

CPNM Lecture 18 - Bit Wise Operators

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Bit Wise Operators I

► Logical Operators

- Bitwise AND (&): The bits in the result are set to 1 if the corresponding bits in the two operands are both 1

```
unsigned char a = 5, b = 1, c;  
c = a & b; /*c gets 1*/
```

- Bitwise OR (|): The bits in the result are set to 1 if at least one of the corresponding bits in the two operands is 1

```
unsigned char a = 5, b = 2, c;  
c = a | b; /*c gets 7*/
```

- Bitwise Exclusive OR (^): The bits in the result are set to 1 if exactly one of the corresponding bits in the two operands is 1

```
unsigned char a = 5, b = 1, c;  
c = a ^ b; /*c gets 4*/
```

- Bitwise NOT (~): All 0 bits are set to 1 and all 1 bits are set to 0 (One's complement)

Bit Wise Operators II

```
unsigned char a = 1, b;  
b = ~a; /*b gets 254*/
```

► Shift Operators

- Right shift ($>>$): Shifts the bits of the first operand right by the number of bits specified by the second operand; the method of filling from the left is machine dependent.

```
unsigned char a = 5, b;  
b = a >> 1; /*b gets 2*/
```

Right shift by one bit divides a number by 2

- Left shift ($<<$): Shifts the bits of the first operand left by the number of bits specified by the second operand; fill from right with 0 bits

```
unsigned char a = 5, b;  
b = a << 1; /*b gets 10*/
```

Left shift by one bit multiplies a number by 2

Bit Wise Operators III

► Example

```
/* print powers of 2*/  
unsigned int a = 1, i;  
for(i = 0; i < 32; i++)  
    printf("2^%d = %u\n", i, a<<i);
```

► Example

```
/* print bits of an unsigned char*/  
unsigned char uc=7;  
unsigned char mask=128;  
int i = 0;  
for(i = 0; i<8; i++){  
    if((uc&mask)>0)  
        printf("1");  
    else  
        printf("0");  
    mask=mask>>1;  
}
```