

Bitwise Operations

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Basic Bitwise AND

Program 1:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned int a = 12;
4     unsigned int b = 10;
5     unsigned int result = a & b;
6     printf("a = %u (binary: 1100)\n", a);
7     printf("b = %u (binary: 1010)\n", b);
8     printf("a & b = %u (binary: 1000)\n",
9         result);
10    printf("Decimal: %u\n", result);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Output:

```
a = 12 (binary: 1100)
b = 10 (binary: 1010)
a & b = 8 (binary: 1000)
Decimal: 8
```

Note:

```
AND: 1 & 1 = 1, else 0.
Bit by bit comparison.
    1100
& 1010
-----
    1000
```

Basic Bitwise OR

Program 2:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned int a = 12;
4     unsigned int b = 10;
5     unsigned int result = a | b;
6     printf("a = %u (binary: 1100)\n", a);
7     printf("b = %u (binary: 1010)\n", b);
8     printf("a | b = %u (binary: 1110)\n",
9         result);
10    printf("Decimal: %u\n", result);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Output:

```
a = 12 (binary: 1100)
b = 10 (binary: 1010)
a | b = 14 (binary: 1110)
Decimal: 14
```

Note:

OR: 0 | 0 = 0, else 1.
Combines bits.

```
    1100
  | 1010
  -----
    1110
```

Basic Bitwise XOR

Program 3:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned int a = 12;
4     unsigned int b = 10;
5     unsigned int result = a ^ b;
6     printf("a = %u (binary: 1100)\n", a);
7     printf("b = %u (binary: 1010)\n", b);
8     printf("a ^ b = %u (binary: 0110)\n",
9           result);
10    printf("Decimal: %u\n", result);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Output:

```
a = 12 (binary: 1100)
b = 10 (binary: 1010)
a ^ b = 6 (binary: 0110)
Decimal: 6
```

Note:

XOR: Different bits = 1, same = 0.

Toggle bits.

```
    1100
^   1010
-----
    0110
```

Bitwise NOT

Program 4:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned char a = 5;
4     unsigned char result = ~a;
5     printf("a = %u (binary: 00000101)\n", a);
6     printf("~a = %u (binary: 11111010)\n",
7         result);
8     unsigned int b = 5;
9     printf("~b (int) = %u\n", ~b);
10    return 0;
11 }
```

Output:

```
a = 5 (binary: 00000101)
~a = 250 (binary: 11111010)
~b (int) = 4294967290
```

Note:

NOT: Flips all bits. 0 becomes 1, 1 becomes 0. Result depends on type size. ~5 in 8-bit = 250, in 32-bit much larger.

Left Shift

Program 5:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned int a = 5;
4     printf("a = %u (binary: 0101)\n", a);
5     printf("a << 1 = %u (binary: 1010)\n",
6         a << 1);
7     printf("a << 2 = %u (binary: 10100)\n",
8         a << 2);
9     printf("a << 3 = %u (binary: 101000)\n",
10        a << 3);
11     printf("Multiply by 2: %u * 2 = %u\n",
12        a, a << 1);
13     printf("Multiply by 4: %u * 4 = %u\n",
14        a, a << 2);
15     return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
a = 5 (binary: 0101)
a << 1 = 10 (binary: 1010)
a << 2 = 20 (binary: 10100)
a << 3 = 40 (binary: 101000)
Multiply by 2: 5 * 2 = 10
Multiply by 4: 5 * 4 = 20
```

Note:

Left shift moves bits left, fills right with 0s. Equivalent to multiplying by 2^n . Fast operation.

Right Shift

Program 6:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned int a = 40;
4     printf("a = %u (binary: 101000)\n", a);
5     printf("a >> 1 = %u (binary: 10100)\n",
6         a >> 1);
7     printf("a >> 2 = %u (binary: 1010)\n",
8         a >> 2);
9     printf("a >> 3 = %u (binary: 101)\n",
10         a >> 3);
11     printf("Divide by 2: %u / 2 = %u\n",
12         a, a >> 1);
13     printf("Divide by 4: %u / 4 = %u\n",
14         a, a >> 2);
15     return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
a = 40 (binary: 101000)
a >> 1 = 20 (binary: 10100)
a >> 2 = 10 (binary: 1010)
a >> 3 = 5 (binary: 101)
Divide by 2: 40 / 2 = 20
Divide by 4: 40 / 4 = 10
```

Note:

Right shift moves bits right, fills left with 0s (unsigned). Equivalent to dividing by 2^n . Fast division.

Setting a Bit

Program 7:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned char flags = 0;
4     int bit_position = 3;
5     printf("Initial: %u (binary: 00000000)\n",
6         flags);
7     flags = flags | (1 << bit_position);
8     printf("After setting bit %d: %u\n",
9         bit_position, flags);
10    printf("Binary: 00001000\n");
11    flags = flags | (1 << 5);
12    printf("After setting bit 5: %u\n",
13        flags);
14    printf("Binary: 00101000\n");
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
Initial: 0 (binary: 00000000)
After setting bit 3: 8
Binary: 00001000
After setting bit 5: 40
Binary: 00101000
```

Note:

Set bit: Use OR with mask.
Mask = $1 \ll \text{position}$.
Example: Set bit 3 = OR with 00001000.
Doesn't affect other bits.

Clearing a Bit

Program 8:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned char flags = 255;
4     int bit_position = 3;
5     printf("Initial: %u (binary: 11111111)\n",
6           flags);
7     flags = flags & ~(1 << bit_position);
8     printf("After clearing bit %d: %u\n",
9           bit_position, flags);
10    printf("Binary: 11110111\n");
11    flags = flags & ~(1 << 5);
12    printf("After clearing bit 5: %u\n",
13          flags);
14    printf("Binary: 11010111\n");
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
Initial: 255 (binary: 11111111)
After clearing bit 3: 247
Binary: 11110111
After clearing bit 5: 215
Binary: 11010111
```

Note:

Clear bit: Use AND with inverted mask.
Mask = $\sim(1 \ll \text{position})$.
Example: Clear bit 3 = AND with 11110111. Sets only that bit to 0.

Toggling a Bit

Program 9:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned char flags = 5;
4     int bit_position = 1;
5     printf("Initial: %u (binary: 00000101)\n",
6           flags);
7     flags = flags ^ (1 << bit_position);
8     printf("After toggling bit %d: %u\n",
9           bit_position, flags);
10    printf("Binary: 00000111\n");
11    flags = flags ^ (1 << bit_position);
12    printf("After toggling bit %d: %u\n",
13          bit_position, flags);
14    printf("Binary: 00000101\n");
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
Initial: 5 (binary: 00000101)
After toggling bit 1: 7
Binary: 00000111
After toggling bit 1: 5
Binary: 00000101
```

Note:

Toggle bit: Use XOR with mask.
Mask = 1 << position.
Flips bit: 0 becomes 1, 1 becomes 0.
Toggle twice returns to original.

Checking a Bit

Program 10:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     unsigned char flags = 40;
4     int i;
5     printf("flags = %u (binary: 00101000)\n",
6         flags);
7     for (i = 7; i >= 0; i--) {
8         int bit = (flags >> i) & 1;
9         printf("Bit %d: %d\n", i, bit);
10    }
11    if (flags & (1 << 3)) {
12        printf("Bit 3 is SET\n");
13    }
14    if (!(flags & (1 << 2))) {
15        printf("Bit 2 is CLEAR\n");
16    }
17    return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

```
flags = 40 (binary: 00101000)
Bit 7: 0
Bit 6: 0
Bit 5: 1
Bit 4: 0
Bit 3: 1
Bit 2: 0
Bit 1: 0
Bit 0: 0
Bit 3 is SET
Bit 2 is CLEAR
```

Note:

Check bit: AND with mask, test if non-zero. Shift right then AND with 1 extracts specific bit.

Counting Set Bits

Program 11:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int count_bits(unsigned int n) {
3     int count = 0;
4     while (n) {
5         count += n & 1;
6         n >>= 1;
7     }
8     return count;
9 }
10 int main() {
11     unsigned int nums[] = {7, 15, 255, 256};
12     int i;
13     for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
14         printf("%u has %d set bits\n",
15             nums[i], count_bits(nums[i]));
16     }
17     return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

```
7 has 3 set bits
15 has 4 set bits
255 has 8 set bits
256 has 1 set bits
```

Note:

Count set bits (population count).
Check LSB with & 1, shift right.
7 = 0111 (3 bits), 255 = 11111111
(8 bits), 256 = 100000000 (1 bit).

Swapping without Temp Variable

Program 12:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 10, b = 20;
4     printf("Before: a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
5     a = a ^ b;
6     b = a ^ b;
7     a = a ^ b;
8     printf("After: a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
9     unsigned char x = 5, y = 9;
10    printf("Before: x=%u, y=%u\n", x, y);
11    x ^= y;
12    y ^= x;
13    x ^= y;
14    printf("After: x=%u, y=%u\n", x, y);
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
Before: a=10, b=20
After: a=20, b=10
Before: x=5, y=9
After: x=9, y=5
```

Note:

XOR swap trick. No temp variable.
 $a \oplus b \oplus b = a$ (XOR with same value twice returns original). Classic bit hack.
Note: doesn't work if pointers same.

Checking Power of Two

Program 13:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int is_power_of_two(unsigned int n) {
3     return n && !(n & (n - 1));
4 }
5 int main() {
6     unsigned int nums[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
7         8, 15, 16, 32, 33, 64};
8     int i;
9     for (i = 0; i < 11; i++) {
10         printf("%u is %s power of 2\n",
11             nums[i],
12             is_power_of_two(nums[i]) ?
13                 "a" : "not a");
14     }
15     return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
1 is a power of 2
2 is a power of 2
3 is not a power of 2
4 is a power of 2
5 is not a power of 2
8 is a power of 2
15 is not a power of 2
16 is a power of 2
32 is a power of 2
33 is not a power of 2
64 is a power of 2
```

Note:

Power of 2 has single bit set.
n & (n-1) clears lowest bit.
If 0, was power of 2.

Extracting Bit Fields

Program 14:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 unsigned int extract_bits(unsigned int n,
3     int pos, int num_bits) {
4     unsigned int mask = (1 << num_bits) - 1;
5     return (n >> pos) & mask;
6 }
7 int main() {
8     unsigned int value = 0xABCD;
9     printf("Value: 0x%X\n", value);
10    printf("Bits 0-3: 0x%X\n",
11        extract_bits(value, 0, 4));
12    printf("Bits 4-7: 0x%X\n",
13        extract_bits(value, 4, 4));
14    printf("Bits 8-11: 0x%X\n",
15        extract_bits(value, 8, 4));
16    printf("Bits 12-15: 0x%X\n",
17        extract_bits(value, 12, 4));
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Output:

```
Value: 0xABCD
Bits 0-3: 0xD
Bits 4-7: 0xC
Bits 8-11: 0xB
Bits 12-15: 0xA
```

Note:

Extract bit field: shift right to position, AND with mask. Mask = $(1 \ll \text{num_bits}) - 1$. Isolates specific bits.

Bit Flags Example

Program 15:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #define READ      (1 << 0)
3 #define WRITE     (1 << 1)
4 #define EXECUTE   (1 << 2)
5 #define ADMIN     (1 << 3)
6 int main() {
7     unsigned int permissions = 0;
8     permissions |= READ | WRITE;
9     printf("Has READ: %s\n",
10         (permissions & READ) ? "Yes" : "No");
11     printf("Has EXECUTE: %s\n",
12         (permissions & EXECUTE) ? "Yes" : "No");
13     permissions |= EXECUTE;
14     printf("Has EXECUTE: %s\n",
15         (permissions & EXECUTE) ? "Yes" : "No");
16     permissions &= ~WRITE;
17     printf("Has WRITE: %s\n",
18         (permissions & WRITE) ? "Yes" : "No");
19     return 0;
20 }
```

Output:

```
Has READ: Yes
Has EXECUTE: No
Has EXECUTE: Yes
Has WRITE: No
```

Note:

Bit flags for permissions. Each bit represents different flag. Combine with OR, check with AND, clear with AND NOT. Space efficient.

Reversing Bits

Program 16:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 unsigned char reverse_bits(
3     unsigned char n) {
4     unsigned char result = 0;
5     int i;
6     for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
7         result <<= 1;
8         result |= (n & 1);
9         n >>= 1;
10    }
11    return result;
12 }
13 int main() {
14     unsigned char nums[] = {1, 5, 128, 170};
15     int i;
16     for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
17         printf("%u reversed = %u\n",
18             nums[i], reverse_bits(nums[i]));
19     }
20     return 0;
21 }
```

Output:

```
1 reversed = 128
5 reversed = 160
128 reversed = 1
170 reversed = 85
```

Note:

Reverse bit order. Extract LSB, shift result left, add bit, shift input right. 00000001 becomes 10000000. 10101010 becomes 01010101.

Parity Check

Program 17:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int parity(unsigned int n) {
3     int p = 0;
4     while (n) {
5         p ^= (n & 1);
6         n >>= 1;
7     }
8     return p;
9 }
10 int main() {
11     unsigned int nums[] = {7, 15, 255, 256};
12     int i;
13     for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
14         printf("%u has %s parity\n",
15             nums[i],
16             parity(nums[i]) ? "odd" : "even");
17     }
18     return 0;
19 }
```

Output:

```
7 has odd parity
15 has even parity
255 has even parity
256 has odd parity
```

Note:

Parity: XOR all bits. Odd parity if odd number of 1s. 7 = 0111 (3 ones), 15 = 1111 (4 ones). Used for error detection.

Bit Manipulation for RGB

Program 18:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 unsigned int make_color(unsigned char r,
3     unsigned char g, unsigned char b) {
4     return (r << 16) | (g << 8) | b;
5 }
6 void extract_color(unsigned int color,
7     unsigned char *r, unsigned char *g,
8     unsigned char *b) {
9     *r = (color >> 16) & 0xFF;
10    *g = (color >> 8) & 0xFF;
11    *b = color & 0xFF;
12 }
13 int main() {
14     unsigned int color = make_color(
15         255, 128, 64);
16     unsigned char r, g, b;
17     printf("Color: 0x%06X\n", color);
18     extract_color(color, &r, &g, &b);
19     printf("R:%u G:%u B:%u\n", r, g, b);
20     return 0;
21 }
```

Output:

```
Color: 0xFF8040
R:255 G:128 B:64
```

Note:

Pack RGB into single int. R in bits 16-23, G in 8-15, B in 0-7.
Common in graphics. Extract with shift and mask.

Finding Lowest Set Bit

Program 19:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int lowest_set_bit(unsigned int n) {
3     if (n == 0) return -1;
4     return n & -n;
5 }
6 int position_lowest_bit(unsigned int n) {
7     int pos = 0;
8     if (n == 0) return -1;
9     while (!(n & 1)) {
10         n >>= 1;
11         pos++;
12     }
13     return pos;
14 }
15 int main() {
16     unsigned int nums[] = {12, 16, 20, 255};
17     int i;
18     for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
19         printf("%u: lowest bit value=%u pos=%d\n",
20             nums[i], lowest_set_bit(nums[i]),
21             position_lowest_bit(nums[i]));
22     }
23     return 0;
24 }
```

Output:

```
12: lowest bit value=4 pos=2
16: lowest bit value=16 pos=4
20: lowest bit value=4 pos=2
255: lowest bit value=1 pos=0
```

Note:

$n \& -n$ isolates lowest set bit.
Two's complement magic. $12 = 1100$,
 $-12 = 0100$ (in two's complement),
 $12 \& -12 = 0100 = 4$.

Brian Kernighan's Algorithm

Program 20:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int count_set_bits_fast(unsigned int n) {
3     int count = 0;
4     while (n) {
5         n &= (n - 1);
6         count++;
7     }
8     return count;
9 }
10 int main() {
11     unsigned int nums[] = {7, 15, 255,
12         1023, 65535};
13     int i;
14     for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
15         printf("%u has %d set bits\n",
16             nums[i],
17             count_set_bits_fast(nums[i]));
18     }
19     return 0;
20 }
```

Output:

```
7 has 3 set bits
15 has 4 set bits
255 has 8 set bits
1023 has 10 set bits
65535 has 16 set bits
```

Note:

$n \& (n-1)$ clears lowest set bit.
Loop runs once per set bit, not once
per total bit. More efficient than
checking each bit. Classic algorithm.