



COMP1521 24T2 Lec07

Bitwise Operations

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Recap Exercise

Question 1: Convert 3AF₁₆ to binary?

Question 2: Convert 10101101, to hexadecimal?

Question 3: Convert 673₈ to binary?

Question 4: Convert 1000₁₀ to binary?

Question 5: Convert 1111₂ to hexadecimal, decimal, and octal?

Question 6: What's the difference in C if a constant value leads with "0x" versus "0b"? Does it change the program?



Quick revision on integer representation

- All data on a computer is represented in binary (base-2)
- Each **bi**nary digit (or bit) can either be a **0** or **1**
- Computers use bytes (groups of 8 bits) as their fundamental units of storage

Quick revision on integer representation

- Information = data + context
 - For example, take the following byte of data:

01001001

- In a numeric context*: this represents **73**
- In the context of ASCII: this represents 'I'

What about a group of 4 bytes?

- Could be an integer
- Could be an array of 4 characters

* interpreting it as an unsigned or signed (2's complement) value



Bitwise operations

provide us ways to manipulating the individual bits of a value.

- CPUs provide instructions which implement bitwise operations.
 - MIPS provides 13 bit manipulation instructions
- C provides 6 bitwise operators
 - & bitwise AND
 - | bitwise OR
 - ^ bitwise XOR (eXclusive OR)
 - ~ bitwise NOT
 - << left shift</pre>
 - >> right shift

Bitwise AND (&)

- takes two values (eg. **a & b**) and performs a logical AND between pairs of corresponding bits
 - resulting bits are set to 1 if **both** the original bits in that column are 1

Example:

	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	-
	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	
&	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	
	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	

&	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Used for eg. checking if a particular bit is set (that is, set to 1)



Checking if a number is odd

The obvious way to check if a number is odd in C:

```
int is_odd(int n) {
    return n % 2 == 1;
}
```



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However, an odd value must have a 1 bit in the 1s place:

128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1

We can use bitwise AND to check if the last bit is set .



Checking if a number is odd

If the value is **ODD** (eg 39):



If the value is **EVEN** (eg 38):



Bitwise OR (|)

- takes two values (eg. a | b) and performs a logical OR between pairs of corresponding bits
 - resulting bits are set to 1 if **at least** one of the original bits are 1

Example:



Used for eg. setting a particular bit



Bitwise XOR (^)

- takes two values (eg. a ^ b) and performs an eXclusive OR between pairs of corresponding bits
 - resulting bits is set to 1 if **exactly** one of the original bits are 1

Example:

	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
٨	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

^	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

Used in eg. cryptography, forcing a bit to flip



Demo: xor.c



MIPS - Bit manipulation instructions

assembly	meaning	bit pattern
and r_d , r_s , r_t	r_d = $r_s \& r_t$	000000sssstttttddddd00000100100
or r_d , r_s , r_t	r_d = r_s l r_t	000000ssssstttttddddd00000100101
xor r_d , r_s , r_t	r_d = r_s ^ r_t	000000ssssstttttddddd00000100110
nor r_d , r_s , r_t	r_d = ~ ($r_s \mid r_t$)	000000ssssstttttddddd00000100111
and i r_t, r_s, I	r_t = r_s & I	001100ssssstttttIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
ori r_t, r_s, I	r_t = r_s l I	001101ssssstttttIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
xori r_t, r_s, I	$r_t = r_s \uparrow I$	001110sssstttttIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
${\rm not}r_d,r_s$	r_d = ~ r_s	pseudo-instruction

Demo: odd_even.s



Left shift (<<)

- takes a value and a small positive integer x (eg. a << x)
- shifts each bit *x* positions to the left
 - any bits that fall off the left vanish
 - new 0 bits are inserted on the right
 - result contains the same number of bits as the input

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Right shift (>>)

- takes a value and a small positive integer x (eg. a >> x)
- shifts each bit *x* positions to the right
 - any bits that fall off the right vanish
 - new 0 bits are inserted on the left*
 - result contains the same number of bits as the input

Example:

* for unsigned values

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Issues with shifting (>>)

- Shifts involving negative values may not be portable, and can vary across different implementations
- Common source of bugs in COMP1521 (and elsewhere)
- Always use unsigned values/variables when shifting to be safe/portable

Issues with shifting (>>)

```
// int16_t is a signed type (-32768..32767)
// below operations are undefined for a signed type
int16_t i;
```

```
i = -1;
i = i >> 1; // undefined - shift of a negative value
printf("%d\n", i);
i = -1;
i = i << 1; // undefined - shift of a negative value
printf("%d\n", i);
i = 32767:
i = i << 1; // undefined - left shift produces a negative value
uint64_t j;
i = 1 << 33; // undefined - constant 1 is an int
i = ((uint64_t)1) << 33; // ok
j = 11u << 33; // also ok
```

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MIPS - Shift instructions

assembly	meaning	bit pattern
sllv r_d , r_t , r_s	r_d = $r_t \ll r_s$	000000ssssstttttddddd00000000100
srlv r_d , r_t , r_s	r_d = $r_t \gg r_s$	000000ssssstttttddddd0000000110
srav r_d , r_t , r_s	r_d = $r_t \gg r_s$	000000ssssstttttddddd0000000111
sll r_d , r_t , I	r_d = $r_t \ll {\tt I}$	00000000000tttttdddddIIIII000000
$\operatorname{srl} r_d$, r_t , I	r_d = r_t » I	00000000000tttttdddddIIIII000010
$\operatorname{sra} r_d \text{, } r_t \text{, } \operatorname{I}$	r_d = r_t » I	00000000000tttttdddddIIIII000011

- **srl** and **srlv** shift zeroes into most-significant bit
 - This matches shift in C of unsigned values
- **sra** and **srav** propagate most-significant bit
 - This ensures that shifting a negative number divides by 2

Demo: bitwise.c

\$ gcc bitwise.c print_bits.c -o bitwise \$./bitwise Fnter a: 23032 Enter b: 12345 Enter c: 3 a = 0101100111111000 = 0x59f8 = 23032 $b = 0011000000111001 = 0 \times 3039 = 12345$ $\sim a = 1010011000000111 = 0 \times a607 = 42503$ $a \& b = 000100000111000 = 0 \times 1038 = 4152$ a | b = 0111100111111001 = 0x79f9 = 31225 $a \wedge b = 0110100111000001 = 0x69c1 = 27073$ a >> c = 0000101100111111 = 0x0b3f = 2879a << c = 1100111111000000 = 0xcfc0 = 53184

Demo: shift_as_multiply.c

\$ dcc shift_as_multiply.c print_bits.c -o shift_as_multiply \$./shift_as_multiply 4 2 to the power of 4 is 16

Exercise 1

Given the following declarations:

// a signed 8-bit value uint8_t x = 0x55; uint8 t y = 0xAA;

What is the value of each of these expressions?

uint8_t $a = x \& y;$	uint8_t $e = x >> 1;$
uint8_t b = $x \wedge y;$	uint8_t f = y >> 2 ;
uint8_t c = x << 1;	uint8_t $g = x y;$
uint8 t d = y << 2;	

Demo: set_low_bits.c

\$ dcc set_low_bits.c print_bits.c -o n_ones
\$./set_low_bits 3

```
The bottom 3 bits of 7 are ones:
000000000000000000000000000000111
$ ./set_low_bits 19
```

```
The bottom 19 bits of 524287 are ones:
00000000000011111111111111111
$ ./set_low_bits 29
```



Demo: set_bit_range.c

\$ dcc set_bit_range.c print_bits.c -o set_bit_range \$./set_bit_range 0 7

Bits 0 to 7 of 255 are ones: 000000000000000000000000001111111 \$./set_bit_range 8 15

Bits 8 to 15 of 65280 are ones: 0000000000000000111111100000000 \$./set_bit_range 8 23

Bits 8 to 23 of 16776960 are ones: 000000001111111111111100000000 \$./set_bit_range 1 30

Bits 1 to 30 of 2147483646 are ones: 01111111111111111111111111111111111

Demo: extract_bit_range.c

\$ dcc extract_bit_range.c print_bits.c -o extract_bit_range \$./extract_bit_range 4 7 42

Bits 4 to 7 of 42 are: 0010 \$./extract_bit_range 10 20 123456789

Value 123456789 in binary is: 00000111010110111100110100010101

Bits 10 to 20 of 123456789 are: 11011110011

Exercise 2

Given the following declarations:

```
// a signed 8-bit value
    uint8_t x = 0x55;
    uint8 t y = 0xAA;
```

What is the value of each of these expressions?

```
uint8_t h = x && y;
uint8_t i = ~(x | y);
uint8_t j = !(x | y);
uint8_t k = x | (1 << 3);
uint8_t l = x | ~(1 << 3);</pre>
```

Demo: pokemon.c

#define FIRE_TYPE 0x0001 #define FIGHTING_TYPE 0x0002 #define WATER_TYPE 0x0004 #define FLYING_TYPE 0x0008 #define POISON_TYPE 0x0010 #define ELECTRIC_TYPE 0x0020 #define GROUND_TYPE 0x0040 #define PSYCHIC_TYPE 0x0080 #define ROCK_TYPE 0x0100 #define ICE TYPE 0x0200 #define BUG_TYPE 0x0400 #define DRAGON_TYPE 0x0800 #define GHOST_TYPE 0x1000 #define DARK_TYPE 0x2000 #define STEEL TYPE 0x4000 #define FAIRY_TYPE 0x8000

Demo: pokemon.c

\$ dcc pokemon.c print_bits.c -o pokemon \$./pokemon 000001000000000 BUG_TYPE 000000000000000 POISON_TYPE 100000000000000 FAIRY_TYPE 1000010000010000 our_pokemon type (1)

Poisonous 100101000000000 our_pokemon type (2)

Scary



Demo: bitset.c

```
a = {1,2,4,8,16,32}
b = {3,4,5,33}
a union b = {1,2,3,4,5,8,16,32,33}
a intersection b = {4}
cardinality(a) = 6
is_member(42, a) = 0
```

Exercise 3

Write the following in 8 bits of binary for each of the following:

- 25, 65, ~0, ~~1, OxFF, ~OxFF
- (01010101 & 1010101), (01010101 | 10101010)
- $(X \& \sim X)$, $(X | \sim X)$

How do we do the following in C?

- Given an 8-bit input X, ensure the 3rd bit from the RHS is 1?
- Given an 8-bit input Y, ensure the 3rd bit from the RHS is 0?
- Given an 8-bit input Z, test if the 3rd bit from the RHS is 1?