SWE2001: System Program

Lecture 0x02: Bits, Bytes, and Integers (Continued)

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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

Or

■ A | B = 1 when either A=1 or B=1

Not

■ ~A = 1 when A=0

Exclusive-Or (Xor)

■ A^B = 1 when either A=1 or B=1, but not both

General Boolean Algebras

- Operate on Bit Vectors
 - Operations applied bitwise

All of the Properties of Boolean Algebra Apply





Contrast: Logic Operations in C

- Contrast to Logical Operators
 - · &&, II, !
 - View 0 as "False"
 - Anything nonzero as "True"
 - Always return 0 or 1
 - Early termination
- Examples (char data type)

```
!0x41 →
             0x00
!0x00 \rightarrow 0x01
```

- $!!0x41 \rightarrow 0x01$
- $0x69 \&\& 0x55 \rightarrow 0x01$
- $0x69 \parallel 0x55 \rightarrow 0x01$
- (avoids null pointer access)





Bitwise vs Logical Operators

Bitwise vs Logical Operators

C	Basic	VB.Net					
(Logical)							
&&	N/A	AndAlso					
П	N/A	OrElse					
!	N/A	N/A					
(Bitwise)							
&	AND	AND					
I	OR	OR					
^	XOR	XOR					
~	NOT	NOT					
	(Log && (Bitv	(Logical) && N/A N/A ! N/A (Bitwise) & AND OR ^ XOR					





Encoding Integers

Unsigned

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

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 $y = -15213$;

short int y = -15213;

C short 2 bytes long

	Decimal	Hex	Binary		
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101		
У	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011		

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





Sign

Bit

Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

Χ	B2U(<i>X</i>)	B2T(<i>X</i>)
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

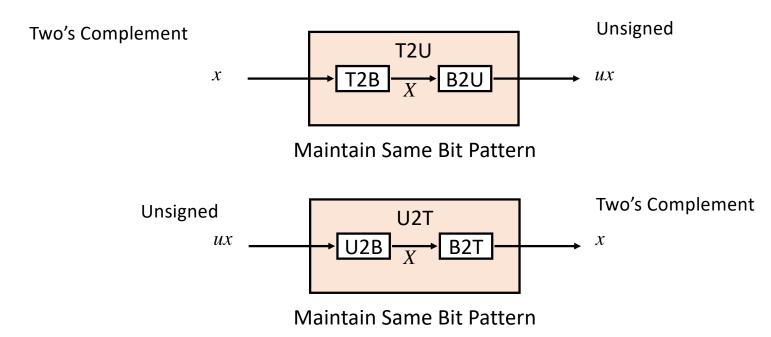
- Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
- Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

► ⇒ 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



Mapping Between Signed & Unsigned



- Mappings between unsigned and two's complement numbers:
 - Keep bit representations and reinterpret





Signed vs. Unsigned in C

- Constants
 - By default are considered to be signed integers
 - Unsigned if have "U" as suffix

```
OU, 4294967259U
```

Casting

Explicit casting between signed & unsigned same as U2T and T2U

```
int tx, ty;
unsigned ux, uy;
tx = (int) ux;
uy = (unsigned) ty;
```

• Implicit casting also occurs via assignments and procedure calls

```
tx = ux;

uy = ty;
```





Casting Surprises

- Expression Evaluation
 - If there is a mix of unsigned and signed in single expression,
 signed values implicitly cast to unsigned
 - Including comparison operations <, >, ==, <=, >=
 - Examples for W = 32: TMIN = -2,147,483,648, TMAX = 2,147,483,647

•	Constant ₁	Constant ₂	Relation	Evaluation
	0	OU	==	unsigned
	-1	0	<	signed
	-1	οU	>	unsigned
	2147483647	-2147483648	>	signed
	2147483647U	-2147483648	<	unsigned
	-1	-2	>	signed
	(unsigned) -1	-2	>	unsigned
	2147483647	2147483648U	<	unsigned
	2147483647	(int) 2147483648U	>	signed





```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(){
  // OK, nothing is wrong with this
 printf("-1 and -2, which is bigger? >> %s\n", \
(-1 > -2) ? "-1" : "-2");
 // OK, nothing is wrong with this
 printf("-1 and 2, which is bigger? >> %s\n", \
(-1 > 2) ? "-1" : "2");
 // What???
 printf("-1 and 0, which is bigger? >> %s\n", \
(-1 > 0U) ? "-1" : "0U");
 printf("-1 and 99999, which is bigger? >> %s\n", \
(-1 > 99999U) ? "-1" : "99999U");
```





- -> % gcc -o Surprise ./Surprise.c
- > % ./Surprise
- -1 and -2, which is bigger? >> -1
- -1 and 2, which is bigger? >> 2
- -1 and 0, which is bigger? >> -1
- -1 and 99999, which is bigger? >> -1





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Sign Extension

- Task:
 - Given w-bit signed integer x
 - Convert it to w+k-bit integer with same value

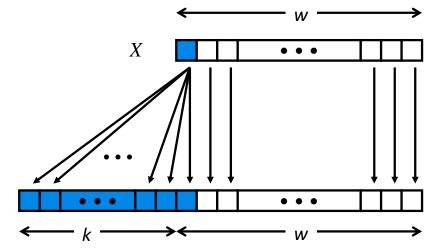
Rule:

• Make *k* copies of sign bit:

•
$$X' = X_{W-1}, ..., X_{W-1}, X_{W-1}, X_{W-2}, ..., X_{0}$$

Recopies of MSB

**X'*





Sign Extension Example

```
short int x = 15213;

int ix = (int) x;

short int y = -15213;

int iy = (int) y;
```

	Decimal	Нех	Binary			
X	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101			
ix	15213	00 00 3B 6D	00000000 00000000 00111011 01101101			
У	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011			
iy	-15213	FF FF C4 93	1111111 1111111 11000100 10010011			

- Converting from smaller to larger integer data type
- C automatically performs sign extension





Summary: Expanding, Truncating: Basic Rules

- Expanding (e.g., short int to int)
 - Unsigned: zeros added
 - · Signed: sign extension
 - Both yield expected result
- Truncating (e.g., unsigned to unsigned short)
 - Unsigned/signed: bits are truncated
 - Result reinterpreted
 - Unsigned: mod operation
 - · Signed: similar to mod
 - For small numbers yields expected behavior





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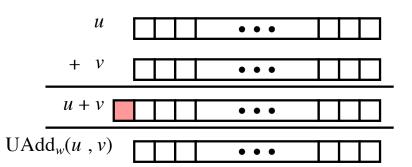


Unsigned Addition

Operands: w bits

True Sum: w+1 bits

Discard Carry: w bits



- Standard Addition Function
 - Ignores carry output
- Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$s = UAdd_w(u, v) = u + v \mod 2^w$$



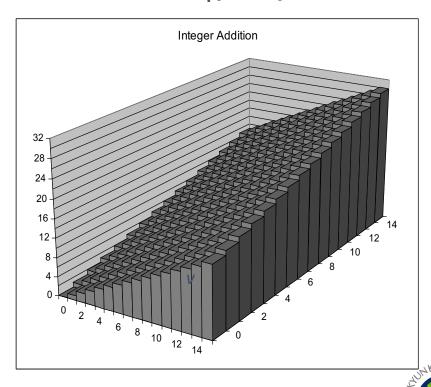


Visualizing (Mathematical) Integer Addition

- Integer Addition
 - 4-bit integers *u*, *v*
 - Compute true sum $Add_4(u, v)$
 - Values increase linearly with u and v
 - Forms planar surface

U

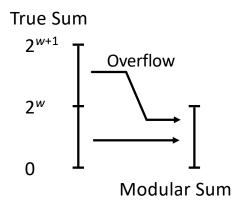
$Add_4(u, v)$

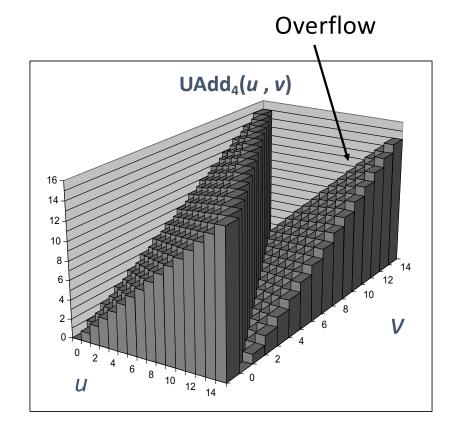




Visualizing Unsigned Addition

- Wraps Around
 - If true sum $\geq 2^{w}$
 - At most once

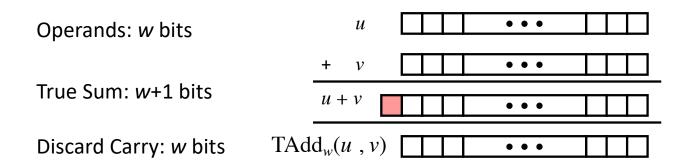








Two's Complement Addition



- TAdd and UAdd have Identical Bit-Level Behavior
 - Signed vs. unsigned addition in C:

```
int s, t, u, v;
s = (int) ((unsigned) u + (unsigned) v);
t = u + v
```

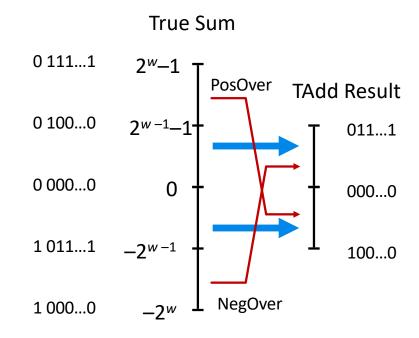
· Will give s == t





TAdd Overflow

- Functionality
 - True sum requires w+1 bits
 - Drop off MSB
 - Treat remaining bits as 2's comp. integer







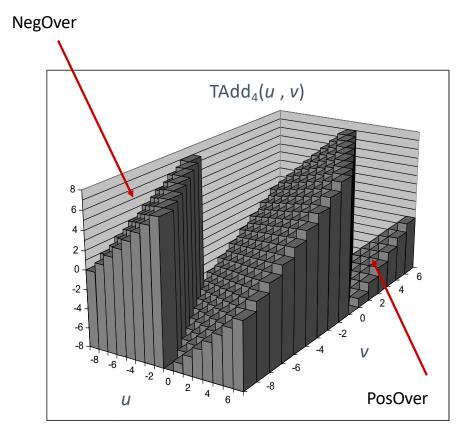
Visualizing 2's Complement Addition

Values

- 4-bit two's comp.
- Range from -8 to +7

Wraps Around

- If sum $\geq 2^{W-1}$
 - Becomes negative
 - At most once
- If sum $< -2^{w-1}$
 - Becomes positive
 - At most once







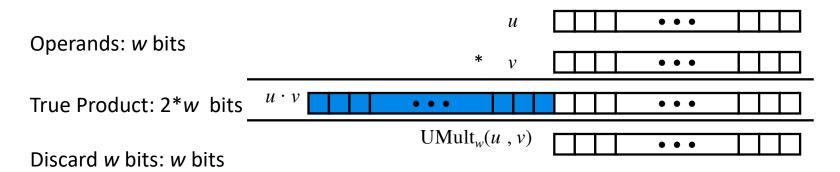
Multiplication

- Goal: Computing Product of w-bit numbers x, y
 - Either signed or unsigned
- But, exact results can be bigger than w bits
 - Unsigned: up to 2w bits
 - Result range: $0 \le x * y \le (2^w 1)^2 = 2^{2w} 2^{w+1} + 1$
 - Two's complement min (negative): Up to 2w-1 bits
 - Result range: $x * y \ge (-2^{w-1})*(2^{w-1}-1) = -2^{2w-2} + 2^{w-1}$
 - Two's complement max (positive): Up to 2w bits, but only for $(TMin_w)^2$
 - Result range: $x * y \le (-2^{w-1})^2 = 2^{2w-2}$
- So, maintaining exact results...
 - would need to keep expanding word size with each product computed
 - is done in software, if needed
 - e.g., by "arbitrary precision" arithmetic packages





Unsigned Multiplication in C



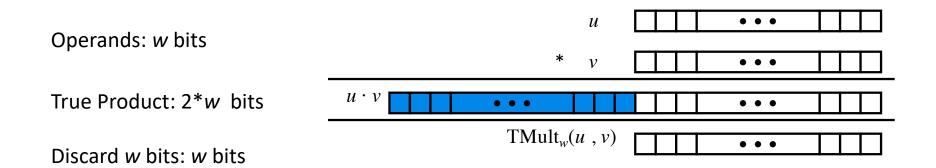
- Standard Multiplication Function
 - Ignores high order w bits
- Implements Modular Arithmetic

$$UMult_{w}(u, v) = u \cdot v \mod 2^{w}$$





Signed Multiplication in C



Standard Multiplication Function

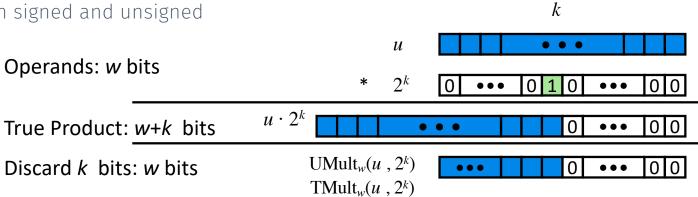
- Ignores high order w bits
- Some of which are different for signed vs. unsigned multiplication
- · Lower bits are the same





Power-of-2 Multiply with Shift

- Operation
 - $\mathbf{u} \ll \mathbf{k}$ gives $\mathbf{u} * 2^k$
 - Both signed and unsigned



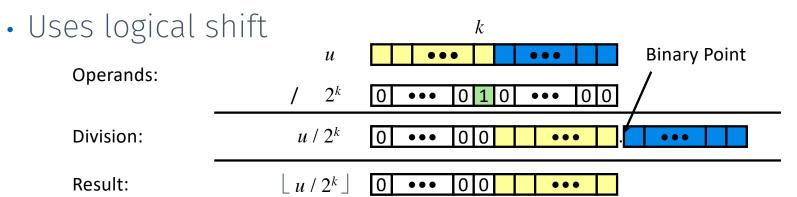
- Examples
 - u << 3
 - \cdot (u << 5) (u << 3)
 - Most machines shift and add faster than multiply
 - Compiler generates this code automatically





Unsigned Power-of-2 Divide with Shift

- Quotient of Unsigned by Power of 2
 - $\mathbf{u} \gg \mathbf{k}$ gives $\lfloor \mathbf{u} / 2^k \rfloor$



	Division	Computed	Hex	Binary		
x	15213	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101		
x >> 1	7606.5	7606	1D B6	00011101 10110110		
x >> 4	950.8125	950	03 B6	00000011 10110110		
x >> 8	59.4257813	59	00 3B	00000000 00111011		





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Arithmetic: Basic Rules

Addition:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal addition followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: addition mod 2^w
 - Mathematical addition + possible subtraction of 2^w
- Signed: modified addition mod 2^w (result in proper range)
 - Mathematical addition + possible addition or subtraction of 2^w

Multiplication:

- Unsigned/signed: Normal multiplication followed by truncate, same operation on bit level
- Unsigned: multiplication mod 2^w
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Why Should I Use Unsigned?

- Don't use without understanding implications
 - Easy to make mistakes

```
unsigned i;
for (i = cnt-2; i >= 0; i--)
a[i] += a[i+1];
```

Can be very subtle

```
#define DELTA sizeof(int)
int i;
for (i = CNT; i-DELTA >= 0; i-= DELTA)
. . .
```





Counting Down with Unsigned

Proper way to use unsigned as loop index

```
unsigned i;
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)
a[i] += a[i+1];</pre>
```

- See Robert Seacord, Secure Coding in C and C++
 - C Standard guarantees that unsigned addition will behave like modular arithmetic
 - $0-1 \rightarrow UMax$
- Even better

```
size_t i;
for (i = cnt-2; i < cnt; i--)
   a[i] += a[i+1];</pre>
```

- Data type size_t defined as unsigned value with length = word size
- Code will work even if **cnt** = *UMax*
- What if **cnt** is signed and < 0?





Why Should I Use Unsigned? (cont.)

- Do Use When Performing Modular Arithmetic
 - Multiprecision arithmetic
- Do Use When Using Bits to Represent Sets
 - Logical right shift, no sign extension





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Byte-Oriented Memory Organization



- Programs refer to data by address
 - Conceptually, envision it as a very large array of bytes
 - In reality, it's not, but can think of it that way
 - An address is like an index into that array
 - and, a pointer variable stores an address
- Note: system provides private address spaces to each "process"
 - · Think of a process as a program being executed
 - So, a program can clobber its own data, but not that of others





Machine Words

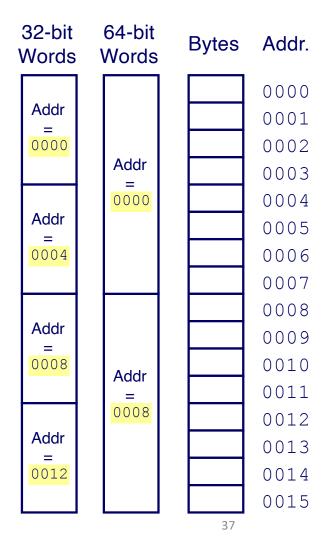
- Any given computer has a "Word Size"
 - Nominal size of integer-valued data
 - and of addresses
 - Until recently, most machines used 32 bits (4 bytes) as word size
 - Limits addresses to 4GB (2³² bytes)
 - Increasingly, machines have 64-bit word size
 - Potentially, could have 18 EB (exabytes) of addressable memory
 - That's 18.4 X 10¹⁸
 - Machines still support multiple data formats
 - Fractions or multiples of word size
 - Always integral number of bytes





Word-Oriented Memory Organization

- Addresses Specify Byte Locations
 - Address of first byte in word
 - Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)







Example Data Representations

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





Byte Ordering

- So, how are the bytes within a multi-byte word ordered in memory?
- Conventions
 - Big Endian: Sun, PPC Mac, Internet
 - Least significant byte has highest address
 - Little Endian: x86, ARM processors running Android, iOS, and Windows
 - Least significant byte has lowest address





Byte Ordering Example

- Example
 - Variable x has 4-byte value of 0x01234567
 - Address given by &x is 0x100

Big Endian			0x100	0x101	0x102	0 x 103	
			01	23	45	67	
Little Endian		0x100	0x101	0x102	0x103		
			67	45	23	01	





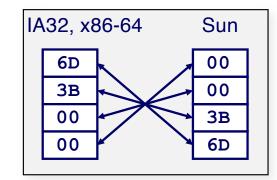
Representing Integers

Decimal: 15213

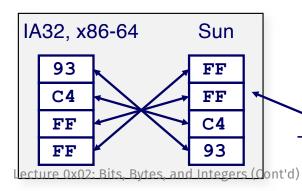
Binary: 0011 1011 0110 1101

Hex: 3 B 6 D

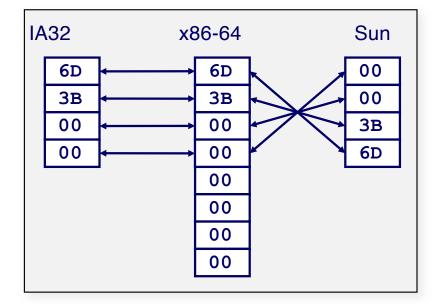
int A = 15213;



int B = -15213;



long int C = 15213;



Two's complement representation





Examining Data Representations

- Code to Print Byte Representation of Data
 - Casting pointer to unsigned char * allows treatment as a byte array

```
typedef unsigned char *pointer;

void show_bytes(pointer start, size_t len){
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        printf("%p\t0x%.2x\n", start+i, start[i]);
    printf("\n");
}</pre>
```



Printf directives:

%p: Print pointer

%x: Print Hexadecimal



show bytes Execution Example

```
int a = 15213;
printf("int a = 15213;\n");
show_bytes((pointer) &a, sizeof(int));
```

Result (Linux x86-64):

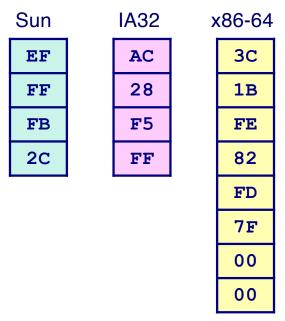
```
int a = 15213;
0x7fffb7f71dbc 6d
0x7fffb7f71dbd 3b
0x7fffb7f71dbe 00
0x7fffb7f71dbf 00
```





Representing Pointers

int
$$B = -15213$$
;
int *P = &B



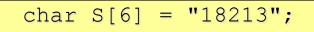
Different compilers & machines assign different locations to objects

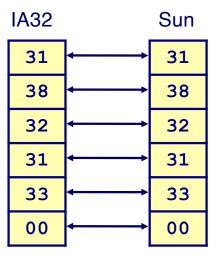




Representing Strings

- Strings in C
 - Represented by array of characters
 - Each character encoded in ASCII format
 - Standard 7-bit encoding of character set
 - Character "0" has code 0x30
 - Digit i has code 0x30+i
 - String should be null-terminated
 - Final character = 0
- Compatibility
 - Byte ordering not an issue









Integer C Puzzles

int x = foo();unsigned ux = x; unsigned uy = y;

Initialization

• x < 0

$$\square\square \quad ((x*2) < 0)$$

•
$$ux >= 0$$

•
$$x \& 7 == 7$$
 $\Box\Box (x << 30) < 0$

•
$$ux > -1$$

•
$$x * x >= 0$$

$$\Box\Box$$
 x + y > 0

$$\Box\Box$$
 -x <= 0

$$\Box\Box$$
 $-x >= 0$

•
$$(x | -x) >> 31 == -1$$

•
$$ux >> 3 == ux/8$$

•
$$x >> 3 == x/8$$

•
$$x \& (x-1) != 0$$



