

Bit-wise operations...





The NOT

- The **bitwise NOT, or complement**, is a unary operation which performs logical negation on each bit, forming the ones' complement of the given binary value.
- Digits which were 0 become 1, and vice versa.
- For example: NOT 0111 = 1000
- **The bitwise NOT operator is represented as a "~" (tilde).**
- This operator must not be confused with the "logical not" operator, "!" (exclamation point), which treats the entire value as a single Boolean — changing a true value to false, and vice versa.
- **The "logical not" is not a bitwise operation.**



NOT...

- 35 = 00100011 (In Binary)
- Bitwise complement Operation of 35

~ 00100011

11011100

= 220 (In decimal)



Tale of the *twisted* Tilde ~

- The bitwise complement of 35 (~ 35) is -36 and not 220 contrary to what we have just seen.
- For any integer n , the bitwise complement of n will be $-(n+1)$.
- To comprehend this, we need to look into the concept of 2's complement.



2's complement

11011100

Find the 2's complement of the number

$$\begin{array}{r} 00100011 \\ + \quad \quad 1 \\ \hline 00100100 \end{array} = -36$$



~ NOT...

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("Output = %d\n", ~35);
    printf("Output = %d\n", ~-12);
    return 0;
}
```

Output = -36 Output = 11



Bitwise Shifts

- There are **two bitwise shift operators**, namely
- Shift left <<
- Shift right >>
- Shift bits to the left or to the right.
- The syntax for a shift operation is as follows:

[integer] [operator] [number of places];

- A statement of this form *shifts the bits in [integer] by the number of places indicated, in the direction specified by the operator.*



Bitwise Shifts

Prior to shifting: 0000 0110 1001 0011

$x = x \ll 1;$

Post shifting: 0000 1101 0010 0110

- The MSB of x is lost, because there isn't another place to shift it to.
- Similarly, after a shift left, the LSB of x will always be 0 since there is no position to the right of the LSB, and so there's nothing to shift into the LSB.



Bitwise shift

Prior to shifting: 0110 1111 1001 0001

 **X = X >> 4;**

Post shifting: 0000 0110 1111 1001



Shifting..

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num=212, i;
    for (i=0; i<=2; ++i)
        printf("Right shift by %d: %d\n", i, num>>i);
    printf("\n");
    for (i=0; i<=2; ++i)
        printf("Left shift by %d: %d\n", i, num<<i);

    return 0;
}
```

Right Shift by 0: 212
Right Shift by 1: 106
Right Shift by 2: 53

Left Shift by 0: 212
Left Shift by 1: 424
Left Shift by 2: 848



Bitwise Operators: So what's the big deal?

F0	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7
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Bitwise operators have two main applications.

Combine several values into a single variable.

Suppose you have an application where there are series of flag variables which will always have only one of two values: 0 or 1.

Would it be good to allocate each flag a byte when each of them require only a bit (0/1)?

Bitwise operators allows you to combine data in this way .

The second application for bitwise operators is that you can use them to accomplish certain arithmetic operations.



Arithmetic: Fast multiplication

- Multiplying by *any* power of two means shifting left the same number of places.
- If you wish to multiply a number by 16, which is 2^4 , you need simply shift it 4 places leftward.
- The following pairs of statements are all equivalent to one another:

$x = y * 8;$	$x = y \ll 3;$
$x = y * 64;$	$x = y \ll 6;$
$x = y * 32768;$	$x = y \ll 15;$



Arithmetic: Fast division

- If shift left is equivalent to multiplication by two, shift right equivalent to division by 2
- **Note that this is integer division only;**
- No fractional value or a remainder can be obtained.
- **Division in hardware is not the fastest thing in the world, though it is getting better, so this is definitely a fast method (with compromises made).**
- The following pairs of statements are equivalent to one another:

$x = y / 4;$	$x = y \gg 2;$
$x = y / 32;$	$x = y \gg 5;$



Applications

- Bitwise operators are used in Digital Signal Processing (DSP)
- Compression and encryption algorithms
- GUIs and other application domains as an efficient way of manipulating strings of bits.



Manipulating Colour

- In some 32-bit colour systems, the colour is represented as four distinct values.
- The low byte (bits 0 through 7) is the value for **blue**. The next most significant byte is a value for **green**, then a byte for **red**, and finally, the high byte is an alpha (luminance) value.

So the color dword looks like this in memory:

AAAA AAAA RRRR RRRR GGGG GGGG BBBB BBBB



AAAA AAAA RRRR RRRR GGGG GGGG BBBB BBBB

- What would you do if you wish to ascertain the value for green i.e. GGGG GGGG .

AAAA AAAA RRRR RRRR GGGG GGGG BBBB BBBB

& 0000 0000 0000 0000 1111 1111 0000 0000

0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG 0000 0000

Mask Pattern for Green



Oops: How do I interpret this no.?

0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG 0000 0000

How do I interpret this no.?

Just shift it right by 8 bits and lo and behold we have the value of green!

Previous:

0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG 0000 0000

Shift: >> 8

Result: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG
= GGGG GGGG



Inserting/Combining

AAAA AAAA RRRR RRRR 0000 0000 BBBB BBBB
| 0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG 0000 0000 ← Mask

AAAA AAAA RRRR RRRR GGGG GGGG BBBB BBBB

But how do we create such a mask?



Manufacturing a mask

0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG

Shift:

<< 8

Result:

0000 0000 0000 0000 GGGG GGGG 0000 0000

Here is the mask for previous slide



Lessons Learned

- Bitwise operations are extremely fast for the processor to handle,
- Nice and quick,
- A good way to rid the use of a temporary variable