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## ✓ reverse\_bits ❤

**Language/Type:** C [C bitwise operators bit manipulation](#)

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Write a function named **reverse\_bits** that reverses the order of the bits in a 1-byte value of type `unsigned char`. A common programming question in job interviews is, "reverse the letters (or words) in a string." But for a systems programming interview, you might get the question, "reverse the bits in a byte." For example, the call of `reverse_bits(187)` should return 221. Your solution does not have to be in-place, and can use variables to hold temporary variables.

```
1 // reverse_bits by Brandon Kmiec. Submitted for CSC152 September 15, 2024
2 // function to reverse the order of bits in a 1-byte value of type unsigned char
3
4 unsigned char reverse_bits(unsigned char num) {
5     unsigned char ret = 0;
6
7     for(int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
8         if((num & (1 << i)) > 0) {
9             ret = ret | (1 << (7 - i));
10        } // end if
11    } // end for
12
13    return ret;
14 } // end reverse_bits
```

**Function:** Write a C function as described, not a complete program.



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✓ reverse\_bits(0) → 0

✓ reverse\_bits(42) → 84

✓ reverse\_bits(187) → 221

✓ reverse\_bits(35) → 196

✓ reverse\_bits(218) → 91

✓ reverse\_bits(255) → 255

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