I give you \$1 Trillion dollars...



And notice those pallets are double stacked \$100 dollar bills!
So the next time you hear your Congressman toss around the phrase
"trillion dollars"... that's what they're talking about. Read on...

For a Greener America

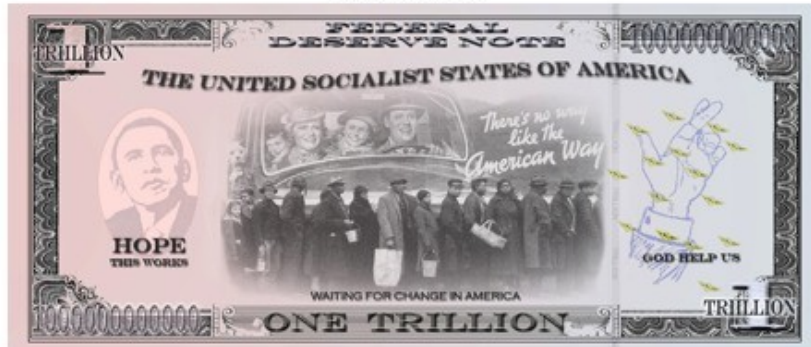
At the rate Congress is spending our money, we'll be out of *trees* before 2012!

For this reason, a new bill will be issued to reduce paper waste and commemorate the new monetary philosophy in America...

Presenting, the all new Trillion Dollar Bill...



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Spread the Wealth!

Now that you've seen a Trillion, forward this to your friends, and family. The more people who know, the more we can do to stop this runaway spending train.

"A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government."

– Thomas Jefferson