



# CS 5541 – Computer Systems

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# Module 1

## Representing Numbers

### Part 1 — Integers

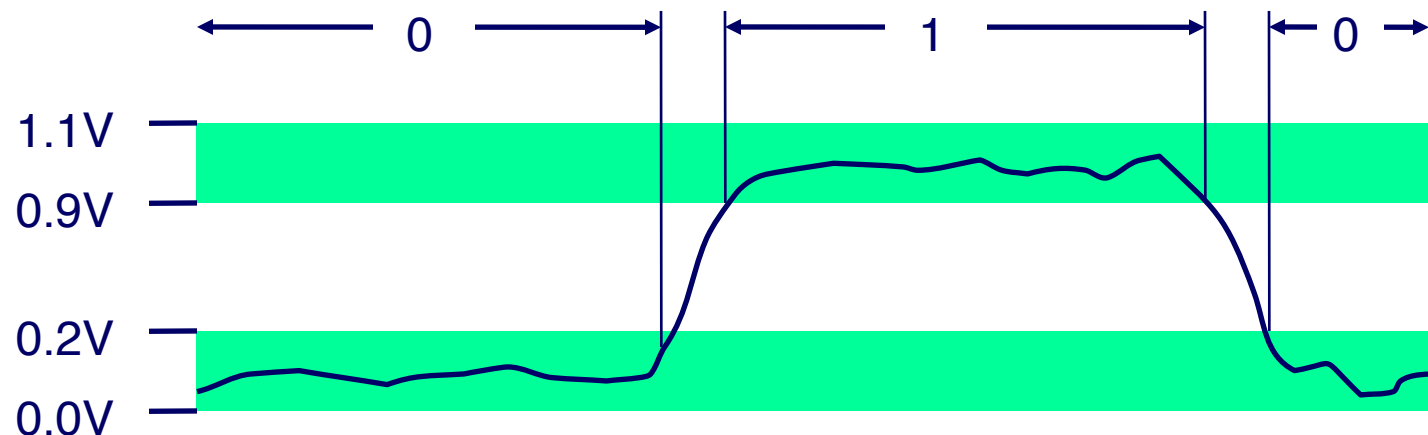
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# Everything is bits

- Each bit is 0 or 1
- By encoding/interpreting sets of bits in various ways
  - Computers determine what to do (instructions)
  - ... and represent and manipulate numbers, sets, strings, etc...
- **Why bits? Electronic Implementation**
  - Easy to store with bistable elements
  - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires





# Encoding Byte Values

- **Byte = 8 bits**

- Binary  $00000000_2$  to  $11111111_2$
- Decimal:  $0_{10}$  to  $255_{10}$
- Hexadecimal  $00_{16}$  to  $FF_{16}$ 
  - Base 16 number representation
  - Use characters '0' to '9' and 'A' to 'F'
  - Write  $FA1D37B_{16}$  in C as
    - `0xFA1D37B`
    - `0xfa1d37b`

Hex	Decimal	Binary
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

# Example Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Typical 64-bit	x86-64
<code>char</code>	1	1	1
<code>short</code>	2	2	2
<code>int</code>	4	4	4
<code>long</code>	4	8	8
<code>float</code>	4	4	4
<code>double</code>	8	8	8
<code>long double</code>	–	–	10/16
<code>pointer</code>	4	8	8

# 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  $A=1$  and  $B=1$

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

Or

$A | B = 1$  when either  $A=1$  or  $B=1$

$ $	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

Not

$\sim A = 1$  when  $A=0$

$\sim$	
0	1
1	0



Exclusive-Or (Xor)

$A \wedge B = 1$  when either  $A=1$  or  $B=1$ , but not both

$\wedge$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

# Boolean Algebra

- **Operate on Bit Vectors**
  - Operations applied bitwise



01101001	01101001	01101001	01101001
& 01010101	01010101	^ 01010101	~ 01010101
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01000001	01111101	00111100	10101010

- **All of the Properties of Boolean Algebra Apply**

# Example: Representing & Manipulating Sets

- **Representation**

- Width  $w$  bit vector represents subsets of  $\{0, \dots, w-1\}$
- $a_j = 1$  if  $j \in A$ 
  - 01101001 { 0, 3, 5, 6 }
  - 76543210
- 01010101 { 0, 2, 4, 6 }
- 76543210

- **Operations**

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



# Bit-Level Operations in C

- **Operations  $\&$ ,  $|$ ,  $\sim$ ,  $\wedge$  Available in C**

- Apply to any “integral” data type
  - long, int, short, char, unsigned
- View arguments as bit vectors
- Arguments applied bit-wise

- **Examples (Char data type)**

- $\sim 0x41 \rightarrow 0xBE$ 
  - $\sim 01000001_2 \rightarrow 10111110_2$
- $\sim 0x00 \rightarrow 0xFF$ 
  - $\sim 00000000_2 \rightarrow 11111111_2$
- $0x69 \& 0x55 \rightarrow 0x41$ 
  - $01101001_2 \& 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01000001_2$
- $0x69 | 0x55 \rightarrow 0x7D$ 
  - $01101001_2 | 01010101_2 \rightarrow 01111101_2$

# Contrast: Logic Operations in C

- **Contrast to Logical Operators**

- `&&`, `||`, `!`
  - View 0 as “False”
  - Anything nonzero as “True”
  - Always return 0 or 1
  - **Early termination**

- **Examples (char data type)**

- `!0x41 → 0x00`
- `!0x00 → 0x01`
- `!!0x41 → 0x01`
- `0x69 && 0x55 → 0x01`
- `0x69 || 0x55 → 0x01`
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- `!0x00` → `0x`

- `!!0x41` → `0x`

- `0x69 && 0x55` → `0x01`

- `0x69 || 0x55` → `0x01`

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Watch out for `&&` vs. `&` (and `||` vs. `|`)...

one of the more common oopsies in C programming

# Shift Operations

- **Left Shift:**  $x \ll y$ 
  - Shift bit-vector  $x$  left  $y$  positions
    - Throw away extra bits on left
  - Fill with 0's on right
- **Right Shift:**  $x \gg y$ 
  - Shift bit-vector  $x$  right  $y$  positions
    - Throw away extra bits on right
  - Logical shift
    - Fill with 0's on left
  - Arithmetic shift
    - Replicate most significant bit on left
- **Undefined Behavior**
  - Shift amount  $< 0$  or  $\geq$  word size

Argument $x$	01100010
$\ll 3$	00010000
Log. $\gg 2$	00011000
Arith. $\gg 2$	00011000

Argument $x$	10100010
$\ll 3$	00010000
Log. $\gg 2$	00101000
Arith. $\gg 2$	11101000

# Encoding Integers

Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x = 15213;  
short int y = -15213;
```

Sign  
Bit

- **C short 2 bytes long**

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
<b>x</b>	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
<b>y</b>	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

- **Sign Bit**

- For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
  - 0 for nonnegative
  - 1 for negative

# Encoding Integers

x = 15213: 00111011 01101101  
y = -15213: 11000100 10010011

Weight	15213		-15213	
1	1	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	2
4	1	4	0	0
8	1	8	0	0
16	0	0	1	16
32	1	32	0	0
64	1	64	0	0
128	0	0	1	128
256	1	256	0	0
512	1	512	0	0
1024	0	0	1	1024
2048	1	2048	0	0
4096	1	4096	0	0
8192	1	8192	0	0
16384	0	0	1	16384
-32768	0	0	1	-32768
Sum	15213		-15213	



# Numeric Ranges

Unsigned Values

$$UMin = 0$$

000...0

$$UMax = 2^w - 1$$

111...1

Two's Complement Values

$$TMin = -2^{w-1}$$

100...0

$$TMax = 2^{w-1} - 1$$

011...1

Other Values

Minus 1

111...1

Values for  $W = 16$

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
<b>UMax</b>	<b>65535</b>	<b>FF FF</b>	<b>11111111 11111111</b>
<b>TMax</b>	<b>32767</b>	<b>7F FF</b>	<b>01111111 11111111</b>
<b>TMin</b>	<b>-32768</b>	<b>80 00</b>	<b>10000000 00000000</b>
<b>-1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>FF FF</b>	<b>11111111 11111111</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00000000 00000000</b>

# Values for Different Word Sizes

	W			
	8	16	32	64
UMax	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
TMax	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
TMin	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

## Observations

$$|TMin| = TMax + 1$$

Asymmetric range

$$UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$$

## C Programming

```
#include <limits.h>
```

Declares constants, e.g.,



ULONG\_MAX

LONG\_MAX

LONG\_MIN

Values platform specific

# Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values



$X$	$B2U(X)$	$B2T(X)$
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	-8
1001	9	-7
1010	10	-6
1011	11	-5
1100	12	-4
1101	13	-3
1110	14	-2
1111	15	-1

- **Equivalence**
  - Same encodings for nonnegative values
- **Uniqueness**
  - Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
  - Each representable integer has unique bit encoding
- $\Rightarrow$  **Can Invert Mappings**
  - $U2B(x) = B2U-1(x)$ 
    - Bit pattern for unsigned integer
  - $T2B(x) = B2T-1(x)$ 
    - Bit pattern for two's comp integer

# Module 1 (Part 1)

## Summary

- Explain bistable elements
- Perform simple logic operations
- Perform Shift operations
- Explain Integer encoding rules and numeric ranges

