Bits, Bytes, and Integers

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- Representing information as bits
- Bit-level manipulations
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Computer is a binary digital system

Binary (base 2) system:

has two states: 0 and 1

- Basic unit of information is the binary digit, or bit.
- Values with more than two states require multiple bits.
 - A collection of two bits has four possible states:
 00, 01, 10, 11
 - A collection of three bits has eight possible states:
 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111
 - A collection of n bits has 2ⁿ possible states.

What kinds of data do we need to represent?

Everything is bits

- Numbers signed, unsigned, integers, floating point, complex, rational, irrational, ...
- Text characters, strings, ...
- Images pixels, colors, shapes, ...
- Sound
- Logical true, false
- Instructions
- ..

Base 2 Number Representation

- Represent 15213₁₀ as 11101101101101₂
- Represent 1.20₁₀ as 1.001100110011[0011]...₂
- Represent 1.5213 X 10⁴ as 1.1101101101101₂ X 2¹

Hexadecimal Notation

It is often convenient

to write binary (base-2) numbers as hexadecimal (base-16) numbers instead.

- fewer digits -- four bits per hex digit
- less error prone -- easy to corrupt long string of 1's and 0's

C notation for hexadecimal numbers:

- 0xFA1D37B
- 0xfa1d37b

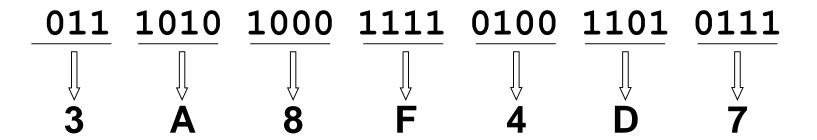
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Hex	Der	inal	

0	0	0000
1	1	0001
1 2 3	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
В	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

This is not a new machine representation, just a convenient way to write the number.

Converting from Binary to Hexadecimal

- Every four bits is a hex digit.
 - start grouping from right-hand side



Sizes of Data Types (in bytes)

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
char	1	1	1
short	2	2	2
int	4	4	4
long	4	8	8
float	4	4	4
double	8	8	8
long double	-	-	10/16
pointer	4	8	8

1 byte = 8 bits

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Logical Operations (Boolean Algebra)

- Operations on logical TRUE or FALSE
 - two states -- takes one bit to represent: TRUE=1, FALSE=0

A		AND	OR	XOR		NOT
	В	A & B	A B	A^B	A	~ A
0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	1	,	
1	1	1	1	0		

- View *n*-bit number as a collection of *n* logical values
 - operation applied to each bit independently

General Boolean Algebras

- Operate on Bit Vectors
 - Operations applied bitwise

```
      01101001
      01101001

      & 01010101
      | 01010101
      ^ 01010101
      ~ 01010101

      01000001
      01111101
      00111100
      10101010
```

All of the Properties of Boolean Algebra Apply

Example: Representing & Manipulating Sets

Representation

Width w bit vector represents subsets of {0, ..., w-1}

■
$$a_j = 1$$
 if $j \in A$

• 01101001 A={ 0, 3, 5, 6 }
76543210

• 01010101 A={ 0, 2, 4, 6 }
76543210

Operations

&	Intersection	01000001	{ 0, 6 }
•	Union	01111101	{ 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 }
^	Symmetric difference	00111100	{ 2, 3, 4, 5 }
■ ~	Complement	10101010	{ 1, 3, 5, 7 }

Bit-Level Operations in C

■ Operations &, |, ~, ^ Available in C

- Apply to any "integral" data type
 - long, int, short, char, unsigned
- View arguments as bit vectors
- Arguments applied bit-wise

Examples

- ~ 0x41 → 0xBE
 - \bullet ~ 0100 0001₂ \rightarrow 1011 1110₂
- ~ 0x00 → 0xFF
 - \bullet ~ 0000 0000₂ → 1111 1111₂
- $0x69 \& 0x55 \rightarrow 0x41$
 - 0110 1001₂ & 0101 0101₂ \rightarrow 0100 0001₂
- $0x69 \mid 0x55 \rightarrow 0x7D$
 - 0110 1001₂ | 0101 0101₂ \rightarrow 0111 1101₂

Logic Operations in C

Contrast to Bit-Level Logical Operators

- **&&**, ||, !
 - View 0 as "False"
 - Anything nonzero as "True"
 - Always return 0 or 1

Examples

- !0x41 → 0x00
- !0x00 → 0x01
- !!0x41 → 0x01
- 0x69 && 0x55 → 0x01
- $0x69 \mid \mid 0x55 \rightarrow 0x01$
- p && *p (avoids null pointer access)

Logic Operations in C

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```
    & & , | | , !
    View 0 as "Fa
    Anything nonze
```

Alway

- Example
 - !0x41
 - !0x00
 - •!!0x41

Watch out for difference

&& vs. & (and || vs. |)...

one of the more common errors in

C programming

- 0x69 &
- $0x69 \mid | 0x55 \rightarrow 0x01$
- p && *p (avoids null pointer access)

Shift Operations

- Left Shift: x << y</p>
 - Shift bit-vector x left y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on left
 - Fill with 0's on right
- Right Shift: x >> y
 - Shift bit-vector x right y positions
 - Throw away extra bits on right
 - Logical shift
 - Fill with 0's on left
 - Arithmetic shift
 - Replicate most significant bit on left

Log. >> 2	00011000
Arith. >> 2	00011000
Argument x	10100010
<< 3	00010000

01100010

00010000

00101000

11101000

Argument x

<< 3

Log. >> 2

Arith. >> 2

Undefined Behavior

Shift amount < 0 or ≥ word size</p>

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Encoding Integers

1. Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

- A w-bit unsigned binary number can represent 2^w unique values: from 0 to (2^w-1)
 - With 3 bits (w=3), we can represent the integers from 0 to 7 (2³-1)

	Binar ₎ umbe	Decimal			
2 ²	2 ¹	2 ⁰	Value		
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		

Encoding Integers

1. Unsigned

```
unsigned short int x = 12345;
unsigned short int y = 53191;
```

Cunsigned short data type (2 bytes)

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
x	12345	00110000 00111001	30 39
У	53191	11001111 11000111	CF C7

Unsigned Example

x = 12345: 00110000 00111001 y = 53191: 11001111 11000111

32768 (2 ¹⁵)	16384 (2 ¹⁴)	8192 (2 ¹³)	4096 (2 ¹²)	2048 (2 ¹¹)	1024 (2 ¹⁰)	512 (2 ⁹)	256 (2 ⁸)	128 (2 ⁷)	64 (2 ⁶)	32 (2 ⁵)	16 (2 ⁴)	8 (2³)	4 (2 ²)	2 (2 ¹)	1 (2 ⁰)
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	8192	4096	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	16	8	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
32768	16384	0	0	2048	1024	512	256	128	64	0	0	0	4	2	1

12345

53191

Numeric Ranges

Unsigned Values

```
■ UMin = 0 000...0
```

```
• UMax = 2^w - 1
111...1
```

Encoding Integers

2. Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

$$\mathbf{Sign}$$

$$\mathbf{Bit}$$

- A w-bit unsigned binary number can represent 2^w unique values: from (-2^{w-1}) to (2^{w-1} 1)
 - With 3 bits (w=3), we can represent the integers from -4 (-2²) to 3 (2²-1)
- Sign Bit
 - For two's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
 - 0 for positive
 - 1 for negative

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1	0	1	-3		
1	1	0	-2		
1	1	1	-1		

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Two's-complement Encoding Example

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0	0	8192	4096	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	16	8	0	0	1	12345
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	
-32768	16384	0	0	2048	1024	512	256	128	64	0	0	0	4	2	1	-12345

Numeric Ranges

■ Two's Complement Values

```
■ TMin = -2^{w-1}

100...0

■ TMax = 2^{w-1}-1

011...1

■ -1

111...1
```

Values for W = 16

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
UMax	65535	11111111 11111111	FF FF
TMax	32767	01111111 11111111	7F FF
TMin	-32768	10000000 00000000	80 00
-1	-1	11111111 11111111	FF FF
0	0	0000000 00000000	00 00

Values for Different Word Sizes

			W	
	8	16	32	64
UMax	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
TMax	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
TMin	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

Observations

- \blacksquare |TMin| = TMax + 1
 - Asymmetric range
- UMax = 2 * TMax + 1or (2 * |TMin| - 1)

C Programming

- #include <limits.h>
- Declares constants, e.g.,
 - ULONG_MAX
 - LONG MAX
 - LONG_MIN
- Values platform specific

Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

Χ	B2U(<i>X</i>)	B2T(<i>X</i>)
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	- 8
1001	9	- 7
1010	10	- 6
1011	11	- 5
1100	12	– 4
1101	13	- 3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

Equivalence

Same encodings for nonnegative values

Uniqueness

- Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
- Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

First Method: Division

- 1. Find magnitude of decimal number. (Always positive.)
- 2. Divide by two remainder is least significant bit.
- 3. Keep dividing by two until answer is zero, writing remainders from right to left.
- Append a zero as the MS bit;
 if original number was negative, take complement and add 1.

$$X = 104_{10}$$
 $104/2 = 52 \text{ r0} \quad bit \ 0$
 $52/2 = 26 \text{ r0} \quad bit \ 1$
 $26/2 = 13 \text{ r0} \quad bit \ 2$
 $13/2 = 6 \text{ r1} \quad bit \ 3$
 $6/2 = 3 \text{ r0} \quad bit \ 4$
 $3/2 = 1 \text{ r1} \quad bit \ 5$
 $X = 01101000_2$
 $1/2 = 0 \text{ r1} \quad bit \ 6$

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Second Method: Subtract Powers of Two

- 1. Find magnitude of decimal number.
- 2. Subtract largest power of two less than or equal to number.
- 3. Put a one in the corresponding bit position.
- 4. Keep subtracting until result is zero.

 $X = 01101000_{2}$

5. Append a zero as MS bit; if original was negative, MS bit is 1 and take take complement and add 1.

$$X = 104_{10}$$
 $104 - 64(2^{6}) = 40$ bit 6
 $40 - 32(2^{5}) = 8$ bit 5
 $8 - 8(2^{3}) = 0$ bit 3

n	2 ⁿ
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

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Two's complement of 1101000 = 0010111+1 = 0011000 $X=10011000_2$

	00
n	2 ⁿ
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1	2
2	4
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4	16
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7	128
8	256
9	512
0	1024

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Conversions Between Signed & Unsigned

```
short int x = -12345;
unsigned short ux = (unsigned short) x;
printf("x = %d, ux = %u\n", x,ux);
```

Output:

```
x = -12345, ux = 53191
```

```
unsigned u = 4294967295u; /* Umax */
int tu = (int) u;
printf("u = %u, tu = %d\n", u,tu);
```

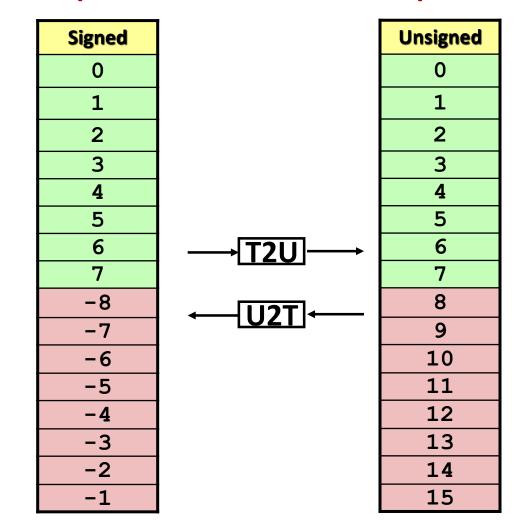
Output:

$$u = 4294967295$$
, $tu = -1$

Conversions Between Signed & Unsigned

Keep bit representations and reinterpret

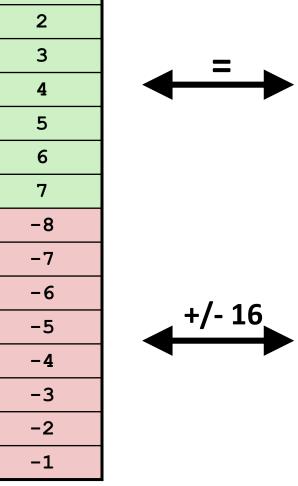
Bits
0000
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0010
0011
0100
0101
0110
0111
1000
1001
1010
1011
1100
1101
1110
1111



Mapping Signed ↔ Unsigned

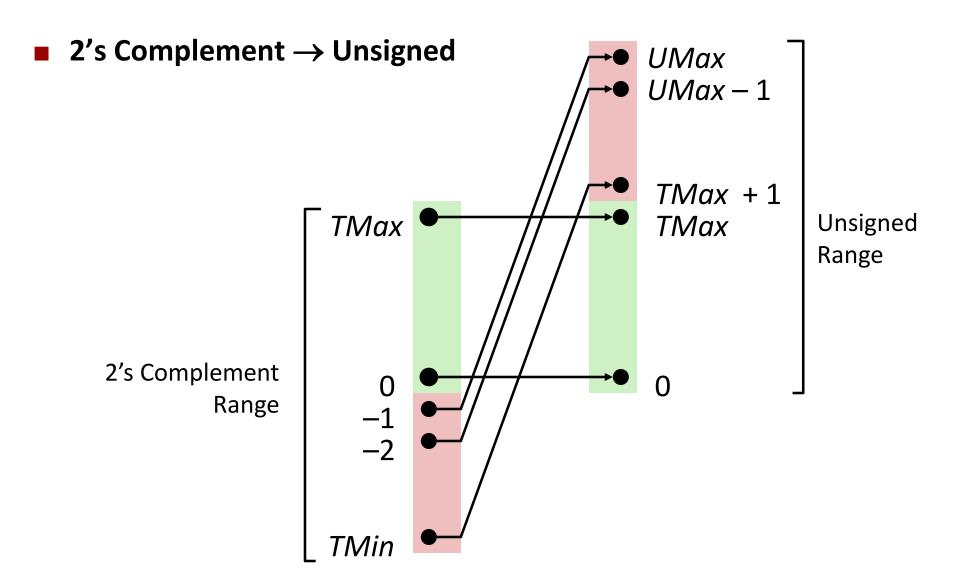
Bits
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1111

Signed	
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
-8	
-7	
-6	
-5	
-4	
-3	
-2	
-1	





Conversion Visualized



Signed vs. Unsigned in C

C Constants

- By default are considered to be signed integers
- Unsigned if has "U" as suffix

```
OU, 4294967259u
```

Casting

```
int tx, ty;
unsigned ux, uy;
```

Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U

```
tx = (int) ux;    /* cast to signed */
uy = (unsigned) ty; /* cast to unsigned */
```

Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls

```
tx = ux;  /* cast to signed */
uy = ty;  /* cast to unsigned */
```

Casting Examples in C

- If there is a mix of unsigned and signed in single expression, signed values implicitly cast to unsigned
- Including comparison operations <, >, ==, <=, >=
- Examples for W = 4: TMin = -8, TMax = 7

Constant 1	Expression	Constant 2	Туре	Evaluation
0	==	0U	unsigned	1
-1	<	0	signed	1
-1	<	0 U	unsigned	0
7	>	-7-1	signed	1
7 U	>	-7-1	unsigned	0
-1	>	-2	signed	1
(unsigned)-1	>	-2	unsigned	1
7	>	(int) 8U	signed	1
7	<	8U	unsigned	1

Unsigned vs. Signed: Easy to Make Mistakes

- C Standard guarantees that unsigned addition will behave like modular arithmetic
 - 0 1 = UMax
- Proper way to use unsigned as loop index

```
unsigned i;
for (i=cnt-2; i<cnt; i--)
   a[i] += a[i+1];</pre>
```

Even better

```
size_t i;
for (i=cnt-2; i<cnt; i--)
   a[i] += a[i+1];</pre>
```

- Data type size t defined as unsigned value with length = word size
- Code will work even if cnt = UMax
- What if cnt is signed and < 0?</p>

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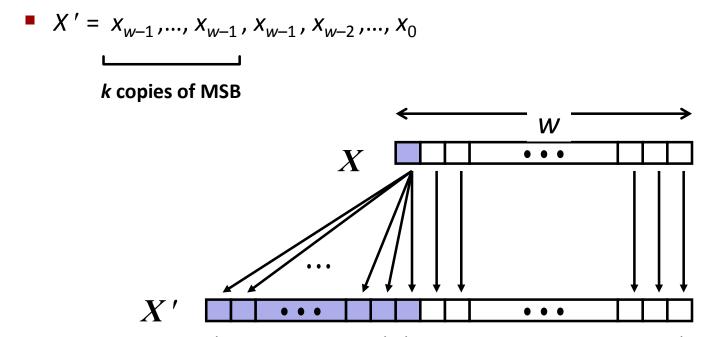
Sign Extension

■ Task:

- Given w-bit signed integer x
- Convert it to (w+k)-bit integer with same value

Rule:

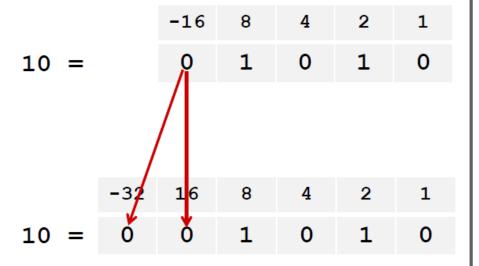
Make k copies of sign bit:



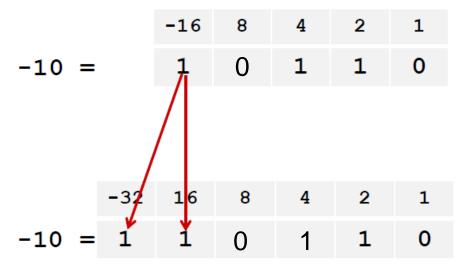
W

Sign Extension: Simple Example

Positive number



Negative number



Sign Extension Example (in C)

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
SX	-12345	11001111 11000111	CF C7
ux	4294954951	11111111 11111111 11001111 11000111	FF FF CF C7
uy	53191	00000000 00000000 11001111 11000111	00 00 CF C7

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension

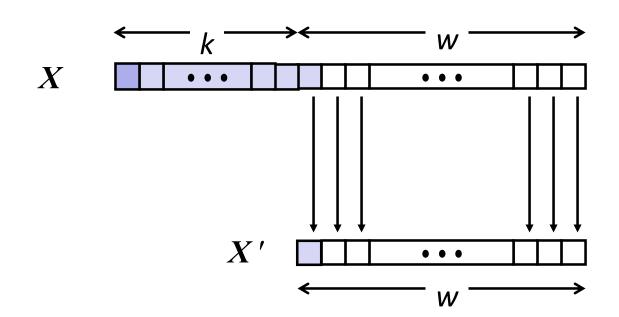
Truncation

■ Task:

- Given (k+w)-bit signed or unsigned integer X
- Convert it to w-bit integer X' with same value for "small enough" X

Rule:

- Drop top k bits:
- $X' = X_{w-1}, X_{w-2}, ..., X_0$



Truncation: Simple Example

No sign change

$$-16$$
 8 4 2 1 -6 = 1 1 0 1 0

$$-8$$
 4 2 1 -6 = 1 0 1 0

 $-6 \mod 16 = 26U \mod 16 = 10U = -6$

Sign change

$$10 = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-8$$
 4 2 1 -6 = 1 0 1 0

 $10 \mod 16 = 10U \mod 16 = 10U = -6$

$$-16$$
 8 4 2 1 -10 = 1 0 1 1 0

 $-10 \mod 16 = 22U \mod 16 = 6U = 6$

Truncation Example (in C)

```
int x = 53191;
short sx = (short) x; /* sx = -12345 */
int y = sx; /* y = -12345 */
```

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
X	53191	00000000 00000000 11001111 11000111	00 00 CF C7
SX	-12345	11001111 11000111	CF C7
У	-12345	11111111 1111111 11001111 11000111	FF FF CF C7

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Unsigned Addition

Operands: w bits

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True Sum: w+1 bits



Discard Carry: w bits

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$$UAdd_{w}(u, v)$$

Standard Addition Function

Ignores carry output

Implements Modular Arithmetic

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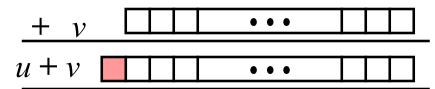
-- discard carry

Two's Complement Addition

Operands: w bits

u $\bullet \bullet \bullet$

True Sum: w+1 bits



Discard Carry: w bits

$$TAdd_{w}(u, v)$$

TAdd and UAdd have Identical Bit-Level Behavior

Signed vs. unsigned addition in C:

```
int s, t, u, v;
s = (int) ((unsigned) u + (unsigned) v);
t = u + v
```

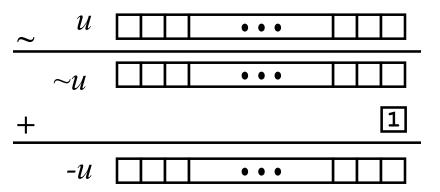
Will give s == t

Negation: Complement and Increment

Operand

Take complement

Add 1



Negation: Complement and Increment

Observation:
$$\sim x + 1 = -x \rightarrow \sim x + x = -1$$

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
u	7	0111	7
~u	-8	1000	8
~u+1	-7	1001	9

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
u	-7	1001	9
~u	6	0110	6
~u+1	7	0111	7

Complement & Increment Examples

x=0

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
0	0	00000000 00000000	00 00
~0	-1	11111111 11111111	FF FF
~0+1	0	00000000 00000000	00 00

x=TMin

	Decimal	Binary	Hex
X	-32768	10000000 00000000	80 00
~X	32767	01111111 11111111	7F FF
~x+1	-32768	10000000 00000000	80 00

Canonical counter example

Multiplication

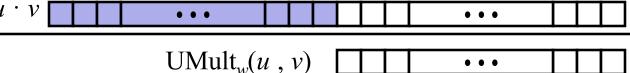
- Goal: Computing Product of w-bit numbers x, y
 - Either signed or unsigned
- But, exact results can be bigger than w bits
 - Up to 2w bits

Unsigned Multiplication

Operands: w bits

True Product: 2*w bits

Discard w bits: w bits



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Result range: $0 \le x^*y \le (2^w - 1)^2 = 2^{2w} - 2^{w+1} + 1$

- **Standard Multiplication Function**
 - Ignores high order w bits
- **Implements Modular Arithmetic**

$$UMult_w(u, v) = (u \cdot v) \mod 2^w$$

3	3	0011
* 5	<u>* 5</u>	* 0101
15	F	1111
15	F	1111

10	A	1010
<u>* 5</u>	<u>* 5</u>	* 0101
50	32	11 0010
2	2	0010

Signed Multiplication

Operands: w bits

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True Product: 2*w bits

 $TMult_{w}(u, v)$

Discard w bits: w bits

$$(-2^{w-1})*(2^{w-1}-1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1} \le x*y \le (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$$

Standard Multiplication Function

- Ignores high order w bits
- Some of which are different for signed vs. unsigned multiplication
- Lower bits are the same

	3		3		0011
* !	5	*	<u>5</u>	*	0101
1!	5		F		<u>1111</u>
-:	1		F		1111

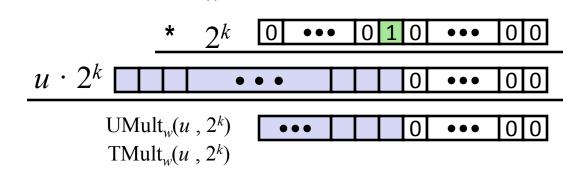
-6	A	1010
<u>* 5</u>	<u>* 5</u>	* 0101
-30	32	11 0010
2	2	0010

Power-of-2 Multiply with Shift

Operation

- u << k gives u * 2^k
- Both signed and unsigned

Operands: w bits



u

k

Discard *k* bits: *w* bits

True Product: w+k bits

Examples

- u << 3 == u * 8</pre>
- u << 5 u << 3 == u * 24
- Most machines shift and add faster than multiply
 - Compiler generates this code automatically

Compiled Multiplication Code

C Function

```
long mul_12(long x) {
  return x*12;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
leaq (%rax,%rax,2), %rax
salq $2, %rax
```

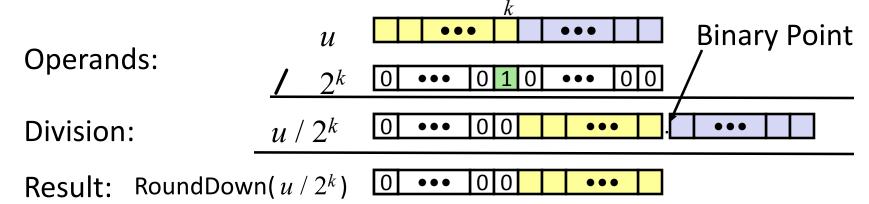
Explanation

```
x = x + x*2
return x << 2;
```

C compiler automatically generates shift/add code when multiplying by constant

Unsigned Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

- Quotient of Unsigned by Power of 2
 - $\mathbf{u} \gg \mathbf{k}$ gives $\left[\mathbf{u} / 2^k \right]$
 - Uses logical shift



	Division	Computed	Binary
x	15	15	1111
x >> 1	7.5	7	0111
x >> 2	3.75	3	0011
x >> 3	1.875	1	0001

Compiled Unsigned Division Code

C Function

```
unsigned long udiv_8 (unsigned long x) {
  return x/8;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
shrq $3, %rax
```

Explanation

```
# Logical shift
return x >> 3;
```

- Uses logical shift for unsigned
- For Java Users
 - Logical shift written as >>>

Signed Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

Quotient of Signed by Power of 2

RoundDown($x / 2^k$)

- $x \gg k$ gives $\lfloor x / 2^k \rfloor$
- Uses arithmetic shift

Result:

Rounds wrong direction if x < 0 xOperands: x = 0 y = 0Division: $x / 2^{k}$ Division:

	Division	Computed	Binary
x	-7	-7	1001
x >> 1	-3.5	-4	1100
x >> 2	-1.75	-2	1110
x >> 3	-0.875	-1	111 <mark>1</mark>

Compiled Signed Division Code

C Function

```
long idiv_4(long x) {
  return x/4;
}
```

Compiled Arithmetic Operations

```
testq %rax, %rax
  js L4
L3:
  sarq $2, %rax
  ret
L4:
  addq $4, %rax
  jmp L3
```

Explanation

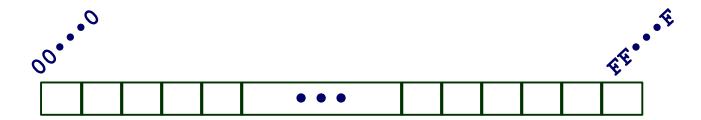
```
if x < 0
   x += 3;
# Arithmetic shift
return x >> 2;
```

- Uses arithmetic shift for int
- For Java Users
 - Arith. shift written as >>

Today: Bits, Bytes, and Integers

- Representing information as bits
- Bit-level manipulations
- Integers
 - Representation: unsigned and signed
 - Conversion, casting
 - Expanding, truncating
 - Addition, negation, multiplication, shifting
 - Summary
- Representations in memory, pointers, strings

Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



Programs refer to data by address

- Conceptually, imagine it as a very large array of bytes
 - In reality, it's not, but can think of it that way
- An address is like an index into that array
 - and, a pointer variable stores an address

Note: system provides private address spaces to each "process"

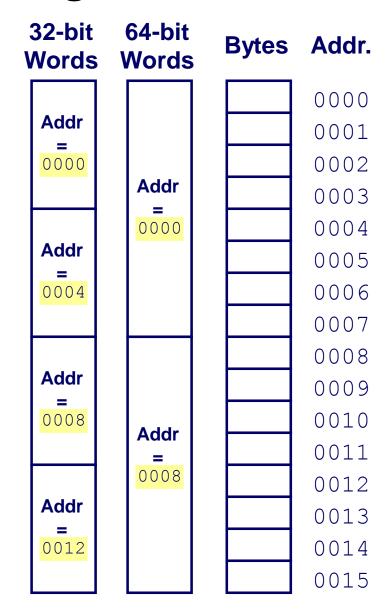
- Think of a process as a program being executed
- So, a program can overwrite its own data, but not that of others

Machine Words

- Any given computer has a "Word Size"
 - Size of integer-valued data
 - and size of addresses
 - Until recently, most machines used 32 bits (4 bytes) as word size
 - Limits addresses to 4GB (2³² bytes)
 - Increasingly, machines have 64-bit word size
 - Potentially, could have 18 EB (exabytes) of addressable memory
 - That's 18.4 X 10¹⁸
 - Machines still support multiple data formats
 - Fractions or multiples of word size
 - Always integral number of bytes

Word-Oriented Memory Organization

- Addresses Specify Byte Locations
 - Address of first byte in word
 - Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)



Example Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
char	1	1	1
short	2	2	2
int	4	4	4
long	4	8	8
float	4	4	4
double	8	8	8
long double	-	-	10/16
pointer	4	8	8

Byte Ordering

- So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?
- Conventions
 - Big Endian: Sun, PPC Mac, Internet
 - Least significant byte has highest address
 - Little Endian: x86, ARM processors running Android, iOS, and Windows
 - Least significant byte has lowest address

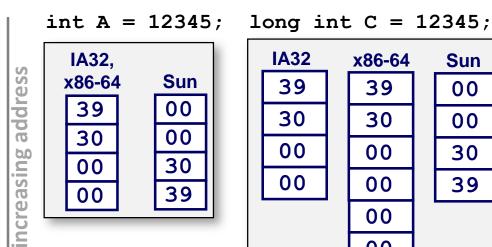
Byte Ordering Example

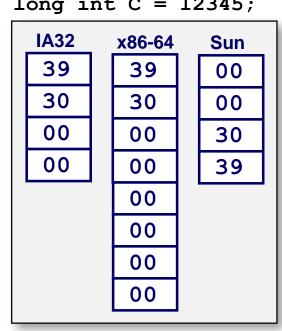
Example

- Variable x has 4-byte value of 0x01234567
- Address given by &x is 0x100

Big Endian		0x100	0x101	0 x 102	0 x 103	
		01	23	45	67	
Little Endia	ın	0x100	0x101	0 x 102	0x103	
		67	45	23	01	

Representing Integers

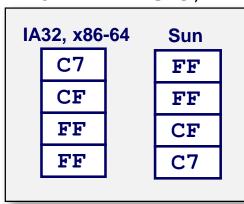




Decimal: 12345 Binary: 0011 0000 0011 1001 Hex: 3 0 3 9

Two's complement representation

```
int B = -12345;
```



Decimal: -12345 Binary: 1100 1111 1100 0111 Hex:

Examining Data Representations

- Code to Print Byte Representation of Data
 - Casting pointer to unsigned char * allows treatment as a byte array

```
typedef unsigned char *ucpointer;

void show_bytes(ucpointer start, size_t len) {
    size_t i;
    for (i=0; i<len; i++)
        printf("%p\t0x%.2x\n",start+i, start[i]);
    printf("\n");
}</pre>
```

printf directives:

%p: Print pointer

%x: Print Hexadecimal

show_bytes Execution Example

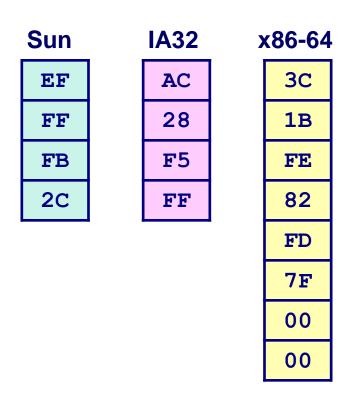
```
int a = 12345;
printf("int a = 12345;\n");
show_bytes((ucpointer) &a, sizeof(int));
```

Result (Linux x86-64):

Representing Pointers

int
$$B = -12345;$$

int *P = &B



Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

Even get different results each run of the program

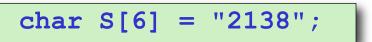
Representing Strings

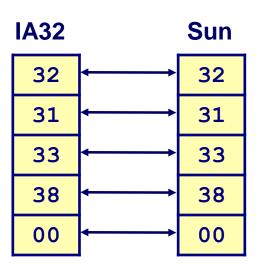
Strings in C

- Represented by array of characters
- Each character encoded in ASCII format
 - Standard 7-bit encoding of character set
 - Character "0" has code 0x30
 - Digit i has code 0x30+i
- String should be null-terminated
 - Final character = 0

Compatibility

Byte ordering not an issue





Reading Byte-Reversed Listings

Disassembly

- Text representation of binary machine code
- Generated by program that reads the machine code

Example Fragment (little endian machine)

Address	Instruction Code	Assembly Code
8048365:	5b	pop %ebx
8048366:	81 c3 ab 12 00 00	add \$0x12ab,%ebx
804836c:	83 bb 28 00 00 00 00	cmpl \$0x0,0x28(%ebx)

Deciphering Numbers

- Value:
- Pad to 4 bytes:
- Split into bytes:
- Reverse:

0x12ab

0x000012ab

00 00 12 ab

ab 12 00 00

Integer C Puzzles

Initialization

```
int x = foo();
int y = bar();
unsigned ux = x;
unsigned uy = y;
```

$(x < 0) \rightarrow ((x*2) < 0)$	False
ux >= 0	True
$x & 7 == 7 \rightarrow (x << 30) < 0$	True
ux > -1	False
$x > y \rightarrow -x < -y$	False
(x*x) >= 0	False
$(x>0) \&\& y > 0 \to x+y > 0$	False
$x >= 0 \rightarrow -x <= 0$	True
$x \leftarrow 0 \rightarrow -x >= 0$	False
(x -x)>>31 == -1	False
ux >> 3 == ux/8	True
x >> 3 == x/8	False
x & (x-1) != 0	False