

# Introductory Lecture

Topics: basics,resources,STL,bitwise tricks,gdb

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- **Never** multiply or divide or take remainder modulo power of 2

# Practice Problems

More tricks: [graphics.stanford.edu/~seander/bithacks.html](http://graphics.stanford.edu/~seander/bithacks.html)  
[lab.polygona.de/2007/05/10/bitwise-gems-fast-integer-math](http://lab.polygona.de/2007/05/10/bitwise-gems-fast-integer-math)  
[bits.stephan-brumme.com](http://bits.stephan-brumme.com)

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bitwise dp:

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