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# Variables

# Content

- Bit and Byte
- Variables
- Expressions
- Assignment operator, compound assignment
- binary and unary operators
- console input and output

# bit: binary digit

0

or

1

False  
No  
Off  
-

True  
Yes  
On  
+

- basic unit of information
- 2 states, can only have one of them active
- physically implemented with a two-state device

# Bits and Bytes

1 bit: 2 possible values:

binary	decimal
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0	0
---	---

1	1
---	---

# Bits and Bytes

2 bits: 4 possible combinations

binary	decimal
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0 0	0
-----	---

0 1	1
-----	---

1 0	2
-----	---

1 1	3
-----	---

# Bits and Bytes

3 bits: 8 possible combinations

binary	decimal
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0 0 0	0
-------	---

0 0 1	1
-------	---

0 1 0	2
-------	---

0 1 1	3
-------	---

1 0 0	4
-------	---

1 0 1	5
-------	---

1 1 0	6
-------	---

1 1 1	7
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# Bits and Bytes

4 bits: 16 possible combinations

binary                      decimal

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	2
0	0	1	1	3
0	1	0	0	4
0	1	0	1	5
0	1	1	0	6
0	1	1	1	7
1	0	0	0	8
1	0	0	1	9



# Bits and Bytes

4 bits: 16 possible combinations

binary

decimal

0 0 0 0

0

0 0 0 1

1

0 0 1 0

2

0 0 1 1

3

0 1 0 0

4

0 1 0 1

5

0 1 1 0

6

0 1 1 1

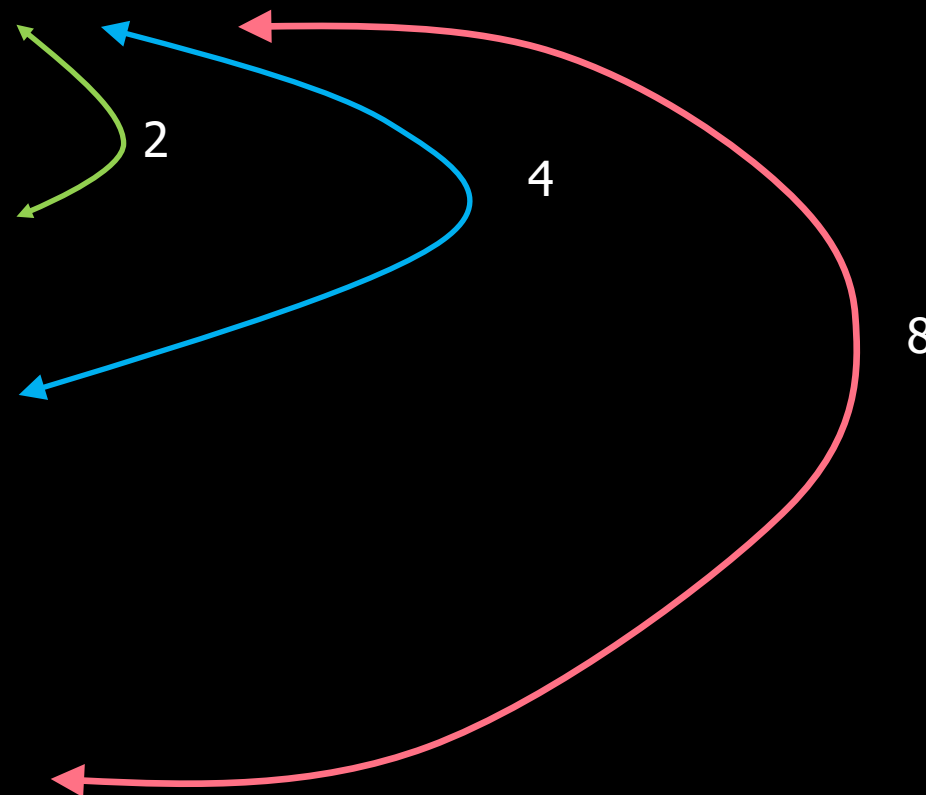
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1 0 0 0

8

1 0 0 1

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# Bits and Bytes

number of used bits vs possible represented values:

1 bit :  $2^1 = 2$

2 bits:  $2^2 = 4$

3 bits:  $2^3 = 8$

4 bits:  $2^4 = 16$

5 bits:  $2^5 = 32$

6 bits:  $2^6 = 64$

7 bits:  $2^7 = 128$

8 bits:  $2^8 = 256$

# Bits and Bytes

A byte ([Wikipedia](#)):

- a unit of digital information.
- most commonly consists of **eight bits**.
- eight bits is a convenient power of two permitting the values 0 through 255 for one byte.

# Bits and Bytes: from binary to decimal

highest significant bit

lowest significant bit

1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

bit index

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

0

represented value

$2^7$

$2^6$

$2^5$

$2^4$

$2^3$

$2^2$

$2^1$

$2^0$

128

64

32

16

8

4

2

1

$$1 \times 128 + 0 \times 64 + 1 \times 32 + 0 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 1 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1$$

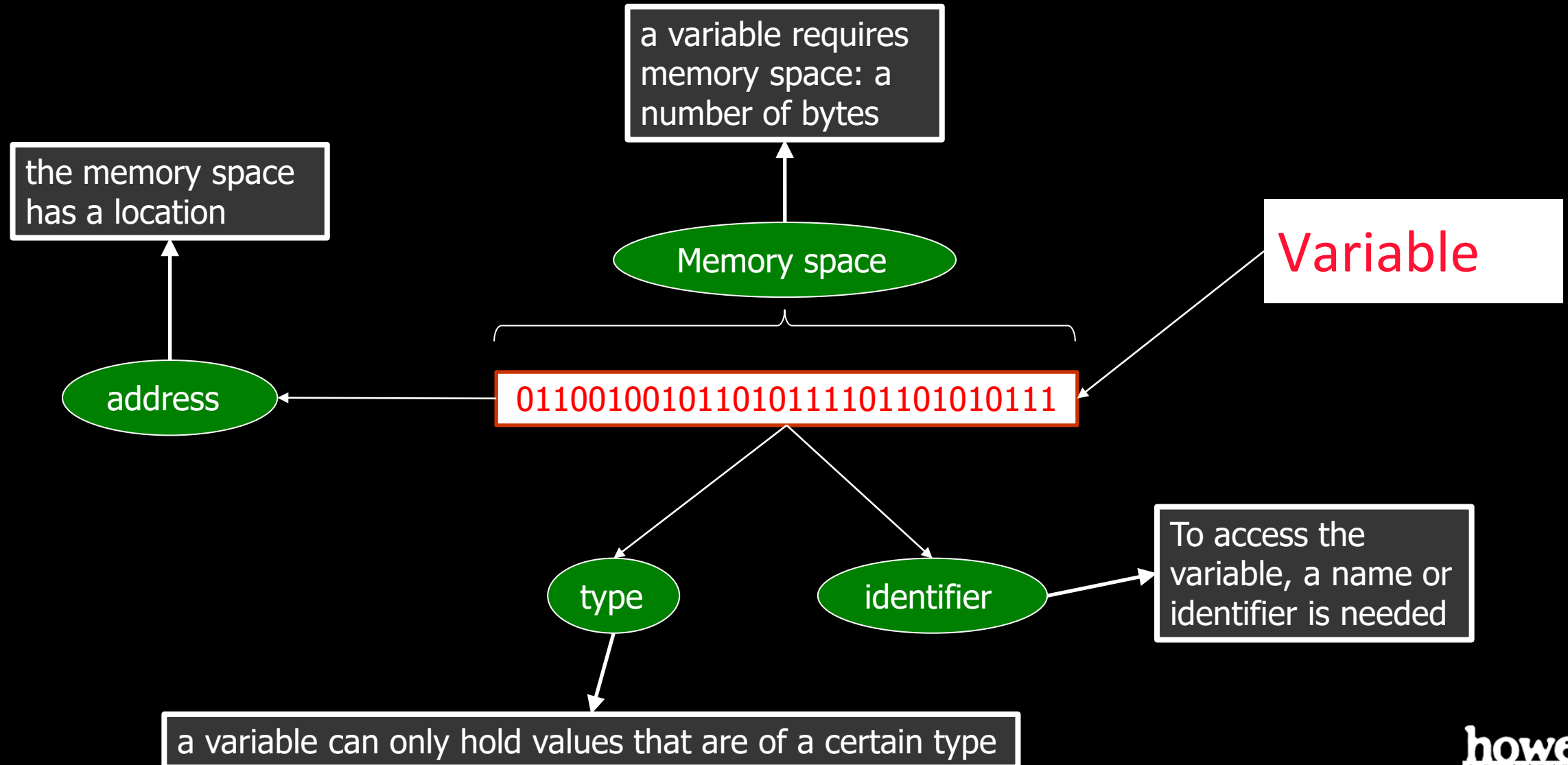
$$128 + 32 + 8 + 4 + 1 = 173$$

# Bits and Bytes

Example:

- Color representation > see Windows Paint or Photoshop color picker:
  - a pixel can be represented using 3 (4) bytes:
    - red
    - green
    - blue
    - (alpha)
  - Resulting in  $256 \times 256 \times 256 = 16\,777\,216$  possible color values
- Colors in 3D API > OpenGL , DirectX
  - A color is represented by 4 floating point numbers with a range from 0 > 1
  - 4 x 4 bytes > 16 bytes

# Variable



# Variables and bytes

- a variable type uses 1, 2, 4 or 8 bytes
- 1 byte  $> 2^8 > 256$  **char**
- 2 bytes  $> 2^{16} > 65536$  **char16\_t**
- 4 bytes  $> 2^{32} > 4\,294\,967\,296$  **int, float**
- etc. ...

# Commonly used fundamental types

Category	Type	Bytes	Contents	range
integral	bool	1	represents a boolean value	true, false
	char	1	signed character representation	[-128 , 127]
	int	4	positive and negative numbers	[-2147483648, 2147483647]
floating	float	4	single precision floating point type	[1.8E-38, 3.4E+38]
	double	8	double precision floating point type	[2.2E-308, 1.8E+308]



# Types of variables

- Many kinds of data:
  - Integral numbers
  - Decimal numbers
  - Boolean values
  - characters
- For every kind of data, there is a kind of variable: a *type*.

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*E.g.. decimal number: can be added, divided, multiplied, etc.*

# Declaration and initialization of variables

- A variable has a name and a type, both are need to declare a variable.
- Before a variable can be used, it must be declared and should be initialized.
- In the declaration, first we decide on the type, then the variable name:

```
int number{ }; // uniform or brace initialization to default value
```

```
int number{ 0 }; // uniform or brace initialization
```

```
int number = 0; // copy initialization
```

These three declaration + initializations are equivalent. The first two are C++11 and later, the last is pre C++11.

## char literal

- The char type is used to hold character values.
- Every character has a numeric representation: [ASCII](#) table.
  - e.g. The letter 'A' has the numeric value 65.
- To initialize a char with a letter there is no need to know its ascii value:
  - surround the letter with single quotes

```
char letter { 'A' }; // same as char letter { 65 };
```

When a letter is surrounded with single quotes, it is interpreted as its **ascii** numerical value.

Using the single quotes notation make you code more readable.

# ascii table

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	NUL (null)	32	20	040	&#32;	Space	64	40	100	&#64;	@	96	60	140	&#96;	`
1	1	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33;	!	65	41	101	&#65;	A	97	61	141	&#97;	a
2	2	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34;	"	66	42	102	&#66;	B	98	62	142	&#98;	b
3	3	003	ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35;	#	67	43	103	&#67;	C	99	63	143	&#99;	c
4	4	004	EOT (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36;	\$	68	44	104	&#68;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
5	5	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	&#37;	%	69	45	105	&#69;	E	101	65	145	&#101;	e
6	6	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&#38;	&	70	46	106	&#70;	F	102	66	146	&#102;	f
7	7	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	&#39;	'	71	47	107	&#71;	G	103	67	147	&#103;	g
8	8	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	&#40;	(	72	48	110	&#72;	H	104	68	150	&#104;	h
9	9	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	&#41;	)	73	49	111	&#73;	I	105	69	151	&#105;	i
10	A	012	LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	&#42;	*	74	4A	112	&#74;	J	106	6A	152	&#106;	j
11	B	013	VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	&#43;	+	75	4B	113	&#75;	K	107	6B	153	&#107;	k
12	C	014	FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	&#44;	,	76	4C	114	&#76;	L	108	6C	154	&#108;	l
13	D	015	CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	&#45;	-	77	4D	115	&#77;	M	109	6D	155	&#109;	m
14	E	016	SO (shift out)	46	2E	056	&#46;	.	78	4E	116	&#78;	N	110	6E	156	&#110;	n
15	F	017	SI (shift in)	47	2F	057	&#47;	/	79	4F	117	&#79;	O	111	6F	157	&#111;	o
16	10	020	DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	&#48;	0	80	50	120	&#80;	P	112	70	160	&#112;	p
17	11	021	DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	&#49;	1	81	51	121	&#81;	Q	113	71	161	&#113;	q
18	12	022	DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	&#50;	2	82	52	122	&#82;	R	114	72	162	&#114;	r
19	13	023	DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	&#51;	3	83	53	123	&#83;	S	115	73	163	&#115;	s
20	14	024	DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	&#52;	4	84	54	124	&#84;	T	116	74	164	&#116;	t
21	15	025	NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	&#53;	5	85	55	125	&#85;	U	117	75	165	&#117;	u
22	16	026	SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	&#54;	6	86	56	126	&#86;	V	118	76	166	&#118;	v
23	17	027	ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	&#55;	7	87	57	127	&#87;	W	119	77	167	&#119;	w
24	18	030	CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	&#56;	8	88	58	130	&#88;	X	120	78	170	&#120;	x
25	19	031	EM (end of medium)	57	39	071	&#57;	9	89	59	131	&#89;	Y	121	79	171	&#121;	y
26	1A	032	SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	&#58;	:	90	5A	132	&#90;	Z	122	7A	172	&#122;	z
27	1B	033	ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	&#59;	;	91	5B	133	&#91;	[	123	7B	173	&#123;	{
28	1C	034	FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	&#60;	<	92	5C	134	&#92;	\	124	7C	174	&#124;	
29	1D	035	GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	&#61;	=	93	5D	135	&#93;	]	125	7D	175	&#125;	}
30	1E	036	RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	&#62;	>	94	5E	136	&#94;	^	126	7E	176	&#126;	~
31	1F	037	US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63;	?	95	5F	137	&#95;	_	127	7F	177	&#127;	DEL

Source: [www.LookupTables.com](http://www.LookupTables.com)

## Expression

- Operator: do operations on variables. Examples: + - \* / %
- Operand: the variables on which the operators are performed
- Definition: An *expression* is "a sequence of operators and operands that specifies a computation" ([cppreference.com](http://cppreference.com))
- Example:  $3 * 8 / 7 + 6 - 8$

number =  $3 * 8 / 7 + 6 - 8$ ;

expression

assignment operator

## Assignment operator: "="

- Converts and writes a value in a variable
  - Converts: example: from decimal to binary
  - Writes: the different bits of the variable get a value 0 or 1
  - NOT the math “equals”
- Example:
  - first the expression is processed
  - next, the resulting value is converted to an integer binary number and stored in the variable

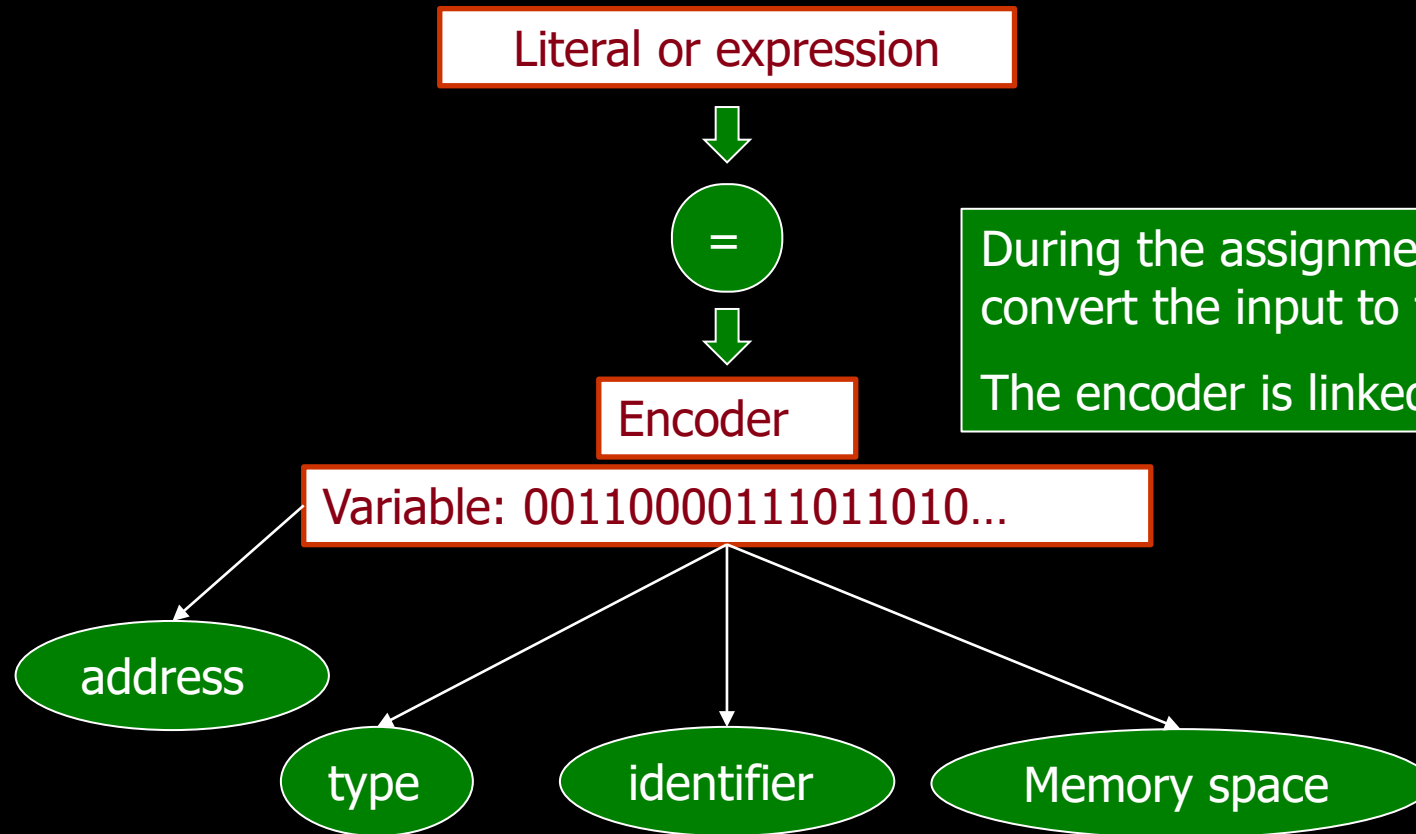
number = 3 \* 8 / 7 + 6 - 8;

The diagram illustrates the components of the assignment statement 'number = 3 \* 8 / 7 + 6 - 8;'. A vertical arrow points from the '=' symbol to the text 'assignment operator' below. A horizontal curly brace is positioned under the expression '3 \* 8 / 7 + 6 - 8', with the word 'expression' centered below the brace.

assignment operator



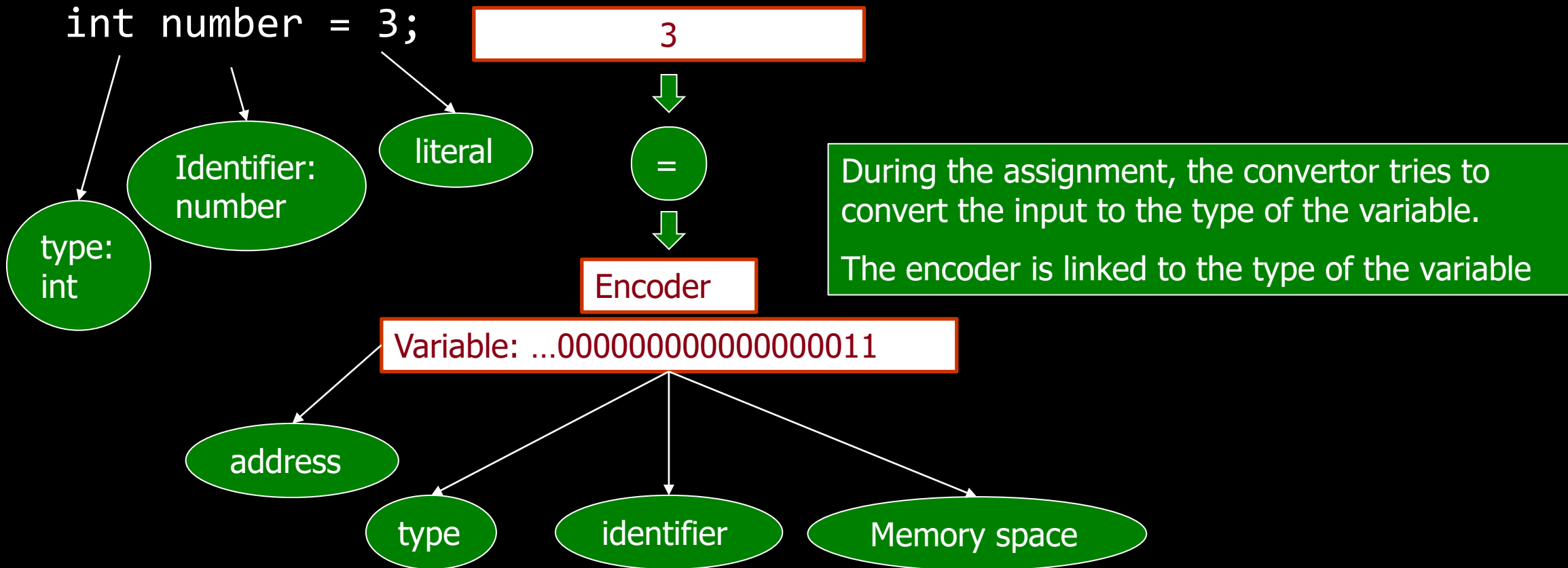
# Assignment operator: "="



During the assignment, the convertor tries to convert the input to the type of the variable.

The encoder is linked to the type of the variable

# Assignment operator: "="



## Operators (+ - \* / )

- **Precedence and Order of Evaluation:** [\(cppreference\)](#)
  - Similar to mathematics:
  - First \* / %
  - Then + -
  - Round brackets or parentheses ( ) can be used to group calculations. Grouped operations have priority.

# The divide operator /

- Division with **integer** types : division in which the **fractional part** (remainder) is **discarded**.
  - $8/4 \rightarrow 2$
  - $8/3 \rightarrow 2.6666 \rightarrow 2$
  - $8/2 \rightarrow 4$
  - $16/9 \rightarrow 1.77777 \rightarrow 1$

## The divide operator /

- Division with **floating** types : division in which the **fractional** part remains.
  - $8.0/4.0 \rightarrow 2$
  - $8.0/3.0 \rightarrow 2.6666$
  - $16.0/9.0 \rightarrow 1.77777$

## Binary operators:

One operand on each side of the operator

```
int a{10}, b{20}, c{};
```

```
c = a + b;
```

```
c = a / b;
```

```
a = b * c;
```

## Compound assignment operators:

Provide a shorter syntax for assigning the result of an arithmetic operator. They perform the operation on the two operands before assigning the result to the first operand.

```
int a{10}, b{20}, c{};  
a += b; // same as a = a + b;  
a /= b; // same as a = a / b;  
b *= c; // same as b = b * c;
```

## Unary operators:

Are operators that act upon a single operand to produce a new value.

```
int a{10}, b{20}, c{};  
++a;  // same as a = a + 1;  
--a;  // same as a = a - 1;
```



# Demo

- Declaration and initialization of variables
- Assignment operator
- Expressions ( +, -, \*, /)
- Reading and writing from and to the console

# References

- <http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/variables/>
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