

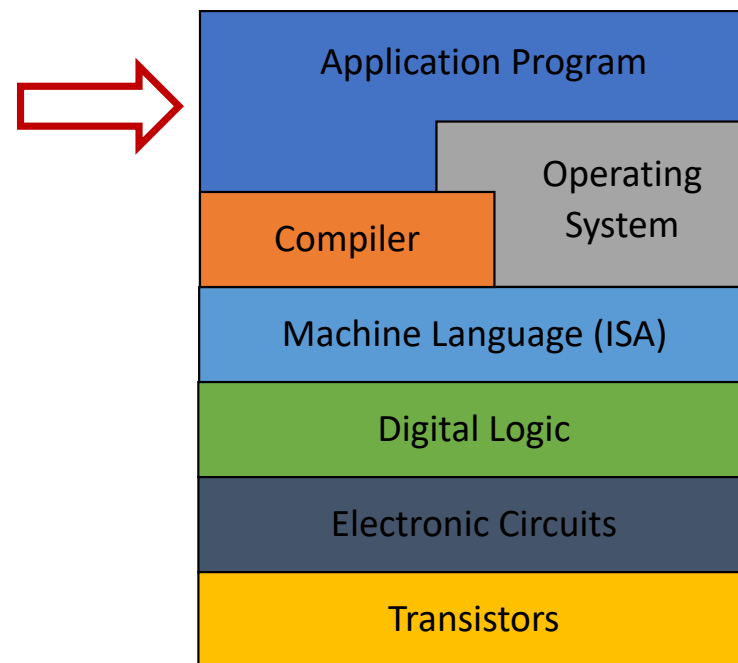
EECS 388: Embedded Systems

Lecture 3

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Context



Example In-class quiz question

- **True/False:**

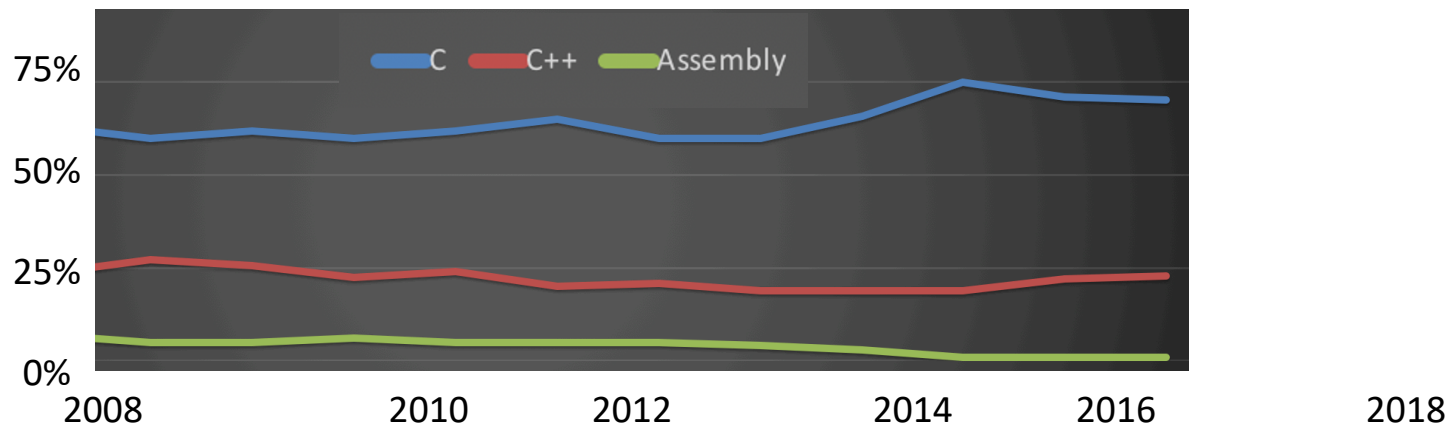
1. Assembly language programs generated from the **same** C program is **same** for different Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)
2. The same ISA can be implemented with two different microarchitectures
3. The preprocessing step of the compiler tool-chain expands the assembly code to generate a machine-readable binary
4. Embedded systems are generally not programable by end-users/consumers

Embedded Software Market Share

C: 70%

C++: 25%

Assembly, Java, etc: 5%



<https://embeddedgurus.com/barr-code/2018/02/c-the-immortal-programming-language/>

Embedded systems primarily uses C programming. But WHY?

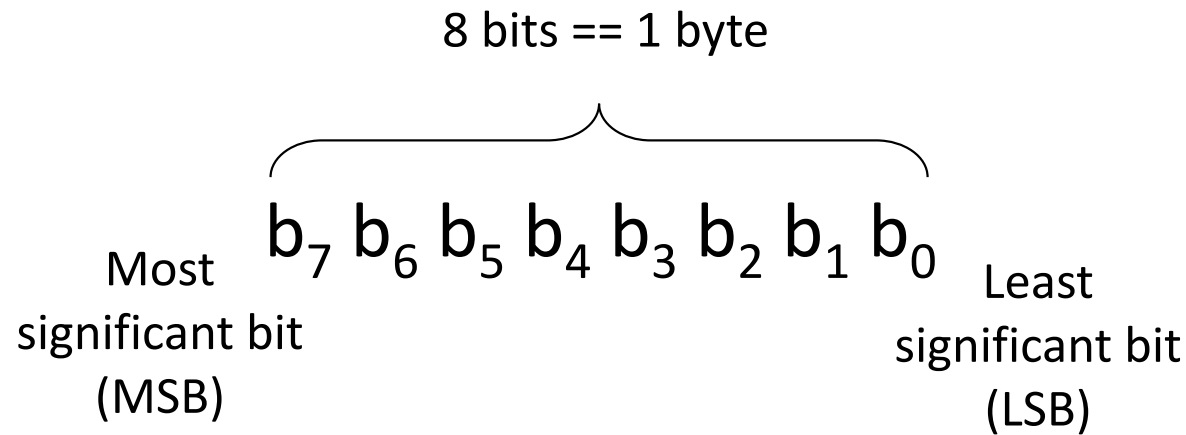
- **High-level:**

- Feasibility of learning, portability across OS, hardware independent compared to assembly

- **Low level:**

- Lower code overhead for execution
 - Ex: In Java, we need JVM (Java Virtual Machine) in addition to the jar files (Executable)
- Bitwise operation (programming registers)
 - Changing register values
- Memory management (access & allocation)
 - Pointers, dynamic memory allocation
- I/O operation
 - Using pointers we can configure I/O devices

Bits vs Bytes



- To understand a value of a variable and use it properly, a compiler needs to understand both the raw values and the type of a variable

Declaring Variables

- Variable is nothing but a name given to a memory location.
- Declaration is needed before using variable in program
- Declaration need (at least) two things:
 - Data type
 - Variable name

```
<data-type> <var name>; → int var;
```

- Variable value can be initialized during declaration

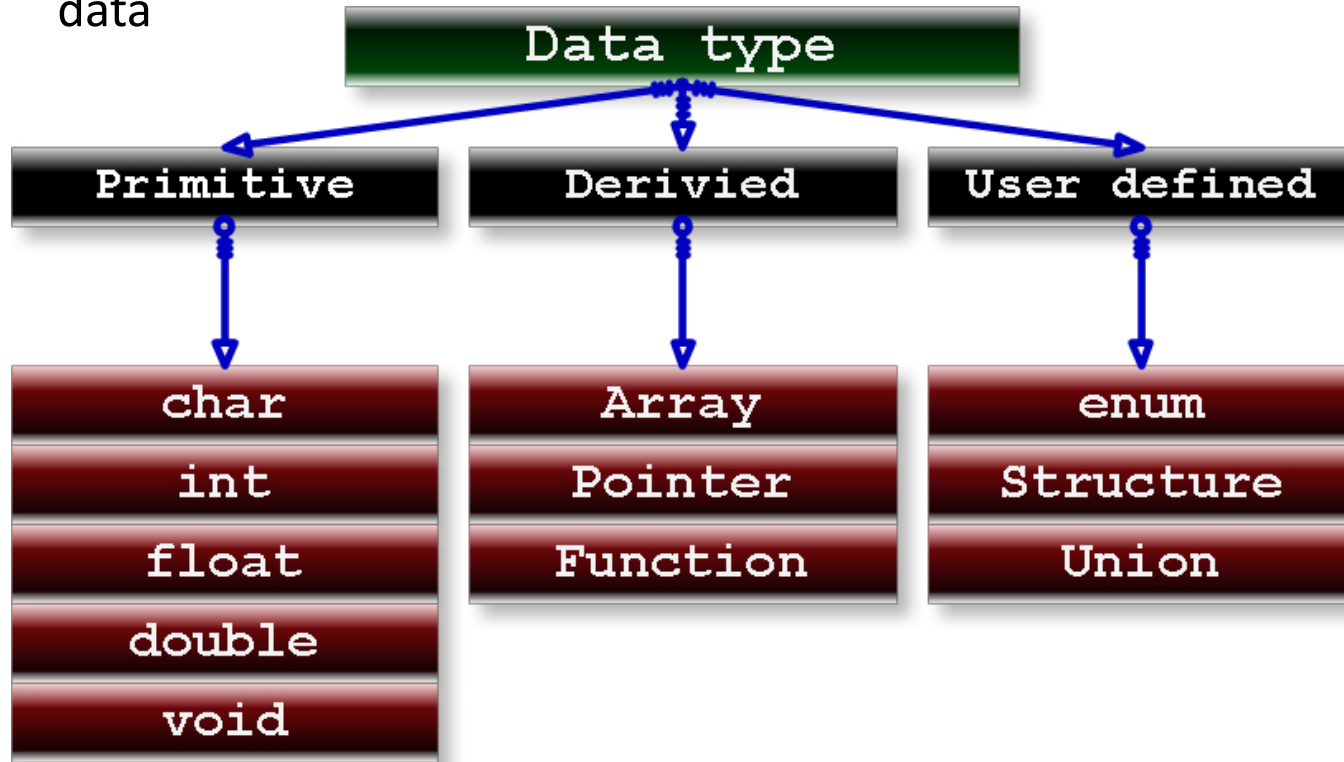
```
<data-type> <var name> = < value>; → int var = 7;
```

Declaring Variables

- When we declare once, we don't need to declare the type again (within the same function):
 - `int var;`
 - `var=13;`
- We can assign variable to a variable:
 - `Int var=13;`
 - `Int new_var=var;`

Data Types

- Data type is a way for the programmer to tell the compiler or interpreter how the data will be used/processed
- Allows programmer to define precision, range, and sign of the data



Primitive Data Types

| Data type | Size | Range | Description |
|-----------|-------------|--|--|
| char | 1 byte | -128 to +127 | A character |
| int | 2 or 4 byte | -32,768 to 32,767 or -2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647 | An integer |
| float | 4 byte | 1.2E-38 to 3.4E+38 | Single precision floating point number |
| void | 1 byte | | void type stores nothing |

```
char c= 'A';  
int a=30;  
float b=2.55;
```

*Size of int is compiler dependent, but mostly 4 bytes.

- **Void**

- Function return type: when function don't return anything
- Universal **pointer type**: placeholder when datatype is unknown

```
void func () {  
    printf("Hi  
EECS388!");  
}
```

```
void * ptr;
```

Type Modifiers

<type modifier (s)> <data-type> <var name> = < value>;

Increase the size of data types or change their properties

- Short
- Long
- Unsigned
- Signed

| Data type | Storage | Range |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| char | 1 Byte | [-128,+127] |
| unsigned char | 1 Byte | [0, 255] |
| short int | 2 Byte | [-32768,+32767] |
| unsigned short int | 2 Byte | [0, 65535] |
| int | 2 or 4 Byte | $[-2^{15}, 2^{15}-1]$ or $[-2^{31}, 2^{31}-1]$ |
| long int | 4 or 8 Byte | $[-2^{31}, 2^{31}-1]$ or $[-2^{63}, 2^{63}-1]$ |
| long long int | 8 Bytes | $[-2^{63}, 2^{63}-1]$ |

Example: **unsigned long** int var = 200;

Type qualifier

`<type qualifier> <type modifier> <data-type> <var name> = < value>;`

- The keywords which are used to modify the properties of a variable are called type qualifiers.

- **Const:** *variable can't be changed once it is defined*

- **Volatile**

```
void main(){
```

```
    int i = 9 ;
```

```
    const int x = 10 ;
```

```
    clrscr() ;
```

```
    i = 15 ;
```

```
    x = 100 ; // creates an error
```

```
error: assignment of read-only variable 'x'
```

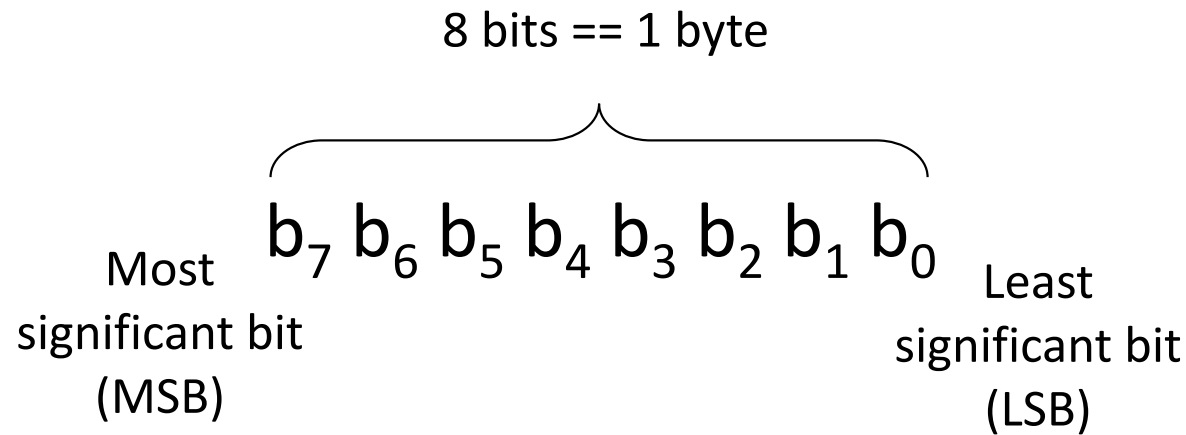
Type qualifier

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<type qualifier> <type modifier> <data-type> <var name> = <value>;
```

- **Volatile:** *tells the compiler that the value of the variable may change at any time--without any action being taken by the nearby code (could change by the hardware instead)*
- Example of variable with such change:
 - Registers of memory-mapped peripheral
 - Global variables modified by an interrupt service routine
 - Global variables accessed by multiple tasks within a multi-threaded application

<https://barrgroup.com/embedded-systems/how-to/c-volatile-keyword>

Data Storage in Memory



$$1000_2 = 8_{10}$$

$$0000_2 = 0_{10}$$

$$1001_2 = 9_{10}$$

Change MSB: high impact

Change LSB: low impact

Introduction to Number Systems

represent the numbers.

- Ancient number system:
 - tally marks → not good for large numbers

| | | | |
|---|------|----|------|
| 1 | I | 6 | I |
| 2 | II | 7 | II |
| 3 | III | 8 | III |
| 4 | IIII | 9 | IIII |
| 5 | | 10 | |

Figure: tally marks

❑ Modern numbering system: “positional system”

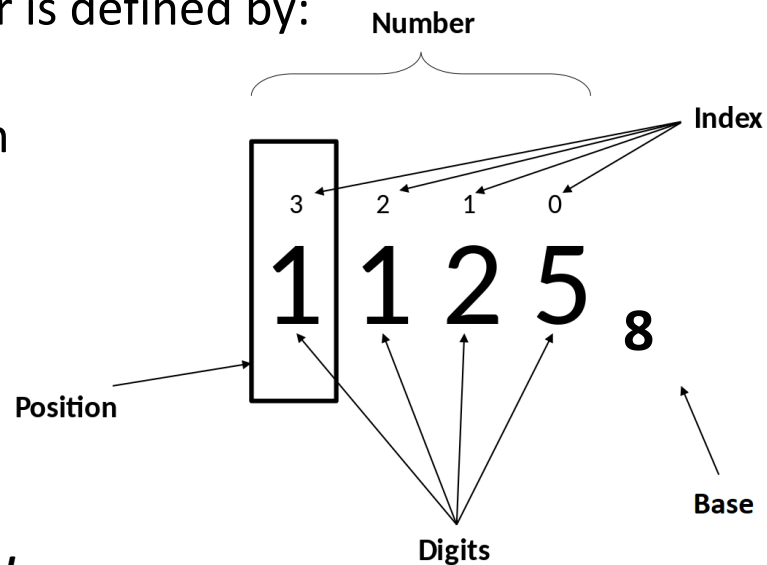
- Represents numbers using an ordered set of digits
- Value of a digit depends on the “base”
- The **base** is the **number of digits** in the system

| Positional System | Base | Allowed Digits |
|-------------------|---------|---|
| Binary | Base 2 | 0,1 |
| Octal | Base 8 | 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7 |
| Decimal | Base 10 | 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 |
| Hex | Base ? | 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F (A=10, ..., F=15) |

Positional System

- Value of a number is defined by:

- Digits
- Index/position
- Base



Converting to Decimal

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----|----|---|
| | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| $Digit \times Base^{Index}$ | | | | |
| | 512 | 64 | 16 | 5 |
| $Value = \text{Sum of Products}$ | Value in decimal = (512 + 64 + 16 + 5) = 597 | | | |

Converting to Decimal (cont.)

- Binary (base 2)

- Symbols: 0,1

- E.g., $1011_2 = \mathbf{0b1011} = 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$

Digit \times *Base*^{*Index*}

- Hexadecimal (base 16)

- Symbols: 0,1,...,9,A,B,...,F

- E.g., $123_{16} = \mathbf{0x123} = 1 \times 16^2 + 2 \times 16^1 + 3 \times 16^0$

*Assuming unsigned number

Number Systems

- Conversion to Decimal: Hand calculation is hard for large number
- Need $\text{sum}(\text{Digit} \times \text{Base}^{\text{Index}})$ equation

| Decimal | Hexadecimal | Binary |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0x0 | 0b0 |
| 2 | | |
| 9 | | |
| | 0xA | |
| | 0xF | |
| | 0x1F | |
| | | 0b1000 0000 |
| | | 0b1000 0011 |
| | | 0b1000 0000 0000 0000 |

Complete Red → Green → Yellow

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| 9 | 0x9 | |
| 10 | 0xA | |
| 15 | 0xF | |
| 31 | 0x1F | |
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$$1F_{16} = 1 * 16^1 + F * 16^0 = 16 + 15 = 31_{10}$$

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| 10 | 0xA | |
| 15 | 0xF | |
| 31 | 0x1F | |
| | 0x80 | 0b1000 0000 |
| | 0x83 | 0b1000 0011 |
| | 0x8000 | 0b1000 0000 0000 0000 |

Starting from LSB, each 4-bit binary is a Hex digit.

Number Systems

- Conversion between Hex & Binary: Easy even for large numbers
- Just need to know the conversion between hex to bin for 0 to F

| Decimal | Hexadecimal | Binary |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0x0 | 0b0 |
| 2 | 0x2 | |
| 9 | 0x9 | |
| 10 | 0xA | |
| 15 | 0xF | |
| 31 | 0x1F | |
| 128 | 0x80 | 0b1000 0000 |
| 131 | 0x83 | 0b1000 0011 |
| 32768 | 0x8000 | 0b1000 0000 0000 0000 |

Number Systems

| Decimal | Hexadecimal | Binary |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0x0 | 0b0 |
| 2 | 0x2 | 0b10 |
| 9 | 0x9 | 0b1001 |
| 10 | 0xA | 0b1010 |
| 15 | 0xF | 0b1111 |
| 31 | 0x1F | 0b1 1111 |
| 128 | 0x80 | 0b1000 0000 |
| 131 | 0x83 | 0b1000 0011 |
| 32768 | 0x8000 | 0b1000 0000 0000 0000 |

Starting from LSD, each Hex digit is a 4-bit binary

Categories of Numbers

- Unsigned
- Signed
- Fractional

Unsigned Numbers

- No sign, only magnitude/value

• n-bit binary number:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} b_{n-1} & b_{n-2} & \dots & b_1 & b_0 \\ \uparrow & & & & \uparrow \\ \text{MSB} & & & & \text{LSB} \end{array}$$

- Decimal value:

$$b_{n-1} * 2^{n-1} + b_{n-2} * 2^{n-2} + \dots + b_1 * 2^1 + b_0 * 2^0$$

- Example:

$$0b10011 = 2^4 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 19 \text{ (d)}$$

2's Complement Numbers

- Most common method of representing signed integers in computers
- Getting two's complement of an integer:
 - Write the number 28 in binary, e.g., 00011100
 - **Invert** the digits 11100011
 - **Add 1** to the result 11100100
 - That is how one would write -28 in 8 bit binary.
 - A leading 1 means a negative number, a leading 0 means positive in 2's complement.
- Verify: Subtract 7 from 9 using 2's complement
 - 7(dec)=0b0111; thus: -7= 0b1000+0b1=0b1001
 - Verify: $9 - 7 = 9 + (-7) = 0b1001 + 0b1001 = 0b0010 = 2$

Converting from 2's Complement to signed decimal

- convert as binary number to decimal but with a negative sign with left most binary digit.

- Decimal value:

$$- (b_{n-1} * 2^{n-1}) + b_{n-2} * 2^{n-2} + \dots + b_1 * 2^1 + b_0 * 2^0$$

- Example:

$$0b10011 = - (2^4) + 2^1 + 2^0 = -13 \text{ (d)}$$

Fractional Numbers: Float and double

Float

- IEEE 754 single precision floating point numbers
- 1-bit sign, 8-bits exponent, 23-bits fraction
- 6 significant decimal digits of precision

Double

- 1-bit sign, 11-bits exponent, 52-bits fraction
- 15-17 significant decimal digits of precision

