

Computing I – Programming Labs

Problem Set 5 - Using Bitwise Operators

Problem 1 (Shifting and Printing an Integer)

Write a program that right-shifts an integer variable 4 bits. The program should print the integer in bits before and after the shift operation. A function to display bits was presented in class. Does your system place zeros or ones in the vacated bits?

```
Enter an integer: 8
Before right shifting 4 bits is:
 8 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00001000
After right shifting 4 bits is:
 0 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

```
Enter an integer: 16
Before right shifting 4 bits is:
16 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00010000
After right shifting 4 bits is:
 1 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000001
```

```
Enter an integer: 32
Before right shifting 4 bits is:
32 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00100000
After right shifting 4 bits is:
 2 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000010
```

Problem 2 (Multiplication Via Bit Shifting)

Left-shifting an unsigned integer by 1 bit is equivalent to multiplying the value by 2. Write function `power2` that takes two integer arguments, `number` and `pow`, and calculates $\text{number} * 2^{\text{pow}}$

Use a shift operator to calculate the result. The program should print the values as integers and as bits.

```
Enter two integers: 1 1
number:
  1 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000001
power:
  1 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000001
1 * 2^1 = 2
  2 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000010
```

```
Enter two integers: 2 2
number:
  2 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000010
power:
  2 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000010
2 * 2^2 = 8
  8 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00001000
```

```
Enter two integers: 3 3
number:
  3 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000011
power:
  3 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000011
3 * 2^3 = 24
  24 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 00011000
```

Problem 3 (Packing Characters into Unsigned Integers)

The left-shift operator can be used to pack four character values into a four-byte unsigned integer variable. Write a program that inputs four characters from the keyboard and passes them to function

```
unsigned packCharacters(char a, char b, char c, char d).
```

To pack four characters into an unsigned integer variable, called `pack` below inside this function, assign the first character, `a`, to the unsigned variable `pack` using a `static_cast`

```
unsigned pack{static_cast<unsigned>(a)};
```

Then shift the unsigned variable, `pack`, left by 8 bit positions and combine the shifted unsigned variable with the second character, `b`, using the bitwise inclusive-OR operator. Follow this strategy for the remaining two characters. Finally, the function should return the unsigned variable `pack`.

The program should output the characters in their bit format before and after they are packed into the unsigned integer to prove that they're in fact packed correctly in the unsigned variable.

```
Enter four characters: a b c d
'a' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
 97 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100001
'b' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
 98 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100010
'c' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
 99 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100011
'd' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
100 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100100

The characters packed in an unsigned integer:
1633837924 = 01100001 01100010 01100011 01100100
```

```
Enter four characters: a c e g
'a' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
 97 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100001
'c' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
 99 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100011
'e' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
101 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100101
'g' in bits as an unsigned integer is:
103 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100111

The characters packed in an unsigned integer:
1633903975 = 01100001 01100011 01100101 01100111
```

Problem 4 (Unpacking Characters from Unsigned Integers)

Using the right-shift operator, the bitwise AND operator and four masks, write function `unpackCharacters` that takes the second unsigned integer from Problem 3 ('a', 'c', 'e', 'g') and unpacks it into four characters. To unpack four characters from an unsigned four-byte integer, combine the unsigned integer with the masks

- 11111111 00000000 00000000 00000000 (4278190080)
- 00000000 11111111 00000000 00000000 (16711680)
- 00000000 00000000 11111111 00000000 (65280)
- 00000000 00000000 00000000 11111111 (255)

and right shift the results by 24, 16, and 8 bits, respectively. Assign the resulting value to a `char` variable using a `static_cast<char>(.)` operator. The program should print the unsigned integer in bits before it's unpacked, then print the characters in bits to confirm that they were unpacked correctly.

```
The packed character representation is:
1633903975 = 01100001 01100011 01100101 01100111

The unpacked characters are: a c e g

The unpacked characters in bits are:
 97 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100001
 99 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100011
101 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100101
103 = 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100111
```

Note

To prevent that Visual Studio closes the console immediately after a program has finished, you need to set up the command **Set Console (/SUBSYSTEM:CONSOLE)** in **Linker Options**.

(<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/454681/how-to-keep-the-console-window-open-in-visual-c>)

To accomplish this, proceed as follows (see also pictured displayed below):

1. Right-click on project name.
2. Select Properties from context menu.
3. Select Configuration Properties>Linker>System.
4. Click into the drop-down-box to the right and choose "Console (/SUBSYSTEM:CONSOLE)"
5. Select Apply and then OK.





