

# CSC 411

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Lecture 8: Integer Representation

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#include <stdio.h>

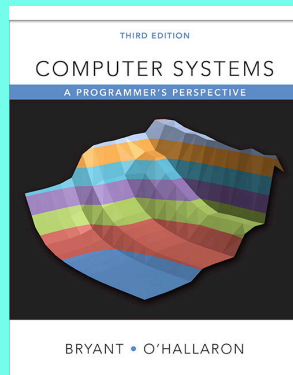
int main() {
    char a = 254;
    unsigned char b = 254;
    unsigned int c = 0;

    printf("%d %d\n", a, b);

    if (-1 < c) {
        printf("yay\n");
    } else {
        printf("!!!???\\n");
    }
}
```

## Disclaimer

The following slides are from:  
Computer Systems (Bryant and O'Hallaron)  
A Programmer's Perspective



## Encoding Integers

### Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

### Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x = 15213;
short int y = -15213;
```

Sign Bit

### ■ C does not mandate using two's complement

- But, most machines do, and we will assume so

### ■ C short 2 bytes long

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

### ■ Sign Bit

- For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
  - 0 for nonnegative
  - 1 for negative

## Two-complement: Simple Example

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & -16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\
 10 = & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0
 \end{array}
 \quad 8+2 = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & -16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\
 -10 = & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0
 \end{array}
 \quad -16+4+2 = -10$$

## Two-complement Encoding Example (Cont.)

$x =$  15213: 00111011 01101101  
 $y =$  -15213: 11000100 10010011

Weight	15213		-15213	
1	1	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	2
4	1	4	0	0
8	1	8	0	0
16	0	0	1	16
32	1	32	0	0
64	1	64	0	0
128	0	0	1	128
256	1	256	0	0
512	1	512	0	0
1024	0	0	1	1024
2048	1	2048	0	0
4096	1	4096	0	0
8192	1	8192	0	0
16384	0	0	1	16384
-32768	0	0	1	-32768
Sum	15213		-15213	

## Numeric Ranges

### ■ Unsigned Values

- $UMin = 0$   
000...0
- $UMax = 2^w - 1$   
111...1

### ■ Two's Complement Values

- $TMin = -2^{w-1}$   
100...0
- $TMax = 2^{w-1} - 1$   
011...1
- Minus 1  
111...1

Values for  $W = 16$

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
<b>UMax</b>	<b>65535</b>	<b>FF FF</b>	<b>11111111 11111111</b>
<b>TMax</b>	<b>32767</b>	<b>7F FF</b>	<b>01111111 11111111</b>
<b>TMin</b>	<b>-32768</b>	<b>80 00</b>	<b>10000000 00000000</b>
<b>-1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>FF FF</b>	<b>11111111 11111111</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00000000 00000000</b>

## Values for Different Word Sizes

	W			
	8	16	32	64
<b>UMax</b>	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
<b>TMax</b>	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
<b>TMin</b>	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

### ■ Observations

- $|TMin| = TMax + 1$ 
  - Asymmetric range
- $UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$
- Question:  $\text{abs}(TMin)$ ?

### ■ C Programming

- `#include <limits.h>`
- Declares constants, e.g.,
  - `ULONG_MAX`
  - `LONG_MAX`
  - `LONG_MIN`
- Values platform specific

## Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

X	B2U(X)	B2T(X)
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	-8
1001	9	-7
1010	10	-6
1011	11	-5
1100	12	-4
1101	13	-3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

### ■ Equivalence

- Same encodings for nonnegative values

### ■ Uniqueness

- Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
- Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

### ■ ⇒ Can Invert Mappings

- $U2B(x) = B2U^{-1}(x)$ 
  - Bit pattern for unsigned integer
- $T2B(x) = B2T^{-1}(x)$ 
  - Bit pattern for two's comp integer

## Question

► Using 2's complement and words of n bits ...

- can  $-2^{n-1}$  be represented?
- can  $2^{n-1}$  be represented?

## Mapping Signed ↔ Unsigned

Bits	Signed	Unsigned
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	-8	8
1001	-7	9
1010	-6	10
1011	-5	11
1100	-4	12
1101	-3	13
1110	-2	14
1111	-1	15



## Mapping Signed ↔ Unsigned

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0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	-8	8
1001	-7	9
1010	-6	10
1011	-5	11
1100	-4	12
1101	-3	13
1110	-2	14
1111	-1	15

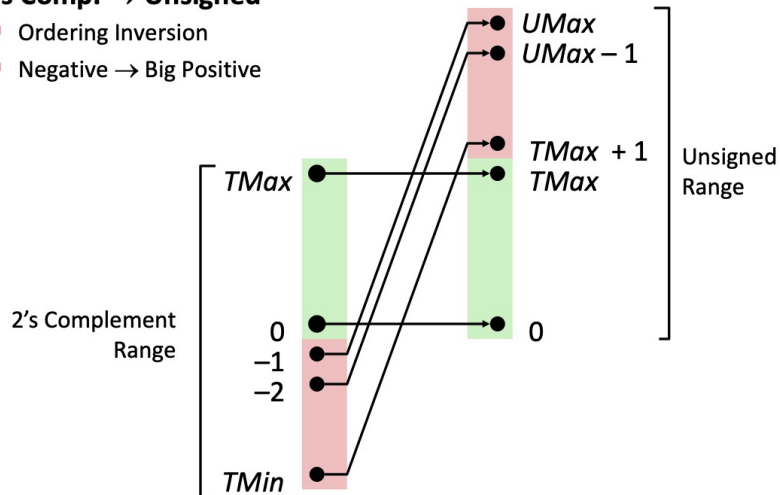
$\longleftrightarrow =$

$\longleftrightarrow \pm 16$   
 $\pm 2^n$

## Conversion Visualized

### ■ 2's Comp. → Unsigned

- Ordering Inversion
- Negative → Big Positive



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## Negating 2's complement numbers

### ▸ Shortcut

- invert all bits and add 1
- works on both directions (negative to positive and vice-versa)

### ▸ Examples with 8-bit words:

- negate 10

00001010

- negate -20

11101100

## Question

- What is the decimal value of this 64-bit number represented using 2's complement?

0xFFFFFFFFFFFFF8

11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111 11111000

## Signed vs. Unsigned in C

### ■ Constants

- By default are considered to be signed integers
- Unsigned if have "U" as suffix  
0U, 4294967259U

### ■ Casting

- Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U  

```
int tx, ty;
unsigned ux, uy;
tx = (int) ux;
uy = (unsigned) ty;
```
- Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls  

```
tx = ux;           int fun(unsigned u);
uy = ty;           uy = fun(tx);
```

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## Casting Surprises

### ■ Expression Evaluation

- If there is a mix of unsigned and signed in single expression, **signed values implicitly cast to unsigned**
- Including comparison operations  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $==$ ,  $<=$ ,  $>=$
- Examples for  $W = 32$ :  **$TMIN = -2,147,483,648$ ,  $TMAX = 2,147,483,647$**

Constant <sub>1</sub>	Constant <sub>2</sub>	Relation	Evaluation
0	0U	$==$	unsigned
-1	0	$<$	signed
-1	0U	$>$	unsigned
2147483647	-2147483647-1	$>$	signed
2147483647U	-2147483647-1	$<$	unsigned
-1	-2	$>$	signed
(unsigned)-1	-2	$>$	unsigned
2147483647	2147483648U	$<$	unsigned
2147483647	(int) 2147483648U	$>$	signed

## Summary

### Casting Signed $\leftrightarrow$ Unsigned: Basic Rules

- Bit pattern is maintained
- But reinterpreted
- Can have unexpected effects: adding or subtracting  $2^w$

### ■ Expression containing signed and unsigned int

- **int is cast to unsigned!!**

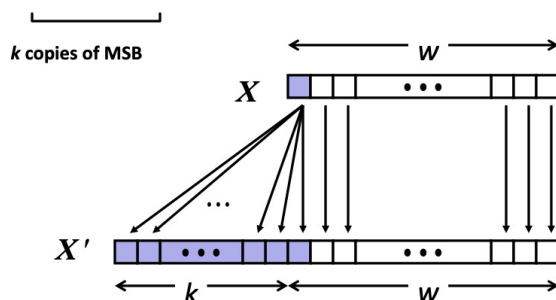
## Sign Extension

### ■ Task:

- Given  $w$ -bit signed integer  $x$
- Convert it to  $w+k$ -bit integer with same value

### ■ Rule:

- Make  $k$  copies of sign bit:
- $X' = \underbrace{x_{w-1}, \dots, x_{w-1}}_{k \text{ copies of MSB}}, x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$



## Sign Extension: Simple Example

### Positive number

		-16	8	4	2	1
10 =		0	1	0	1	0

### Negative number

	-16	8	4	2	1	
-10 =	1	0	1	1	0	
	-32	16	8	4	2	1
-10 =	1	1	0	1	1	0

## Larger Sign Extension Example

```
short int x = 15213;
int      ix = (int) x;
short int y = -15213;
int      iy = (int) y;
```

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
<b>x</b>	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
<b>ix</b>	15213	00 00 3B 6D	00000000 00000000 00111011 01101101
<b>y</b>	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011
<b>iy</b>	-15213	FF FF C4 93	11111111 11111111 11000100 10010011

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension

## Loading bytes into registers (RISC-V)

### ▸ Loading 32-bit words into 32-bit registers

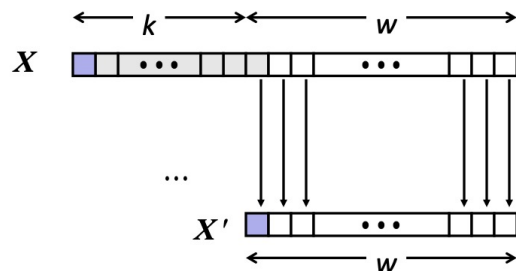
- signed and unsigned loads are identical

### ▸ Loading smaller words requires **bit-extension**

Load word	lw x5, 40(x6)
Load word, unsigned	lwu x5, 40(x6)
Store word	sw x5, 40(x6)
Load halfword	lh x5, 40(x6)
Load halfword, unsigned	lhu x5, 40(x6)
Store halfword	sh x5, 40(x6)
Load byte	lb x5, 40(x6)
Load byte, unsigned	lbu x5, 40(x6)
Store byte	sb x5, 40(x6)
Load reserved	lr.d x5, (x6)
Store conditional	sc.d x7, x5, (x6)
Load upper immediate	lui x5, 0x12345

## Truncation

- **Task:**
  - Given  $k+w$ -bit signed or unsigned integer  $X$
  - Convert it to  $w$ -bit integer  $X'$  with same value for "small enough"  $X$
- **Rule:**
  - Drop top  $k$  bits:
  - $X' = x_{w-1}, x_{w-2}, \dots, x_0$



## Truncation: Simple Example

### No sign change

	-16	8	4	2	1
2 =	0	0	0	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
2 =	0	0	1	0
	2 mod 16 = 2			

	-16	8	4	2	1
-6 =	1	1	0	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
-6 =	1	0	1	0
	-6 mod 16 = 26U mod 16 = 10U = -6			

### Sign change

	-16	8	4	2	1
10 =	0	1	0	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
-6 =	1	0	1	0
	10 mod 16 = 10U mod 16 = 10U = -6			

	-16	8	4	2	1
-10 =	1	0	1	1	0

	-8	4	2	1
6 =	0	1	1	0
	-10 mod 16 = 22U mod 16 = 6U = 6			