

# Position of rightmost set bit

Write a one line function to return position of first 1 from right to left, in binary representation of an Integer.

I/P 18, Binary Representation 010010

O/P 2

I/P 19, Binary Representation 010011

O/P 1

**Algorithm:** (Example 12(1100))

Let I/P be 12 (1100)

1. Take two's complement of the given no as all bits are reverted except the first '1' from right to left (0100)
- 2 Do a bit-wise & with original no, this will return no with the required one only (0100)
- 3 Take the log2 of the no, you will get (position – 1) (2)
- 4 Add 1 (3)

**Explanation –**

$(n \& \sim(n-1))$  always return the binary number containing rightmost set bit as 1.

**if N = 12 (1100) then it will return 4 (100)**

Here log2 will return you, number of times we can express that number in power of two.

For all binary number containing **only** rightmost set bit as 1 like 2 , 4, 8, 16, 32....

We will find that position of right most set bit is always equals to  $\log_2(\text{Number})+1$