

COMP1521 23T2 — Integers

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10 types of students

There are only 10 types of students ...

- those that understand binary
- those that don't understand binary

Decimal Representation

- Can interpret decimal number 4705 as:
 $4 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 0 \times 10^1 + 5 \times 10^0$
- The *base* or *radix* is 10 ... digits 0 – 9
- Place values:

...	1000	100	10	1
...	10^3	10^2	10^1	10^0

- Write number as 4705_{10}
 - Note use of subscript to denote base

- base 10 is an arbitrary choice
- can use any base
- e.g. could use base 7
- Place values:

...	343	49	7	1
...	7^3	7^2	7^1	7^0

- Write number as 1216_7 and interpret as:
 $1 \times 7^3 + 2 \times 7^2 + 1 \times 7^1 + 6 \times 7^0 == 454_{10}$

Binary Representation

- Modern computing uses binary numbers
 - because digital devices can easily produce high or low level voltages which can represent 1 or 0.
- The *base* or *radix* is 2
Digits 0 and 1
- Place values:

...	8	4	2	1
...	2^3	2^2	2^1	2^0

- Write number as 1011_2 and interpret as:
 $1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 == 11_{10}$

Hexadecimal Representation

- Binary numbers hard for humans to read — too many digits!
- Conversion to decimal awkward and hides bit values
- Solution: write numbers in hexadecimal!
- The *base* or *radix* is 16 ... digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F
- Place values:

...	4096	256	16	1
...	16^3	16^2	16^1	16^0

- Write number as $3AF1_{16}$ and interpret as:
 $3 \times 16^3 + 10 \times 16^2 + 15 \times 16^1 + 1 \times 16^0 == 15089_{10}$
- in C, **0x** prefix denotes hexadecimal, e.g. **0x3AF1**

- Reverse the previous process ...
- Convert each hex digit into equivalent 4-bit binary representation
- Example: Convert $AD5_{16}$ to Binary:

Representing Negative Integers

- modern computers almost always use two's complement to represent integers
- positive integers and zero represented in obvious way
- negative integers represented in clever way to make arithmetic in silicon fast/simpler
- for an n-bit binary number the representation of $-b$ is $2^n - b$
- e.g. in 8-bit two's complement -5 is represented as $2^8 - 5 = 1111011_2$

Code example: printing all 8 bit twos complement bit patterns

- Some simple code to examine all 8 bit twos complement bit patterns.

```
for (int i = -128; i < 128; i++) {  
    printf("%4d ", i);  
    print_bits(i, 8);  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

source code for 8_bit_twos_complement.c

```
$ gcc 8_bit_twos_complement.c print_bits.c -o 8_bit_twos_complement
```

source code for print_bits.c source code for print_bits.h

- Many hardware operations works with bytes: 1 byte == 8 bits
- C's **sizeof** gives you number of bytes used for variable or type
- **sizeof variable** - returns number of bytes to store **variable**
- **sizeof (type)** - returns number of bytes to store **type**
- On CSE servers, C types have these sizes
 - char = 1 byte = 8 bits, 42 is 00101010
 - short = 2 bytes = 16 bits, 42 is 0000000000101010
 - int = 4 bytes = 32 bits, 42 is 000000000000000000000000101010
 - double = 8 bytes = 64 bits, 42 = ?
- above are common sizes but not universal on a small embedded CPU
sizeof (int) might be 2 (bytes)

Code example: integer_types.c - exploring integer types

We can use **sizeof** and **limits.h** to explore the range of values which can be represented by standard C integer types **on our machine...**

```
$ gcc integer_types.c -o integer_types
$ ./integer_types
      Type Bytes Bits
      char      1   8
  signed char      1   8
 unsigned char      1   8
      short      2  16
 unsigned short      2  16
      int        4  32
 unsigned int        4  32
      long       8  64
 unsigned long       8  64
      long long   8  64
 unsigned long long   8  64
```

Code example: integer_types.c - exploring integer types

Type	Min	Max
char	-128	127
signed char	-128	127
unsigned char	0	255
short	-32768	32767
unsigned short	0	65535
int	-2147483648	2147483647
unsigned int	0	4294967295
long	-9223372036854775808	9223372036854775807
unsigned long	0	18446744073709551615
long long	-9223372036854775808	9223372036854775807
unsigned long long	0	18446744073709551615

source code for integer_types.c

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

- to get below integer types (and more) with guaranteed sizes
- we will use these heavily in COMP1521

```
        // range of values for type
        //           minimum           maximum
int8_t  i1; //           -128           127
uint8_t i2; //           0             255
int16_t i3; //        -32768          32767
uint16_t i4; //           0             65535
int32_t i5; //    -2147483648        2147483647
uint32_t i6; //           0             4294967295
int64_t i7; // -9223372036854775808  9223372036854775807
uint64_t i8; //           0            18446744073709551615
```

source code for stdint.c

Code example: char_bug.c

Common C bug:

```
char c; // c should be declared int (int16_t would work, int is better)
while ((c = getchar()) != EOF) {
    putchar(c);
}
```

Typically stdio.h contains:

```
#define EOF -1
```

- most platforms: char is signed (-128..127)
 - loop will incorrectly exit for a byte containing 0xFF
- rare platforms: char is unsigned (0..255)
 - loop will never exit

source code for char_bug.c