

Bit Manipulation

Basics

Example

Given two integers, a = 60, b = 13.

a = 0011 1100

b = 0000 1101

Operator	Description	Example
& (bitwise AND)	Copy a bit to the result if it exists in both operands.	a & b = 0000 1100 = 12
(bitwise OR)	Copy a bit to the result if it exists in either operand.	a b = 0011 1101 = 61
^ (bitwise XOR)	Copy a bit to the result if it is set in one operand but not in both.	a ^ b = 0011 0001 = 49
~ (bitwise compliment)	Flip bits.	~a = 1100 0011
<< (left shift)	The left operands value is moved left by the number of bits specified by the right operand.	a << 2 = 1111 0000 = 240
>> (right shift)	The left operands value is moved right by the number of bits specified by the right operand.	a >> 2 = 1111 = 15
>>> (zero fill right shift)	The left operands value is moved right by the number of bits specified by the right operand and shifted values are filled up with zeros.	a >>> 2 = 0000 1111 = 15