

What range of values can be described by N bits?

$N=2$ — — — — $N=3$ — — — — $N=4$ — — — —

Let's talk about addition because it's a common operation and it's a good time to present it.

Binary addition very similar to decimal addition

What do you need to know/do for decimal addition
addition table, carry

Binary addition table:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0 + 0 & = & 0 \\ 0 + 1 & = & 1 \\ 1 + 1 & = & 10 \\ 1 + 1 + 1 & = & 11 \end{array}$$

Addition in 4-bits:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad 0011 \\ +6 \quad 0110 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad 0011 \\ +7 \quad 0111 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \quad 1011 \\ +7 \quad 0111 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The number of bits being manipulated by hardware is called word size.

Overflow occurs when the result of an operation lies outside the range of the word size.