

# Bit Operations Part I

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## Background

You've seen how Java facilitates bit-level manipulation of data items (and presumably wrote code to reinforce your understanding) using the operators `&`, `|`, `~`, `<<`, `>>`, and `>>>`. In this assignment you will perform compound tasks using the bit-level operations.

## Specification

Create a class called **BitOperations** that includes the following methods:

- Extract the left 4 bits (most significant nibble) of a **byte**. The bits should be returned in the right 4 bits (least significant nibble) of a **byte** and the remaining 4 bits must be 0. Example: 10101111 -> 00001010. The method definition is

```
public static byte left(byte _byte)
```

- Extract the right 4 bits (least significant nibble) of a **byte**. The bits should be returned in the right 4 bits (least significant nibble) of a **byte** and the remaining 4 bits must be 0. Example: 10101111 -> 00001111. The method definition is

```
public static byte right(byte _byte)
```

- Extract the left 6 bits (most significant bits) of a **byte**. The bits should be returned in the right 6 bits (least significant bits) of a **byte** and the remaining 2 bits must be 0. Example: 10101111 -> 00101011. The method definition is

```
public static byte sixbits(byte _byte)
```

- Swap the most and least significant bytes in a word (**short**) value. Example: 1010101011111111 -> 111111110101010. The method definition is

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```
public static short lrswap(short _in)
```

Use the provided class **BitOperationsTest** (which includes a main method) to demonstrate your code.

## Deliverables

- Source code (.java) file
- Reflective essay describing
  - Successes
  - Difficulties (if any) and how you addressed them
  - Lessons learned
  - Screen shot of your running program showing requested (above) results