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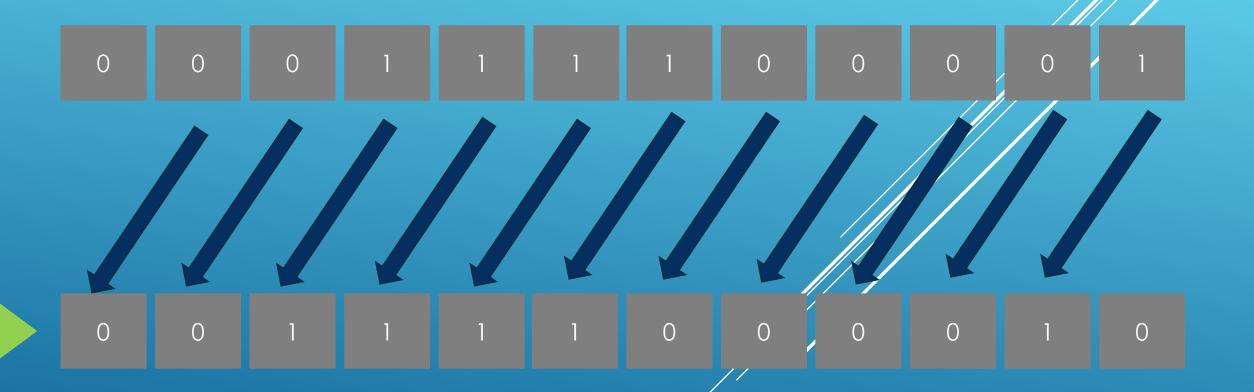
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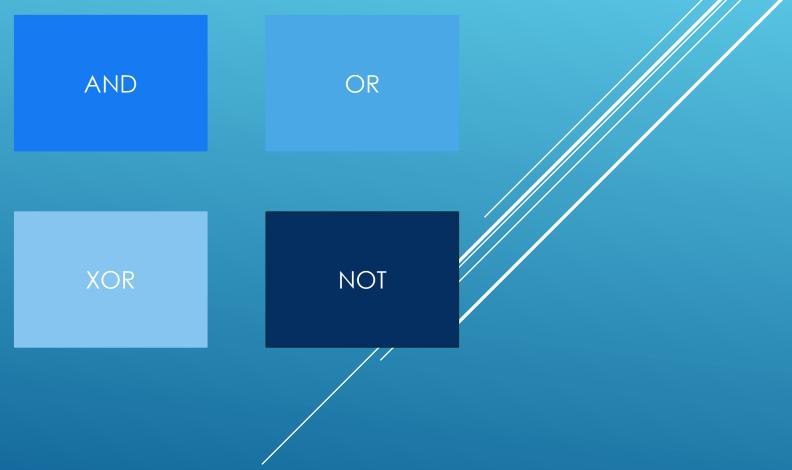
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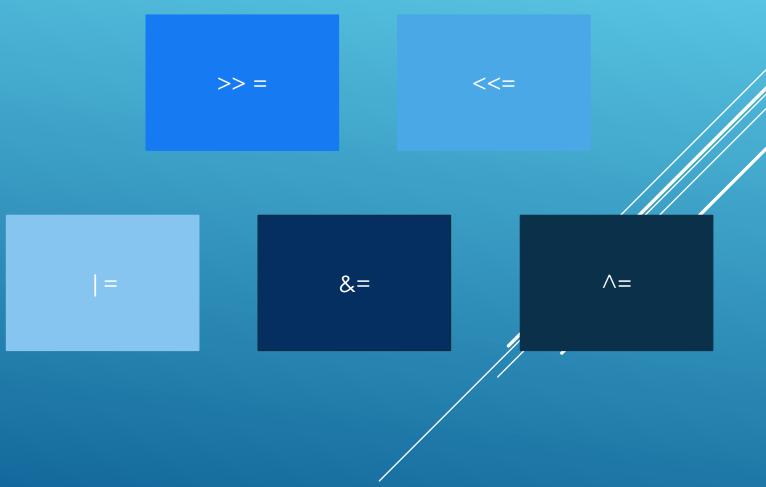
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Bitwise Operators: Introduction

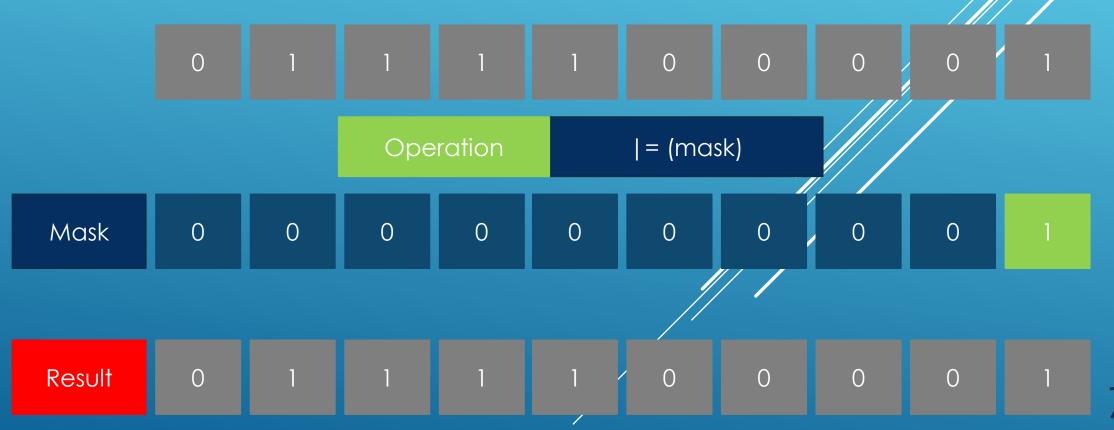




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Setting bit position 0



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Printing Integers in Binary

```
#include <iostream>
#include <bitset>

int main(){

    unsigned short int data {0b11111110};
    std::cout << "data (dec) : " << std::dec << data << std::endl;
    std::cout << "data (hex) : " << std::hex << std::showbase << data << std::endl;
    std::cout << "data (bin) : " << std::bitset<16>(data) << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

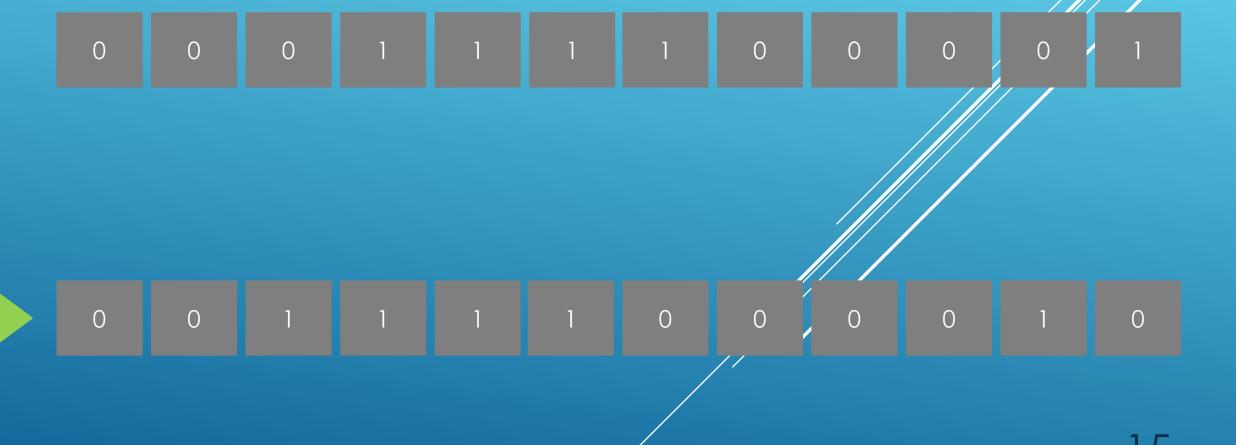
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Shift Operators



0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1

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0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0

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0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0

What happens when we shift left by 1 position











1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0

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If data is lost as a result of you shifting bits left(<<) or right(>>), you can't get the data back just by doing the reverse operation. You've just lost the data permanently!

Bit shifting is only supported for integral types like int, char,...

Bit shifting in C++

Shift left

```
value = static_cast<unsigned short int>(value << 1);
std::cout << "value : " << std::bitset<16>(value)
<< ", dec : " << value << " [After shift 1 bit position left] " << std::endl;</pre>
```

Shift several bits in one go

```
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "shift left 4 bit positions:" << std::endl;
value = static_cast<unsigned short int>(value << 4);
std::cout << "value : " << std::bitset<16>(value)
<< ", dec : " << value << " [After shift 4 bit positions left] " << std::endl;</pre>
```

The golden rule of bit shifting

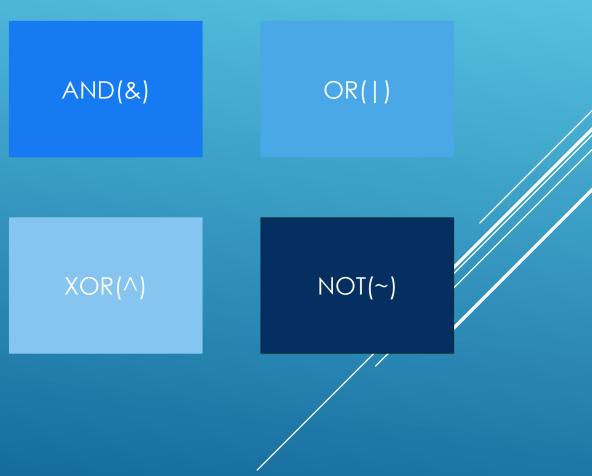
```
Shifting right divides by 2<sup>n</sup>
Shifting left multiplies by 2<sup>n</sup>
This rule breaks if you throw off 1's either to the right or the left.
```

Shift operators together with stream operators

```
std::cout << "value : " << (value_for_output >> 2) << std::endl;</pre>
```

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Bitwise Logical Operators



а	b	a&b	a b	~a	a∧b
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	Ī	Ī
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0

Bitwise AND

```
const int COLUMN_WIDTH {20};
unsigned char value1 {0x3}; // 0000 0011
unsigned char value2 {0x5}; // 0000 0101
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "value1 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(value1) << std::endl;
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "value2 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(value2) << std::endl;
//AND
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "Bitwise AND : " << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "value1 & value2 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(value1 & value2) << std::endl;
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
```

Bitwise OR

Bitwise NOT

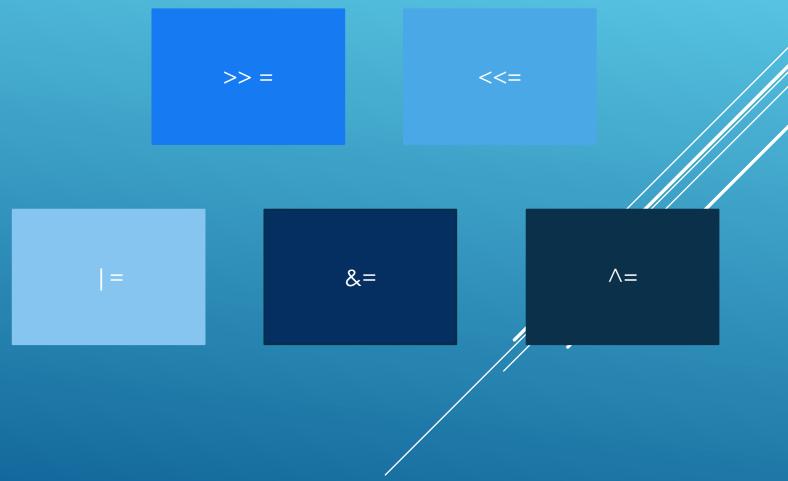
```
const int COLUMN WIDTH {20};
unsigned char value1 {0x3}; // 0000 0011
unsigned char value2 {0x5}; // 0000 0101
//NOT
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "Bitwise NOT " << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "~value1 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(~value1) << std::endl;
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "~value2 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(~value2) << std::endl;
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "~01011001 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(~0b01011001) << std::endl;//Using bin literal
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "~01011001 : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(~0x59) << std::endl;//Using hex literal
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
```

Bitwise XOR

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Compound Bitwise Assignment Operators

They work on the variable and put the result back in the same variable



Compound <<

```
const int COLUMN WIDTH {20};
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "Compound bitwise assignment operators" << std::endl;</pre>
unsigned char sandbox var{0b00110100};
//Print out initial value
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "Initial value : " << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << "sandbox_var : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(sandbox var) << std::endl;
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
//Compound left shift
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "Shift left 2 bit positions in place : " << std::endl;</pre>
sandbox var <<= 2;
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "sandbox var : "</pre>
    << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(sandbox_var) << std::endl;
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
```

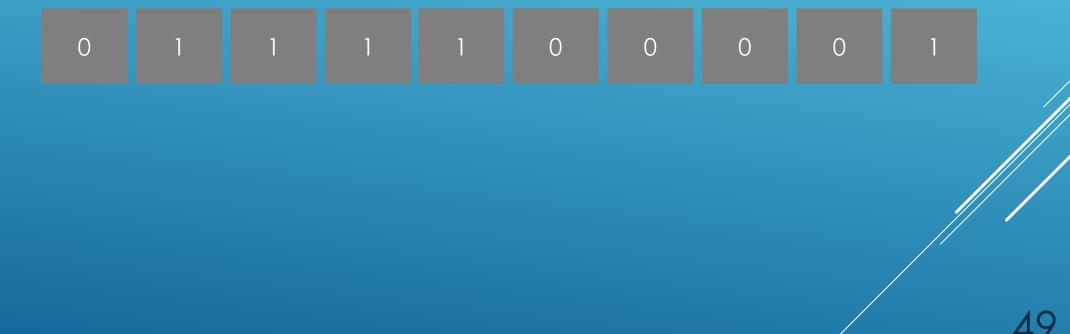
Compound >>

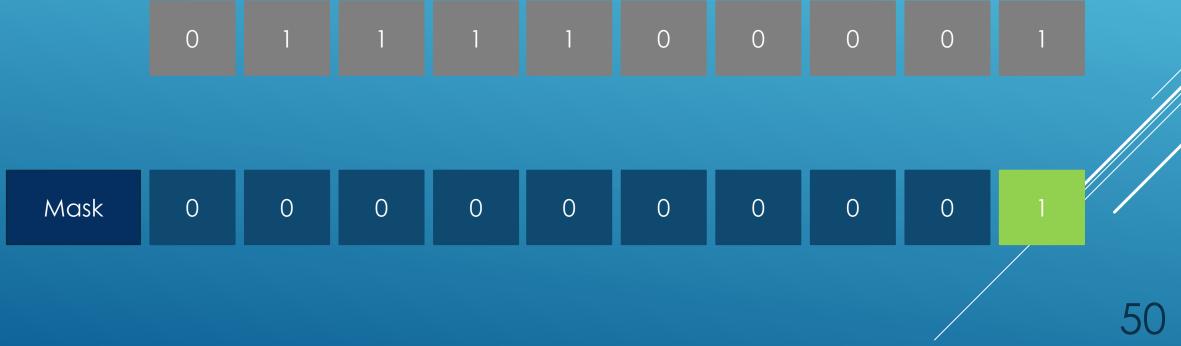
Compound Bitwise OR, AND and XOR

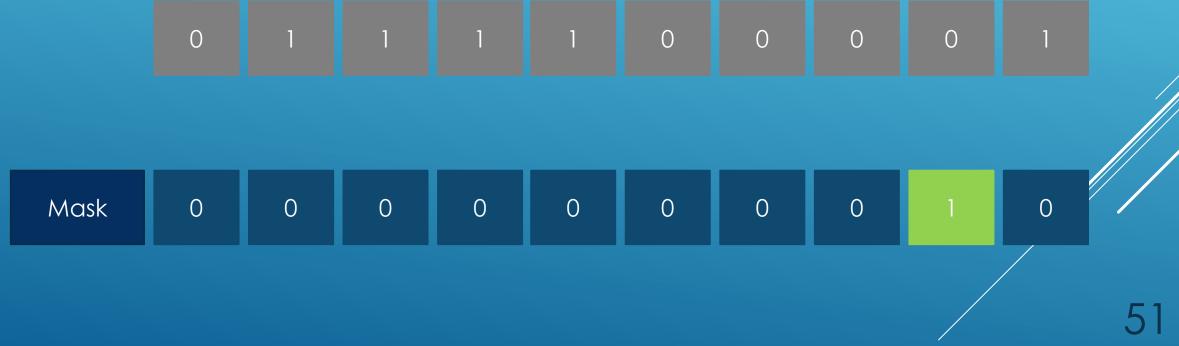
```
//Compound OR with 0000 0010 to have all lower 4 bits turned on
          std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Compound OR with 0000 0010 : " << std::endl;</pre>
          sandbox var |= 0b00000010;
          std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "sandbox var : "</pre>
              << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(sandbox var) << std::endl;
          std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
          //Compound AND with 0000 1100 to turn off the 2 lowest bits
          std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Compound AND with 0000 1100 : " << std::endl;</pre>
          sandbox var &= 0b00001100;
          std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << "sandbox_var : "</pre>
              << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(sandbox var) << std::endl;
          std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
          //XOR with 00000011 to turn on the 4 lowest bits again
              std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Compound XOR with 0000 0011 : " << std::endl;</pre>
          sandbox var ^= 0b00000011;
          std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "sandbox var : "</pre>
```

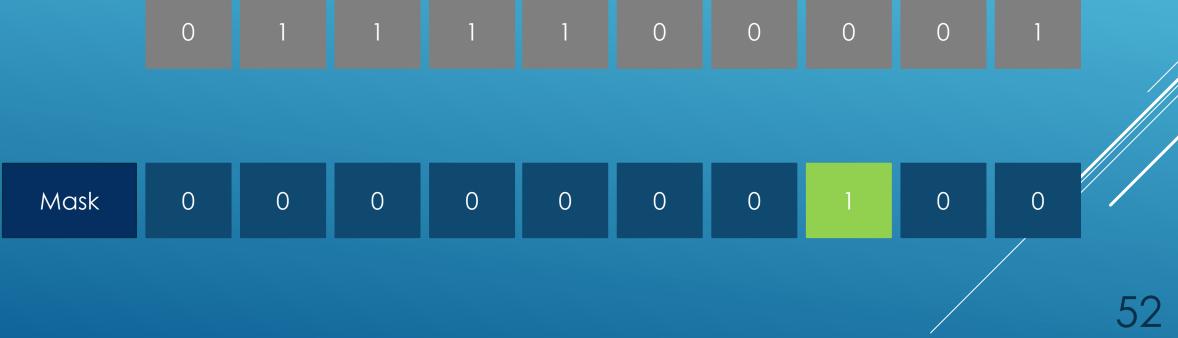
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Masks

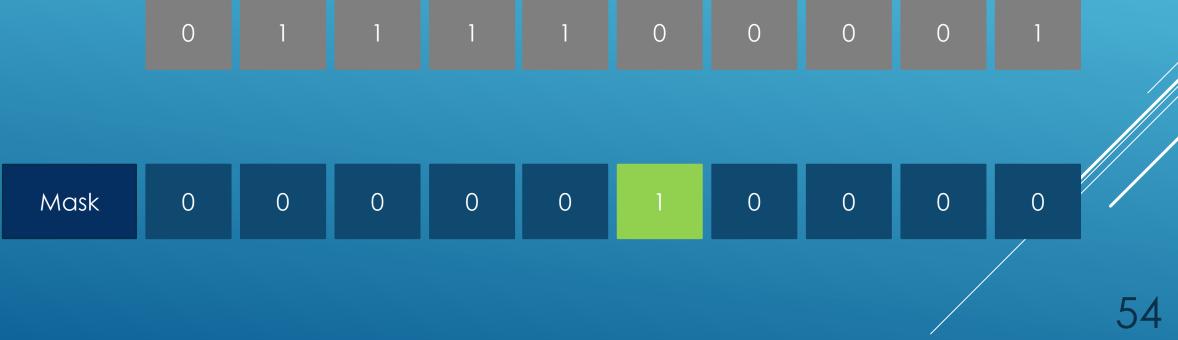








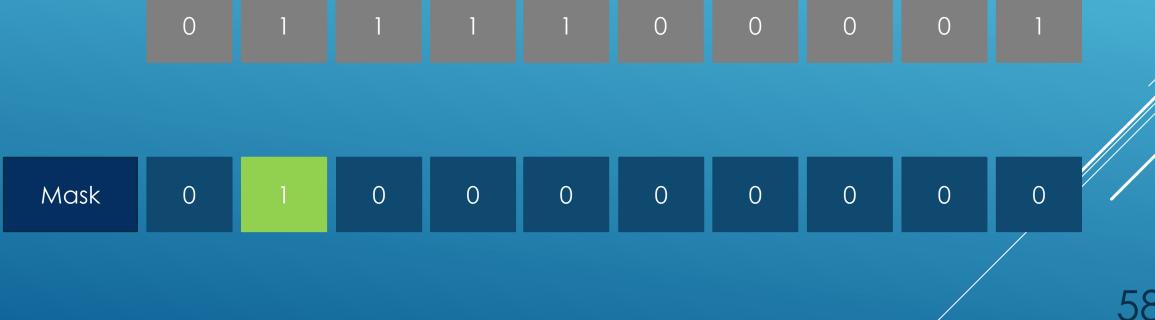


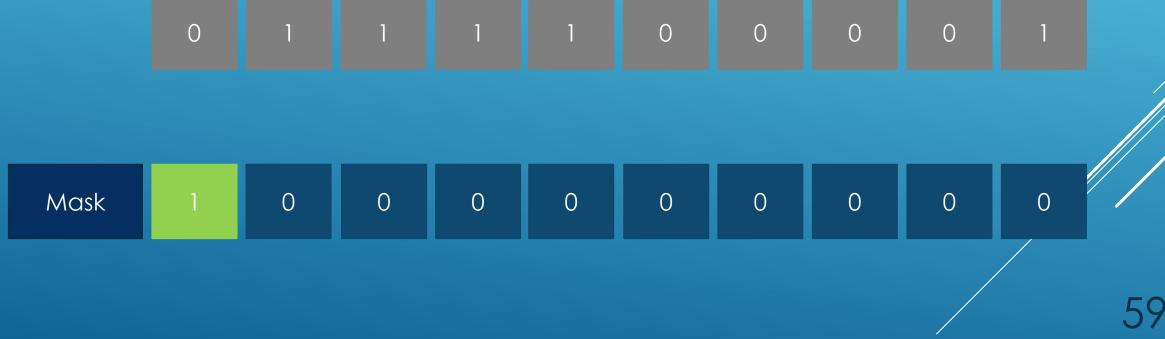












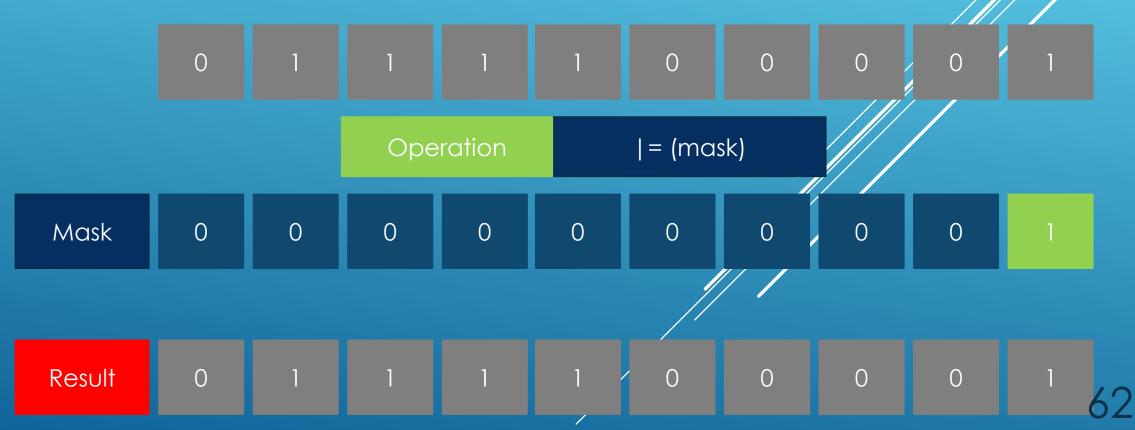
Bit masks

```
//Highlight position for bit of interest with a 1
//Mask other positions with 0

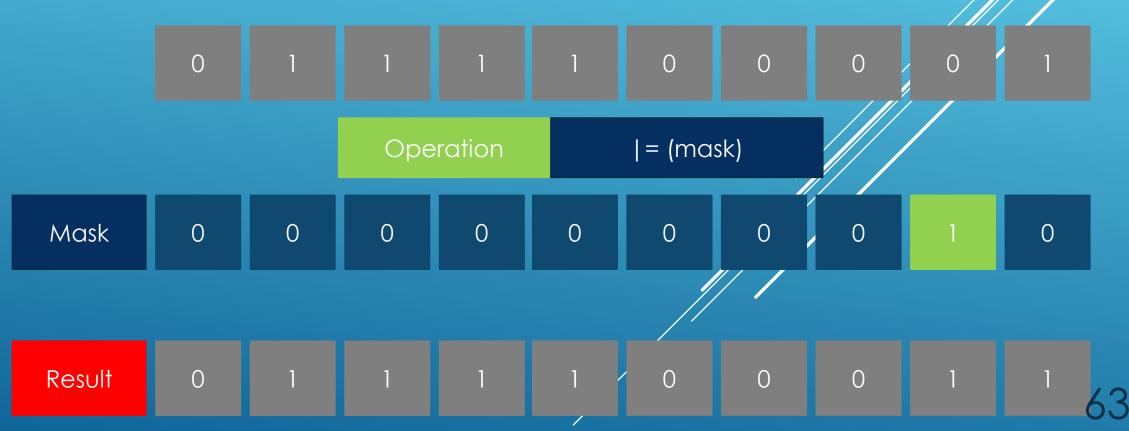
const unsigned char mask_bit_0 {0b00000001} ;//Bit0
const unsigned char mask_bit_1 {0b00000010} ;//Bit1
const unsigned char mask_bit_2 {0b00000100} ;//Bit2
const unsigned char mask_bit_3 {0b00001000} ;//Bit3
const unsigned char mask_bit_4 {0b00010000} ;//Bit4
const unsigned char mask_bit_5 {0b00100000} ;//Bit5
const unsigned char mask_bit_6 {0b01000000} ;//Bit6
const unsigned char mask_bit_7 {0b10000000} ;//Bit7
```

- Set bit position(s)
- Reset Bit position(s)
- Check bit position(s)
- Toggle bit position(s)

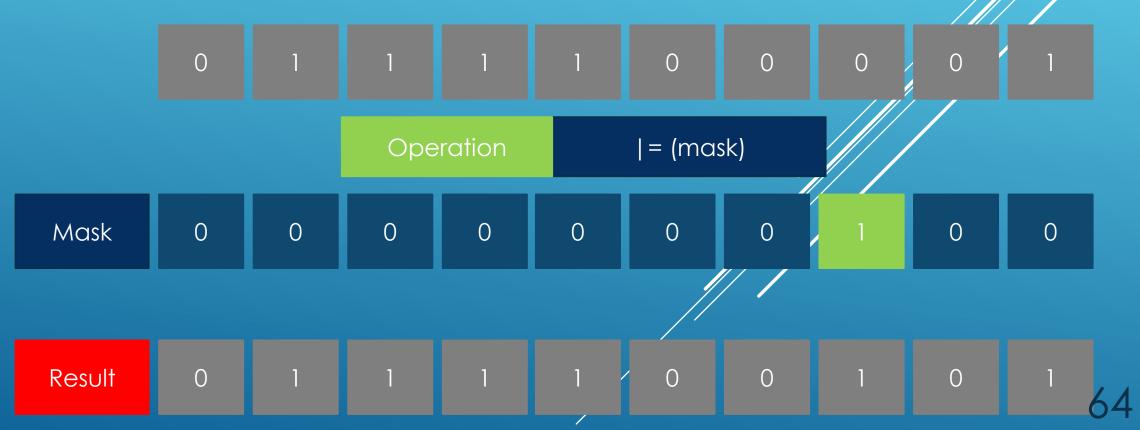
Setting bit position 0



Setting bit position 1



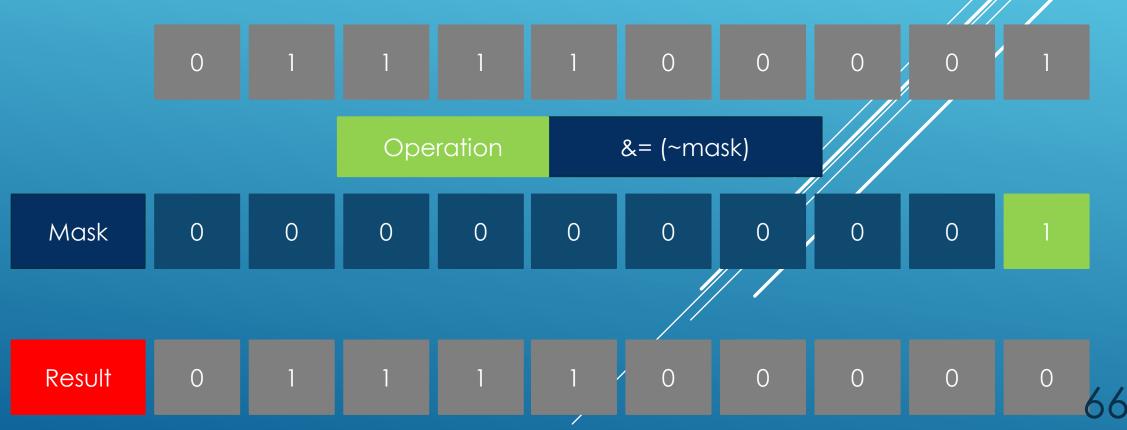
Setting bit position 2



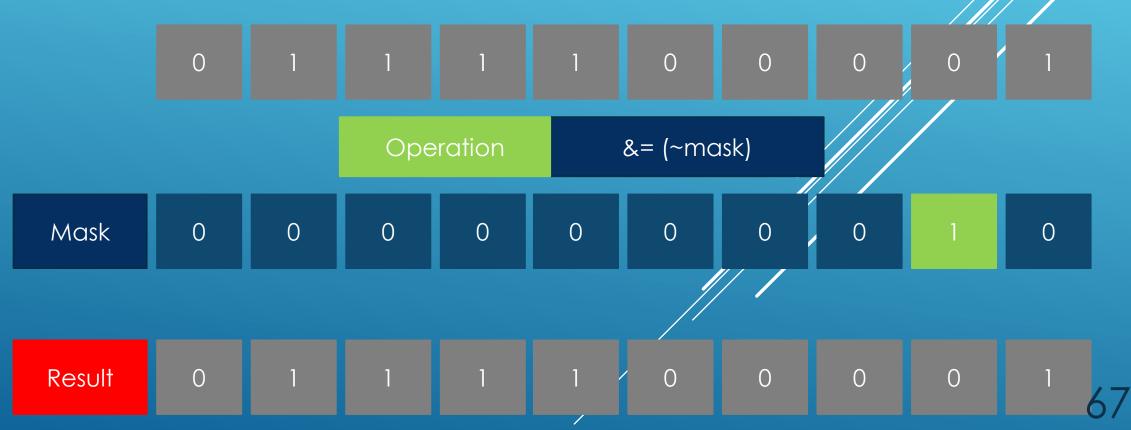
Setting some bits in code

```
unsigned char var {0b00000000};// Starts off all bits off
            std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
                 << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
            //SETTING BITS
            //Setting : |= with mask of the bit
            //Set bit 1
            std::cout << "Setting bit in position 1" << std::endl;</pre>
            var |= mask bit 1;
            std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
                 << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
            //Set bit 5
            std::cout << "Setting bit in position 5" << std::endl;</pre>
            var |= mask bit 5;
            std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
                 << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
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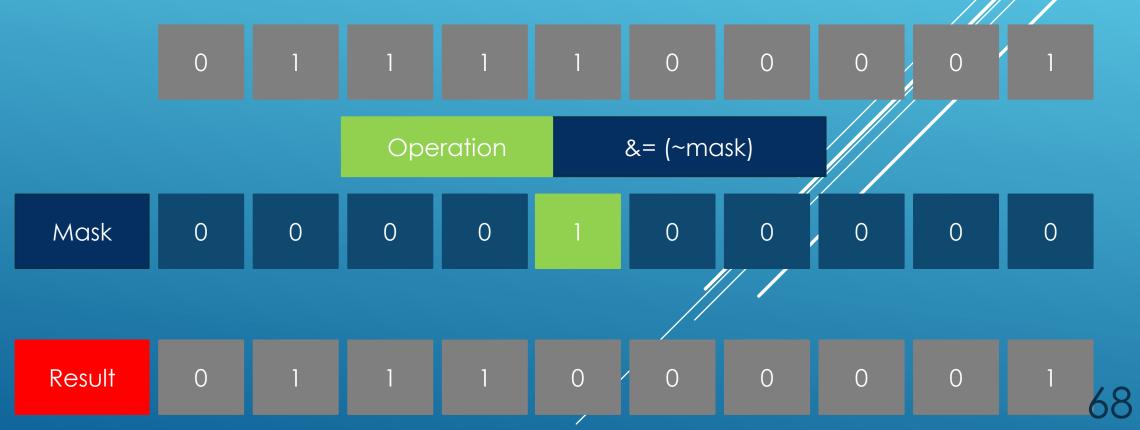
Resetting bit position 0



Resetting bit position 1



Resetting bit position 1

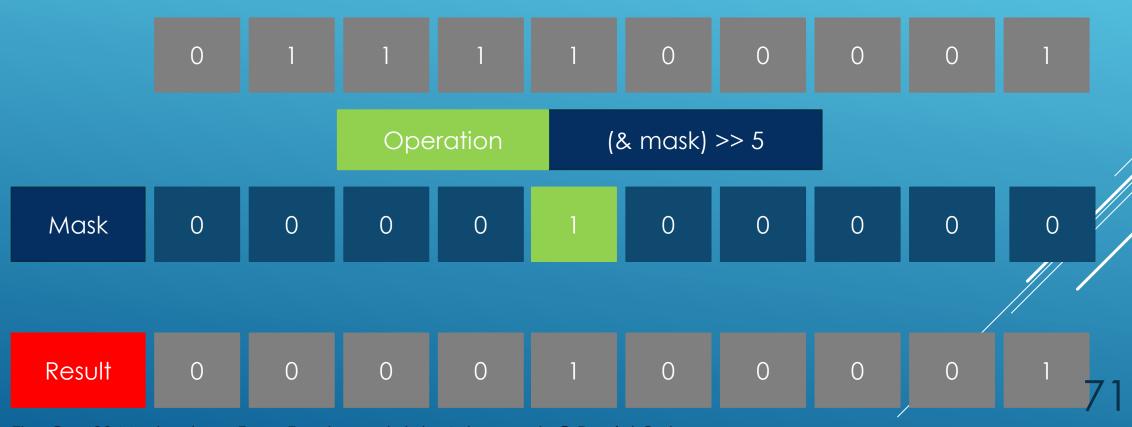


Resetting some bits in code

```
//RESETTING BITS : set to 0
//Resetting : &= (~mask)
//Reset bit 1
std::cout << "Resetting bit in position 1" << std::endl;</pre>
var &= (~mask bit 1);
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
     << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
//Reset bit 5
std::cout << "Resetting bit in position 1" << std::endl;</pre>
var &= (~mask bit 5);
std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
     << std::setw(COLUMN_WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
```

Masking multiple bits at once

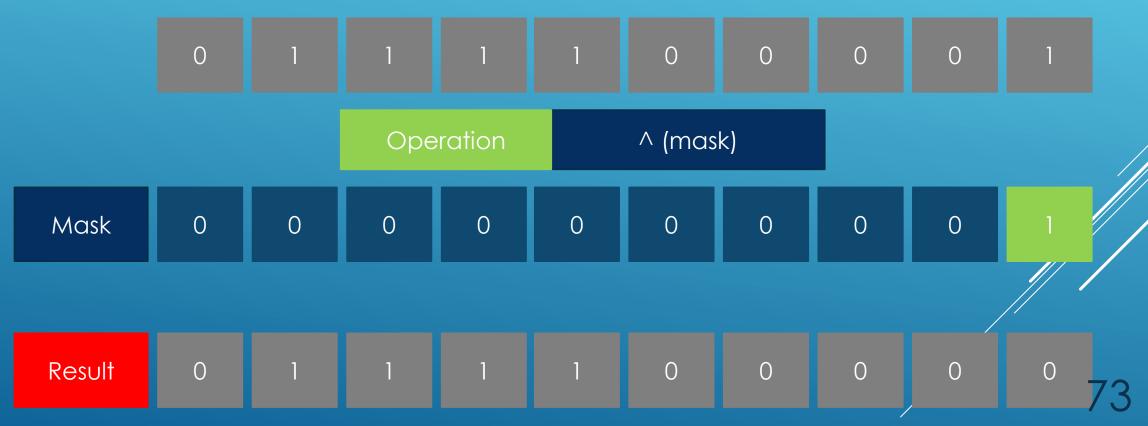
Checking bit position 5



Check state of a bit in code

```
//Check state of a bit
std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "Checking the state of each bit position (on/off)" << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit0 is " << ((var & mask bit 0) >> 0 )<< std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit1 is " << ((var & mask bit 1) >> 1 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit2 is " << ((var & mask bit 2) >> 2 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit3 is " << ((var & mask bit 3) >> 3 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit4 is " << ((var & mask bit 4) >> 4 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit5 is " << ((var & mask bit 5) >> 5 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit6 is " << ((var & mask bit 6) >> 6 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit6 is " << static_cast<bool>(var & mask_bit_6) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit7 is " << ((var & mask bit 7) >> 7 ) << std::endl;</pre>
std::cout << "bit7 is " << static cast<bool>(var & mask bit 7) << std::endl;</pre>
```

Toggling bit position 0



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Toggle bits in code

```
//Toggle bits
           //Toggle : var ^ mask
           //Toggle bit 0
           std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
           std::cout << "Toggle bit 0" << std::endl;</pre>
           var ^= mask bit 0;
           std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
                << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
           //Toggle bit7
           std::cout << "Toggle bit 7" << std::endl;</pre>
           var ^= mask bit 7;
           std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
                << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << std::bitset<8>(var) << std::endl;
           //Toggle multiple bits in one go : the 4 higher bits
           std::cout << "Toggle multiple bits in one go : the 4 higher bits" << std::endl;</pre>
           var ^= (mask bit 7 | mask bit 6 | mask bit 5 | mask bit 4);
           std::cout << std::setw(COLUMN WIDTH) << "var : "</pre>
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Mask Demo: Packing function parameters in a variable

use_options_v0(0,0,1,1,1,0,1,0);

```
void use_options_v1(unsigned char flags){

std::cout << "bit0 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_0) >> 0 ) << ", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit1 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_1) >> 1 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit2 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_2) >> 2 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit3 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_3) >> 3 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit4 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_4) >> 4 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit5 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_5) >> 5 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit6 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_6) >> 6 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "bit7 is " << ((flags & mask_bit_7) >> 7 ) <<", do something with it!"<< std::endl;
}</pre>
```

```
use_options_v1(mask_bit_2 | mask_bit_3 | mask_bit_4 | mask_bit_6);
```

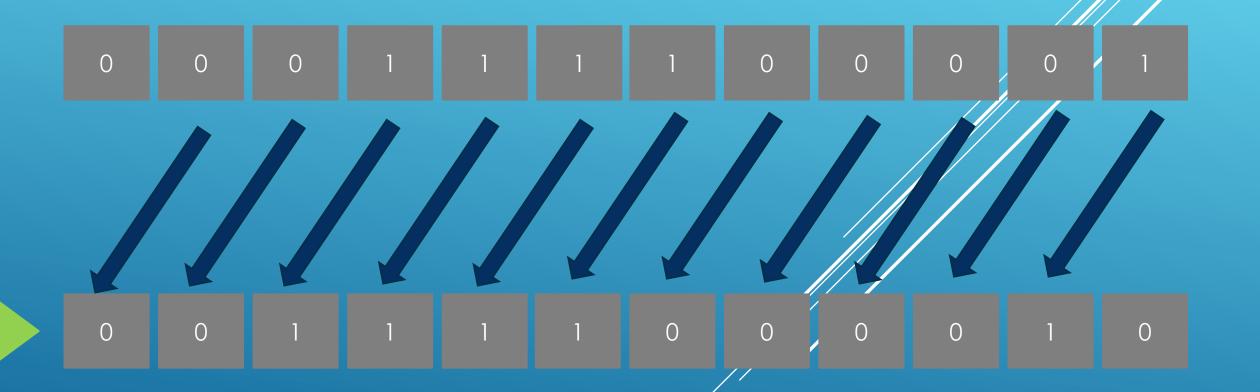
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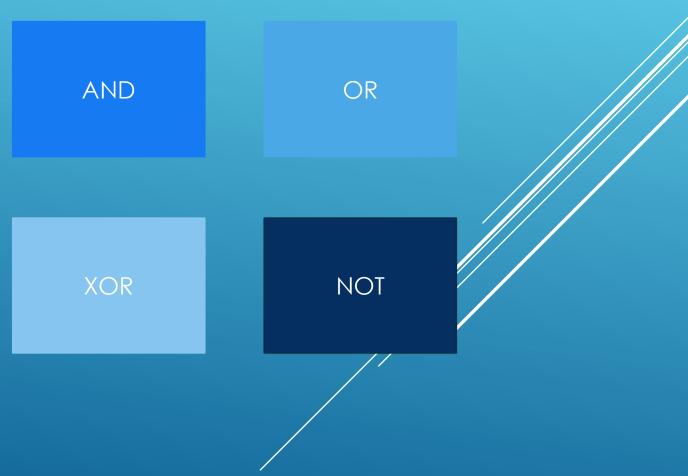
Packing Color Information

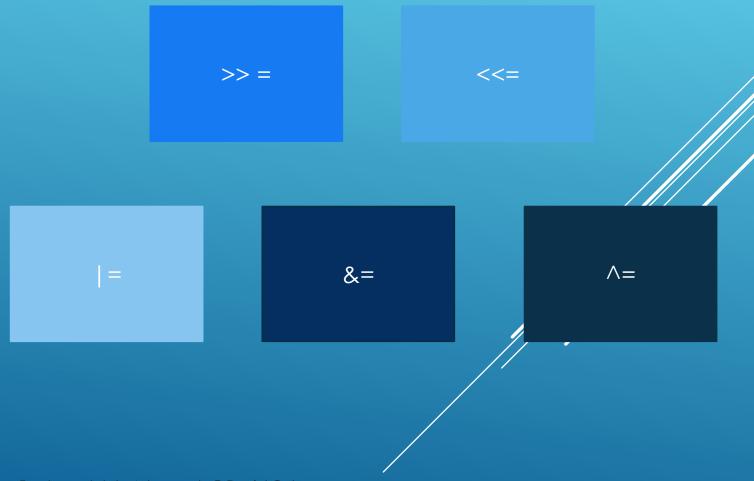
```
const unsigned int red mask {0xFF000000};
          const unsigned int green mask {0x00FF0000};
          const unsigned int blue mask {0x0000FF00};
          const unsigned int alpha mask {0x000000FF};
          unsigned int my color {0xAABCDE00};
          //We shift to make sure the color byte of interest is in the
          // lower index byte position so that we can interpret that as an integer,
          // which will be between 0 and 255.
          //Set some format options
          std::cout << std::hex << std::showbase << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Red is : " << ((my_color & red_mask) >> 24) << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Green is : " << ((my color & green mask) >> 16) << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Blue is : " << ((my_color & blue_mask) >> 8) << std::endl;</pre>
          std::cout << "Alpha is : " << ((my_color & alpha_mask) >> 0) << std::endl; 0</pre>
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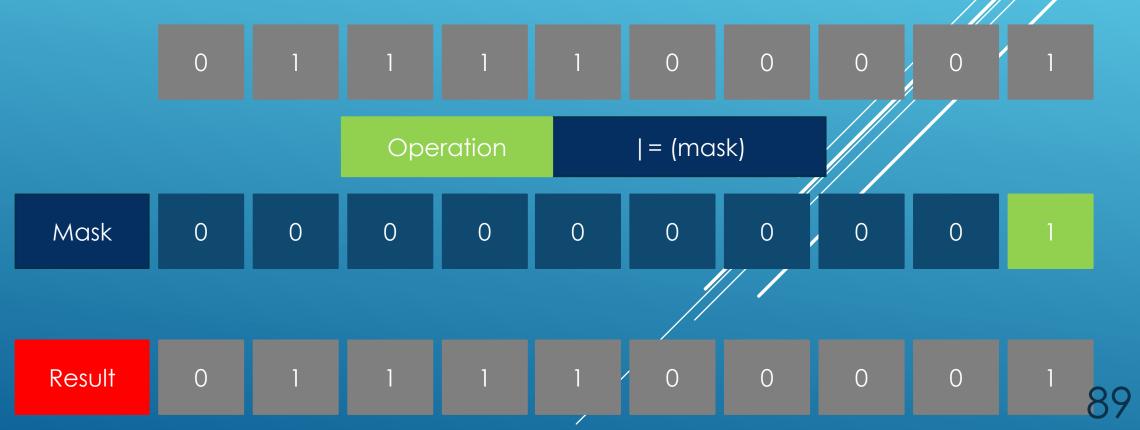
Bitwise Operators: Summary







Setting bit position 0



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