

Section 1: Memory, Data, and Addressing

- Preliminaries
- Representing information as bits and bytes
- Organizing and addressing data in memory
- Manipulating data in memory using C
- Boolean algebra and bit-level manipulations

Boolean Algebra

- **Developed by George Boole in 19th Century**
 - Algebraic representation of logic
 - Encode “True” as 1 and “False” as 0
 - AND: $A \& B = 1$ when both A is 1 and B is 1
 - OR: $A | B = 1$ when either A is 1 or B is 1
 - XOR: $A \wedge B = 1$ when either A is 1 or B is 1, but not both
 - NOT: $\sim A = 1$ when A is 0 and vice-versa
 - DeMorgan’s Law: $\sim(A | B) = \sim A \& \sim B$

$\&$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

$ $	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

\wedge	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

\sim	
0	1
1	0

Manipulating Bits

- Boolean operators can be applied to *bit vectors*: operations are applied *bitwise*

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101001 \\ \& 01010101 \\ \hline 01000001 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101001 \\ | 01010101 \\ \hline 01111101 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101001 \\ \wedge 01010101 \\ \hline 00111100 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \sim 01010101 \\ \hline 10101010 \end{array}$$

Bit-Level Operations in C

■ Bitwise operators `&`, `|`, `^`, `~` are available in C

- Apply to any “integral” data type
 - `long`, `int`, `short`, `char`
- Arguments are treated as bit vectors
- Operations applied bitwise

■ Examples:

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char a, b, c;
a = (char) 0x41;      // 0x41 -> 010000012
b = ~a;               //          101111102 -> 0xBE
a = (char) 0;         // 0x00 -> 000000002
b = ~a;               //          111111112 -> 0xFF
a = (char) 0x69;      // 0x41 -> 011010012
b = (char) 0x55;      // 0x55 -> 010101012
c = a & b;            //          010000012 -> 0x41
  
```

Contrast: Logic Operations in C

■ Logical operators in C: `&&`, `||`, `!`

- Behavior:
 - View 0 as “False”
 - Anything nonzero as “True”
 - Always return 0 or 1
 - **Early termination** (`&&` and `||`)

■ Examples (char data type)

- `!0x41` `-->` `0x00`
- `!0x00` `-->` `0x01`
- `0x69 && 0x55` `-->` `0x01`
- `0x00 && 0x55` `-->` `0x00`
- `0x69 || 0x55` `-->` `0x01`
- `p && *p++` (avoids null pointer access: **null pointer = 0x00000000**)
 short for: `if (p) { *p++; }`

Representing & Manipulating Sets

■ Bit vectors can be used to represent *sets*

- Width w bit vector represents subsets of $\{0, \dots, w-1\}$
- $a_j = 1$ if $j \in A$ – each bit in the vector represents the absence (0) or presence (1) of an element in the set

01101001 { 0, 3, 5, 6 }

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

01010101 { 0, 2, 4, 6 }

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

■ Operations

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|-----|----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| ■ & | Intersection | 01000001 | { 0, 6 } |
| ■ | Union | 01111101 | { 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 } |
| ■ ^ | Symmetric difference | 00111100 | { 2, 3, 4, 5 } |
| ■ ~ | Complement | 10101010 | { 1, 3, 5, 7 } |