Bitwise Operators

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- A set of **operators** for working with a value's **bit**-level representation
 - Many other languages as well, including Java, Python, JavaScript, etc.
- Three classes of bitwise operators:
 - Unary used as a prefix to a bit vector (like negation on a number)
 one's complement / invert
 - Binary operators operating on two vectors of bits:
 - & and
 | or
 ^ exclusive or
 - Binary shift operators whose LHS is a bit vector and RHS is an integer
 - << shift left</pre>
 - >> shift right

Bitwise Complement Operator

- This unary complement operator flips each bit in its operand
 - 0s become 1s, 1s become 0s
 - Example: $\sim [0,1,0,1] = [1,0,1,0]$

bit a	~a
0	1
1	0

& Bitwise And Operator

- The bitwise **and** operator takes two bit vectors, $\vec{a} \otimes \vec{b}$, and produces \vec{c}
 - Each of \vec{a} and \vec{b} 's place value bits i are compared
 - When both $\overrightarrow{a_i}$ and $\overrightarrow{b_i}$ are 1, then $\overrightarrow{c_i}$ is 1
 - Otherwise, $\overrightarrow{c_i}$ is **0**
 - Example:

$$\vec{a} = [1,1,0,0]$$
 $\vec{b} = [1,0,1,0]$
 $\vec{a} \& \vec{b} = [1,0,0,0]$

a	b	a & b
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

& Bitwise *Or* Operator

- The bitwise **or** operator takes two bit vectors, $\vec{a} \mid \vec{b}$, and produces \vec{c}
 - Each of \vec{a} and \vec{b} 's place value bits i are compared
 - When either $\overrightarrow{a_i}$, or $\overrightarrow{b_i}$, or both, are 1, then $\overrightarrow{c_i}$ is 1
 - Otherwise, $\overrightarrow{c_i}$ is **0**
 - Example:

$$\vec{a} = [1,1,0,0]$$
 $\vec{b} = [1,0,1,0]$
 $\vec{a} | \vec{b} = [1,1,1,0]$

a	b	a b	
1	1	1	
1	0	1	
0	1	1	
0	0	0	

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A Bitwise Exclusive Or Operator

- The bitwise **xor** operator takes two bit vectors, $\vec{a} \wedge \vec{b}$, and produces \vec{c}
 - Each of \vec{a} and \vec{b} 's place value bits \vec{i} are compared
 - When $\overrightarrow{a_i}$ is not equal to $\overrightarrow{b_i}$ then $\overrightarrow{c_i}$ is 1
 - Otherwise, $\vec{c_i}$ is **0**
 - Example:

$$\vec{a} = [1,1,0,0]$$
 $\vec{b} = [1,0,1,0]$
 $\vec{a} \wedge \vec{b} = [0,1,1,0]$

a	b	a ^ b
1	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	0

Bitwise Left Shift Operator

- The bitwise left shift operator < <
 - Takes a bit vector \vec{a} on the left-hand side
 - A magnitude m integer on the right-hand side
 - Produces a bit vector \vec{b}

- Its effect is: $\vec{a_i} = \vec{b}_{i+m}$
 - \vec{a}_{w-m} through \vec{a}_{w-1} are truncated
 - \vec{b}_0 through \vec{b}_{m-1} are zeroed

a	m	a< <m< th=""></m<>
0101	1	1010
0101	2	0100
0101	3	1000
0101	4	0000

>> Bitwise Right Shift Operator

- The bitwise right shift operator >>
 - Takes a bit vector \vec{a} on the left-hand side
 - A magnitude *m* integer on the right-hand side
 - Produces a bit vector \vec{b}
- Its effect is: $\vec{a_i} = \vec{b}_{i-m}$
 - \vec{a}_{m-1} through \vec{a}_0 are truncated
 - \vec{b}_{w-1} through \vec{b}_{w-m} are sign-extended
 - If \vec{a}_{w-1} is 0, then 0s will fill
 - If \vec{a}_{w-1} is 1, then 1s will fill
 - Why? To make sure negative numbers in two's complement retain their sign bit

Sign extension with a 0 high-order bit.

а	m	a>>m
0101	1	0010
0101	2	0001
0101	3	0000

Sign extension with a 1 high-order bit.

a	m	a>>m
1010	1	1101
1010	2	1110
1010	3	1111

Bitwise Assignment Operators

- Bitwise assign operators are for when need to perform a bitwise operation on a variable and assign result back to the variable itself
 - Just as with in arithmetic assignment operators!
 i = i + 1; same as i += 1;
- Works with all the binary bitwise operators:

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&= bitwise AND assignment
|= bitwise OR assignment
^= bitwise XOR assignment
<<= left shift assignment
>>= right shift assignment
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• Example: a >>= 2; is the same as a = a >> 2;

bit a
0
1

AND

OR

а	b	a & b
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

~a

1	a	b	a b
!	1	1	1
	1	0	1
	0	1	1
	0	0	0

٨	a	b	a^b
XOR	1	1	0
(eXclusive OR)	1	0	1
	0	1	1
	0	0	0

<u>Hex</u> 16	<u>Binary₂</u>	Dec ₁₀
0	0000	00
1	0001	01
2	0010	02
3	0011	03
4	0100	04
5	0101	05
6	0110	06
7	0111	07
8	1000	08
9	1001	09
Α	1010	10
В	1011	11
С	1100	12
D	1101	13
Е	1110	14
F	1111	15

Left Shift <<

a	m	a< <m< th=""></m<>
0101	1	1010
0101	2	0100
0101	3	1000
0101	4	0000

Right Shift >> 0 sign extended

а	m	a>>m
0101	1	0010
0101	2	0001
0101	3	0000

Right Shift >>

1 sign extended

USASCII code chart

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1010	2	1110
1010	3	1111

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