

Computer word

What is a Computer Word ?

- In **computer** architecture, a **word** is:
 - ❖ a **unit of data** of a **defined bit length**
 - ❖ that can be addressed and moved
 - ❖ between storage and the **computer** processor.<https://whatistechtarget.com/definition/word>
- In C programming, the unit of data can be:
 - ❖ Character (**char**) → **8 bits**
 - ❖ Short Integer (**short int**) → **16 bits**
 - ❖ Integer (**int**) → **32 bits**

Practice Exercise 1: Finding the Bit-Pattern

Write the code of the function that will display the bit-pattern of a given integer.

Instructions:

- Use bit manipulation operators ONLY and if applicable.
 - Shift Operators : >> <<
 - Bitwise operators: & ^ | ~
- The code should be platform independent [Hint: Use sizeof operator to determine the number of bits representing the integer variable].
- No array should be used in this function.
- In displaying the bits, group them by 4's and put a space in between groups.

Computer Word vs. Bit-Vector Implementation of Sets

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<p>Bit-vector implementation: Elements of the universal set are used as indices of the array and the array component is either 1 or 0 depending on whether the element is a member of the set or not.</p> <p>Computer word implementation: Elements of the universal set are used as exponents of 2 to represent the place value of the binary system and each bit in the computer word is either 1 or 0 depending on whether the elements is a member of the set of not.</p>																																		

Practice Exercise 2: Computer word implementation of sets

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