

C++ Basics

Part Two

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Intended Learning Outcomes

- Describe how to perform a dry run
- Describe how to use vector
- List some elementary programming concepts

Tracing a program

Do step-by-step

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the result to area.

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They are **A2** stored in the run-time

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Each variable has an

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Print a message and display the value of *area*.

Reading Input from the Keyboard

```
cin >> variable;
```

Example:

```
int health_points;  
cin >> health_points;
```

```
float fValue;  
cin >> fValue;
```

```
unsigned int score;  
cin >> score;
```

```
string str;    // include <string>  
cin >> str;
```

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Output:

8

5

3

1

-9

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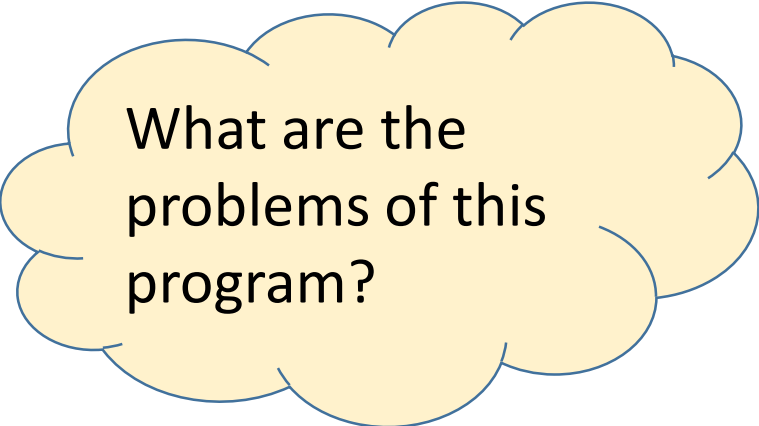
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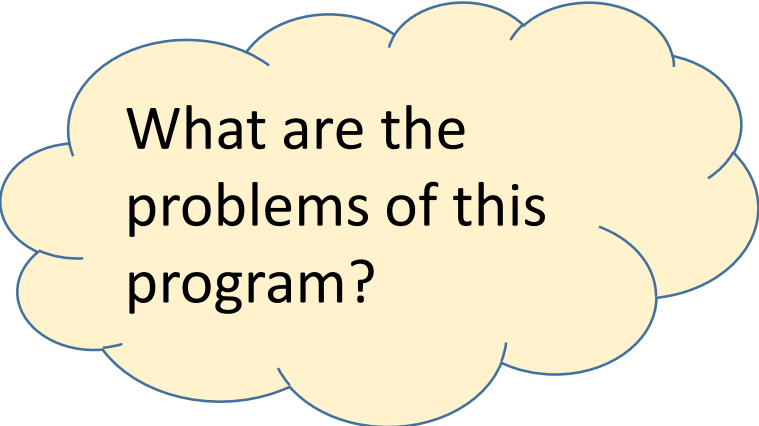


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Display messages to guide the user about what to do next.

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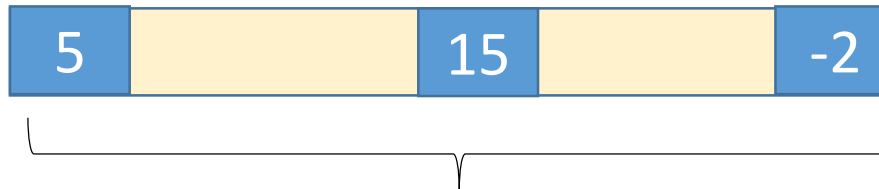
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```

index

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0	1	2

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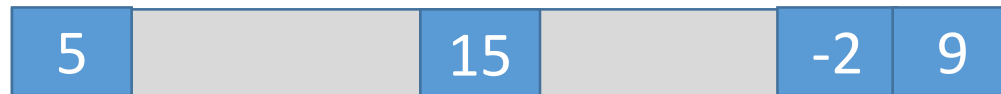
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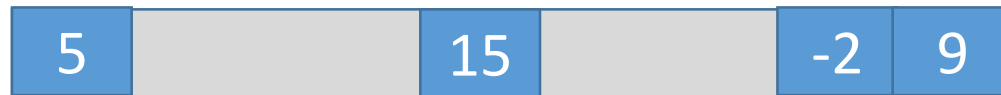
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t[20] is ?
t[21] is ?

-2
9
error

Common errors in using `std::vector`

- Use it before it is not initialized
 - **`vector<int> s;`**
`s[0] = 11;` `// s is empty. Cannot use s[0].`
- Out of bound
 - **`vector<int> s(10);`**
`s[10] = 21;` `// valid only for s[0], s[1], ..., s[9]. Index 10 is out of range`
- Have set its size and then store elements at the back. Miss to set the beginning elements
 - **`vector<int> s(10);`** `// 10 elements`
`s.push_back(21);` `// s[10] = 21. But s[0], s[1], ..., s[9] are not set yet.`
`s.push_back(32);` `// s[10] = 21. s[11] = 32. But s[0], s[1], ..., s[9] are not set yet.`

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cout << area;
```

Declaring Variables

```
int x;           // Declare x to be an
                  // integer variable;

double radius;  // Declare radius to
                  // be a double variable;

char a;          // Declare a to be a
                  // character variable;
```

Assignment Statements

```
int x;
```

```
double radius;
```

```
char a;
```

```
x = 3;           // Assign 3 to x;
```

```
radius = 2.0;    // Assign 2.0 to radius;
```

```
a = 'A';        // Assign 'A' to a;
```

Declaration and Initialization

- `int x = 3;`
- `double d = 2.3;`
- `char a = 'W';`
- `string str = "hello world!";`

Named Constants

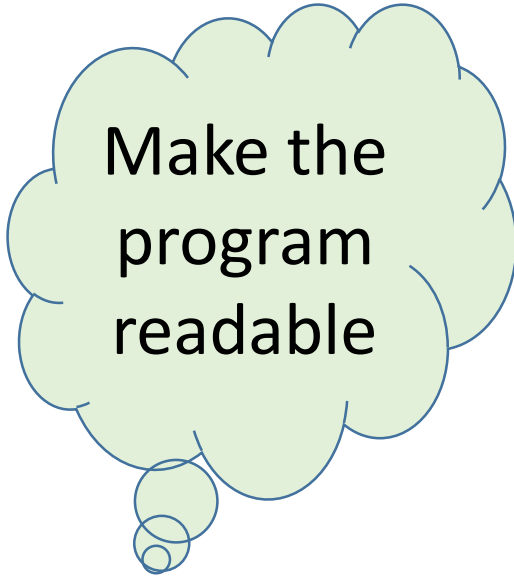
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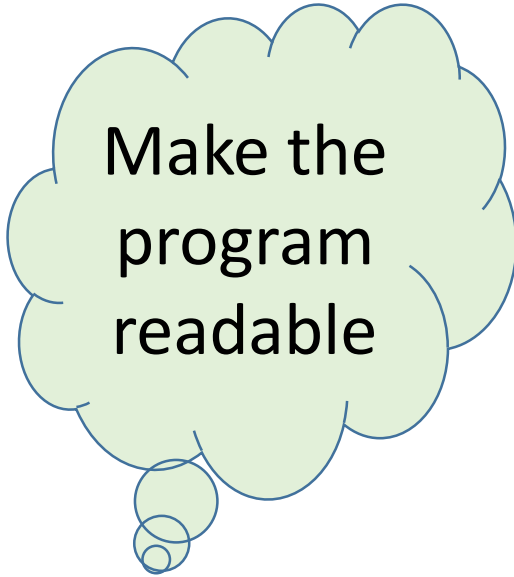
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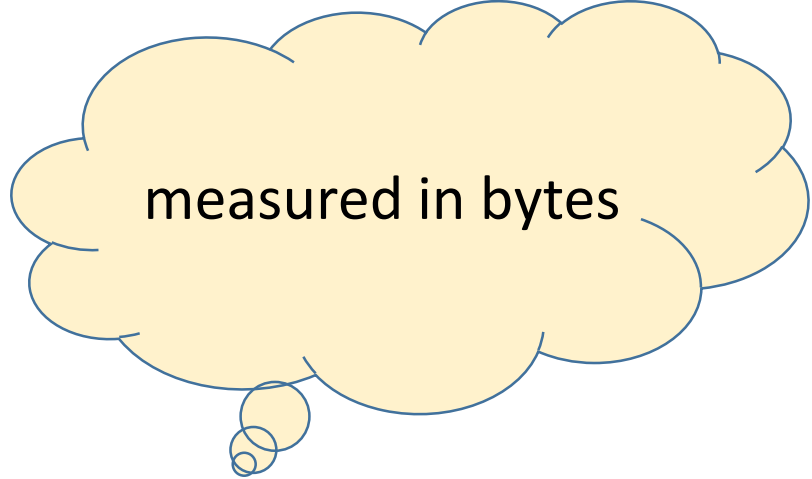
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```
cout << sizeof ( type) << endl;
```

e.g.,

```
cout << sizeof(long long) << endl;
```

```
cout << sizeof(int) << "\t" << sizeof(short) << endl;
```



measured in bytes

Numeric Literals: Constant values

A character-string: characters are selected from
the digits 0 through 9,
a sign character (+ or -),
and the decimal point.

For example, 36, 10001, and 5.3 are literals in the following statements:

```
int i = 36;
```

```
long k = 10001;
```

```
double d = 5.3;
```

octal and hex literals

By default, an integer literal is a decimal number.

```
cout << 10 << end;           // decimal
```

```
cout << 0xFFFF << " " << 010;
```

0xFFFF: hexadecimal

010 : octal

Double (64-bit) vs. Float (32-bit)

The double type values are more accurate than the float type values. For example,

```
cout.precision(16);  
cout << 1 / 3.0f << endl;  
0.33333333432674408
```

(correct up to 7 digit places)

```
cout << 1.0 / 3.0 << endl;  
0.333333333333333333
```

(correct up to 16 digit places)

Numeric Operators

Name	Meaning	Example	Result
+	Addition	$2 + 3$	5
-	Subtraction	$2 - 3$	-1
*	Multiplication	$2 * 3$	6
/	Division	$2 / 3$	0
		$2.0 / 3$	0.666666
%	Remainder	$6 \% 5$	1
		$15 \% 6$	3 $// \ 2 * 6 + 3$
		$(-15) \% 6$? $// \ -3 * 6 + 3$

Integer Division vs Floating Point Division

$5 / 2$ yields an integer 2. Integer division

$5.0 / 2$ yields a double value 2.5. Floating point division

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`cout << "Even number" << endl;`

`else cout << "Odd number" << endl;`

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0, 1

0, 1, 2

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 0, 1, 2, 3

Today is Saturday.

Sunday

Monday

Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue

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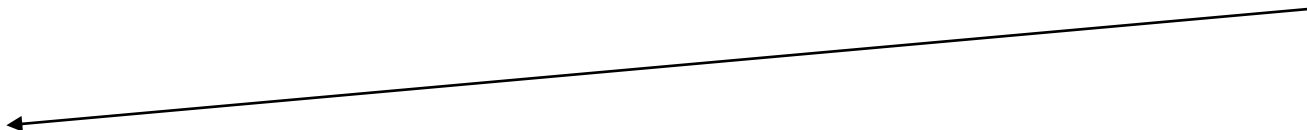
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What is the day after two days?	$(6+2)\%7$	1	// 8 % 7
What is the day after 10 days later?	$(6+10)\%7$	2	// 16 % 7



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

The period of a cycle: 7 units.

$$(1+7)\%7 = (1+7*2)\%7 = (1+7*n)\%7 = 1;$$

Augmented Assignment Operators

Operator	Example	Equivalent
<code>+=</code>	<code>i += 2</code>	<code>i = i + 2</code>
<code>-=</code>	<code>f -= 2.0</code>	<code>f = f - 2.0</code>
<code>*=</code>	<code>i *= 2</code>	<code>i = i * 2</code>
<code>/=</code>	<code>i /= 2</code>	<code>i = i / 2</code>
<code>%=</code>	<code>i %= 2</code>	<code>i = i % 2</code>

**Shorthand
operators**

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<code>--v</code>	predecrement	<code>(--v)</code> decrements <code>v</code> by 1 and evaluates to the new value in <code>v</code> after the decrement.
<code>v--</code>	postdecrement	<code>(v--)</code> evaluates to the original value in <code>v</code> and decrements <code>v</code> by 1.


They modify the variable but also return a value.

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newA is 60  
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Numeric Type Conversion

```
short i = 101;
```

```
long k = i * 7 + 4;
```

```
double d = i * 3.2 + k / 2;
```


Type Casting

Implicit casting

```
double d = 7; (type widening)
```

Explicit casting

```
int i = static_cast<int>(7.0); (type narrowing)
```

```
int i = (int)7.9; (Fraction part is truncated)
```

`static_cast`: it is a compile time cast.

Type Casting

The variable which is being cast does not change.

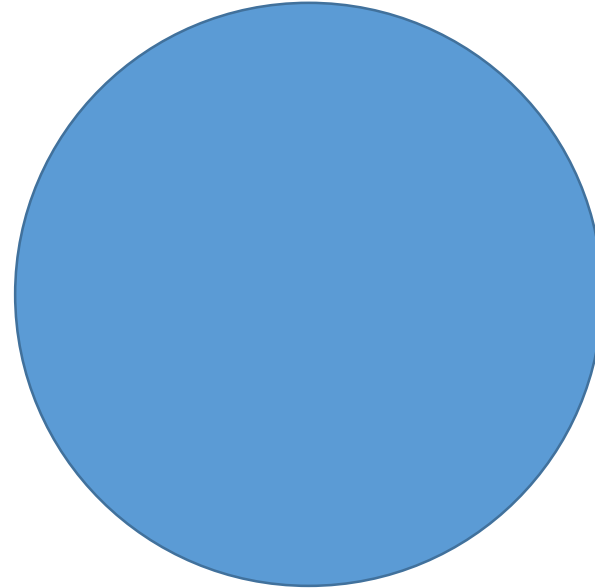
```
double d = 7.5;
```

```
int i = static_cast<int>(d); // d is not changed
```

Supplemental Material

Computing the Area of a Circle

- $\text{area} = \text{radius} * \text{radius} * \pi$



Use white space to make the program readable

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    double radius;
    double area;
    // Step 1: Read in radius
    radius = 20;
    // Step 2: Compute area
    area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
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Identifiers

- A sequence of characters that consists of letters, digits, and underscores (_).

e.g., `this_is_an_identifier_1453_`, `_variable`

- Must start with a letter or an underscore.
- Cannot start with a digit.

e.g., `1623_is_not_an_identifier`

- An identifier cannot be a reserved word.
e.g., `class` is a keyword

- Use identifiers of 1311 characters or fewer.

Regular expression: `[a-z, A-Z, _]{ a-z, A-Z, _, 0-9 }*`

floating-point numbers

35.3242 x 10⁰

0.353242 x 10²

- radix point: separate the integer part of a number from its fractional part

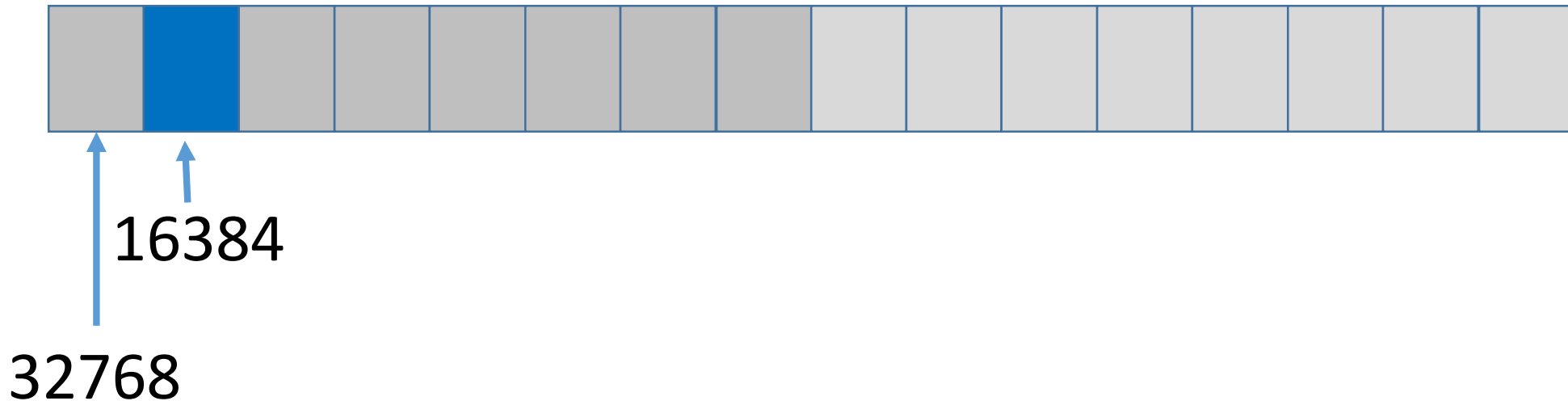
Exponent Operations

```
cout << pow(2.0, 3) << endl; // Display 8.0  
cout << pow(4.0, 0.5) << endl; // Display 2.0  
cout << pow(2.5, 2) << endl; // Display 6.25  
cout << pow(2.5, -2) << endl; // Display 0.16
```


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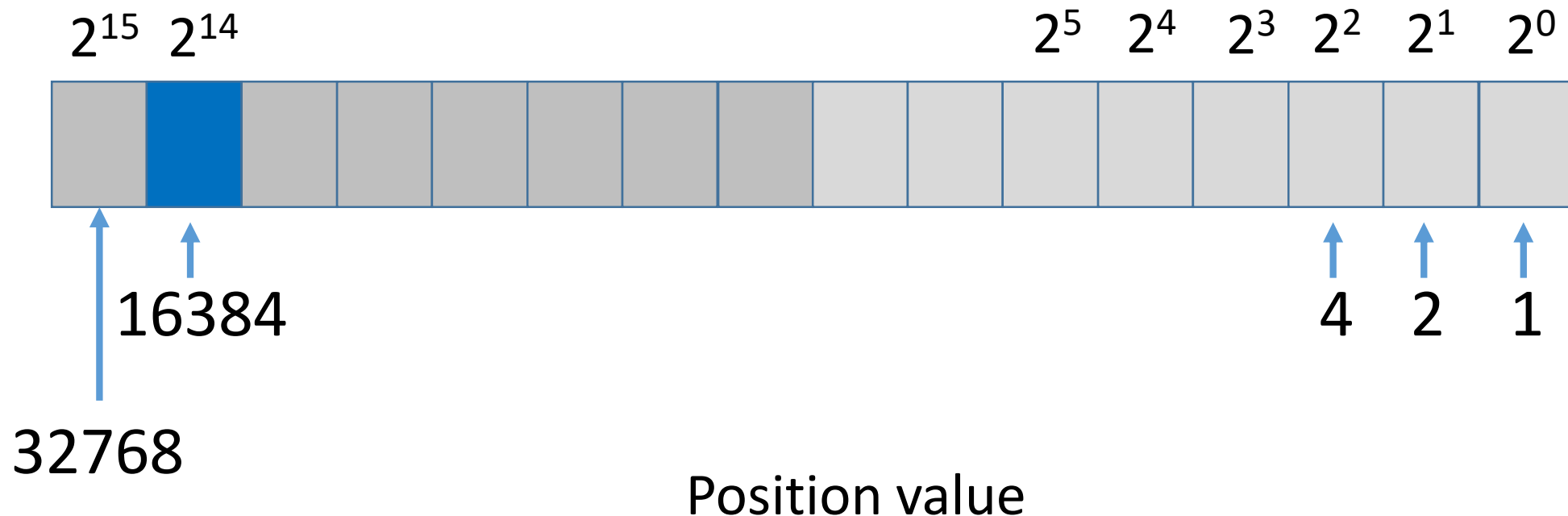
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Arithmetic Expressions

$$\frac{2+5x}{y+4z} - \frac{12+5x}{8y-4w}$$

is translated to

$$(2+5*x)/(y+4*z) - (12+5*x)/(8*y - 4*w)$$

Increment and Decrement Operators

```
int k = ++i + i;
```

//avoid doing this

// how do we interpret the instruction?

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int k = ++h( ) + h( );
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Potential problem

```
int x = 2;
```

```
int a = 0;
```

```
x = ++x - --x;
```

```
x = ++x - --x + ++a - a--;
```

//avoid doing this

//why?