

# 601.220 Intermediate Programming

Bitwise operations

# Outline

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A bitwise operator performs a function across all bits in its operands

## Bitwise AND - &

Bitwise AND (&) performs logical AND (&&) across all bits:

12 = 00001100 (In Binary)

25 = 00011001 (In Binary)

Bit Operation of 12 and 25

00001100

& 00011001

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00001000 = 8 (In decimal)

# Bitwise AND - &

```
// bitwise_and.c:
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 12;
    int b = 25;
    printf("%d & %d = %d", a, b, a & b);
    return 0;
}

$ gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra bitwise_and.c
$ ./a.out
12 & 25 = 8
```

## Bitwise OR - |

Bitwise OR (|) performs logical OR (||) across all bits:

12 = 00001100 (In Binary)

25 = 00011001 (In Binary)

Bitwise OR Operation of 12 and 25

```
  00001100
| 00011001
-----
  00011101 = 29 (In decimal)
```

## Bitwise OR - |

```
// bitwise_or.c:
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 12;
    int b = 25;
    printf("%d | %d = %d", a, b, a | b);
    return 0;
}

$ gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra bitwise_or.c
$ ./a.out
12 | 25 = 29
```

## Bit Shifting Left - <<

$x \ll n$  shifts bits of  $x$  to the left  $N$  positions

$N$  0s are “shifted in” at right-hand side

$N$  bits “fall off” left-hand side

25 = 00011001 (In Binary)

Bitwise left-shift of 25 by 5 positions ( $25 \ll 5$ )

0000011001

<< 5

-----  
1100100000 = 800 (In decimal)



## Bit Shifting Left - <<

```
// bitwise_lshift.c:
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 25;
    int b = 5;
    printf("%d << %d = %d", a, b, a << b);
    return 0;
}

$ gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra bitwise_lshift.c
$ ./a.out
25 << 5 = 800
```

## Bit Shifting Right - >>

Similar for bitwise right shift (>>)

25 = 00011001 (In Binary)

Bitwise right-shift of 25 by 4 positions (25 >> 4)

0000011001

>> 4

-----  
0000000001 = 1

## Bit Shifting Right - >>

```
// bitwise_rshift.c:
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 25;
    int b = 4;
    printf("%d >> %d = %d", a, b, a >> b);
    return 0;
}

$ gcc -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra bitwise_rshift.c
$ ./a.out
25 >> 4 = 1
```

## Converting an int to its Binary Representation (as a string)

```
// bitwise_convert.c:
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int num = 53;
    char bin_str[33] = {'\0'};
    int tmp = num;
    for(int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
        if((tmp & 1) != 0) { // least significant bit set?
            bin_str[31-i] = '1'; // prepend 1
        } else {
            bin_str[31-i] = '0'; // prepend 0
        }
        tmp >>= 1; // shift right by 1
    }
    printf("%d in binary: %s\n", num, bin_str);
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc bitwise_convert.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./a.out
53 in binary: 0000000000000000000000000110101
```

# Bitwise operators

Operator		Description
&	bitwise AND	The bits in the result are set to 1 if the corresponding bits in the two operands are both 1.
	bitwise inclusive OR	The bits in the result are set to 1 if at least one of the corresponding bits in the two operands is 1.
^	bitwise exclusive OR	The bits in the result are set to 1 if exactly one of the corresponding bits in the two operands is 1.
<<	left shift	Shifts the bits of the first operand left by the number of bits specified by the second operand; fill from the right with 0 bits.
>>	right shift	Shifts the bits of the first operand right by the number of bits specified by the second operand; the method of filling from the left is machine dependent.
~	one's complement	All 0 bits are set to 1 and all 1 bits are set to 0.

**Fig. 10.6** | Bitwise operators.

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More: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitwise\\_operation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitwise_operation)

## Zoom poll!

What is the result of `(15 >> 2) || 7`?

- A. 7
- B. 15
- C. 0
- D. 1
- E. 8