CMSC216: Binary, Integers, Arithmetic

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Logistics

Reading

Finish up C References Bryant/O'Hallaron Ch 2.1-2.3

- Number Systems
- Binary Encoding of Data
- Signed/Unsigned Integers
- Character Data

After Exam 1, Ch 2.4 (Floats)

Goals

- Wrap C discussion
- Integers/characters in binary
- Arithmetic operations, Negative numbers in binary

Assignments

- ► Lab04 / HW04: No New material, practice exercises for Project 1 and Exam 1
- Project 1: Due Mon 24-Feb-2025
- Exam Review: Tue 25-Feb
- Exam 1: Thu 27-Feb

Announcements

Freeing Nested Data Structures

- Staff advised students frequently find P1's maze_free() to be challenging, get memory leaks reported in test cases
- Involves deallocating all blocks associated with a Maze bottom up
- Examine previous examples of free() for inspiration
 - Lab02: list_clear()
 - ► Lab03: treasuremap_free() and treasuremap_print()
- maze_free() is slightly more complex than these as is fitting for a project; my solution is only 15 lines w/ closing curlies so code is not long

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Exam 1 Logistics

Practice + Review

- ▶ Practice Exam 1A will be posted Mon 24-Feb-2025
- Practice Exam 1B and Review in class Tue 25-Feb-2025
- Solutions to practice exam will be posted for students

Exam 1

- ▶ In-person in class on Thu 27-Sep-2025
- Exam runs lecture period: 75min
- Expect 2.5 pages front/back
- Open Resource Exam: review rules for this posted at bottom of course schedule (beneath slides) Questions on Open Resource Exam boundaries?

Unsigned Integers: Decimal and Binary

Unsigned integers are always positive:

unsigned int i = 12345;

To understand binary, recall how decimal numbers "work"

Decimal: Base 10 Example

Each digit adds on a power 10

Binary: Base 2 Example

Each digit adds on a power 2

So,
$$11001_2 = 25_{10}$$

Exercise: Convert Binary to Decimal

Base 2 Example:

$$11001 = 1 \times 2^{0} + 1$$

$$0 \times 2^{1} + 0$$

$$0 \times 2^{2} + 0$$

$$1 \times 2^{3} + 8$$

$$1 \times 2^{4} + 16$$

$$= 1 + 8 + 16 = 25$$

So,
$$11001_2 = 25_{10}$$

Try With a Neighbor

Convert the following two numbers from base 2 (binary) to base 10 (decimal)

- **111**
- **11010**
- **01100001**

Answers: Convert Binary to Decimal

$$\begin{aligned} 111_2 &= 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &= 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \\ &= 7_{10} \\ 11010_2 &= 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0 \\ &= 1 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 \\ &= 26_{10} \\ 01100001_2 &= 0 \times 2^7 + 1 \times 2^6 + 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 \\ &+ 0 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \\ &= 0 \times 128 + \times 64 + 1 \times 32 + 0 \times 16 \\ &+ 0 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 \\ &= 97_{10} \end{aligned}$$

Note: last example ignores leading 0's

The Other Direction: Decimal to Binary

Converting a number from base 10 to base 2 is easily done using repeated division by 2; keep track of **remainders**

Convert 124 to base 2:

$$124 \div 2 = 62 \text{ rem 0}$$
 $62 \div 2 = 31 \text{ rem 0}$
 $31 \div 2 = 15 \text{ rem 1}$
 $15 \div 2 = 7 \text{ rem 1}$
 $7 \div 2 = 3 \text{ rem 1}$
 $3 \div 2 = 1 \text{ rem 1}$
 $1 \div 2 = 0 \text{ rem 1}$

- Last step got 0 quotient so we're done.
- ▶ Binary digits are in remainders in reverse
- Answer: 1111100
- ► Check:

$$0 + 0 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + 2^5 + 2^6 = 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + 64 = 124$$

Decimal, Hexadecimal, Octal, Binary Notation

- ▶ Numbers exist independent of any writing system
- ► Can write the same number in a variety of bases
- C provides syntax for most common bases used in computing

	Decimal	Binary	Hex	Octal
Base	10	2	16	8
Mathematical	125	1111101_2	$7D_{16}$	175 ₈
C Prefix	None	0b	0x	0
C Example	125	0b1111101	0x7D	0175
<pre>printf()</pre>	"%d"	N/A	"%x"	"%o"

- ► **Hexadecimal** often used to express long-ish byte sequences Larger than base 10 so for 10-15 uses letters A-F
- Examine number_writing.c and table.c for patterns
- ► **Expectation**: Gain familiarity with doing conversions between bases as it will be useful in practice

Hexadecimal: Base 16

- Hex: compact way to write bit sequences
- ▶ One byte is 8 bits
- ► Each Hex character represents 4 bits
- ► Each Byte is 2 Hex Digits

Byte	Hex	Dec
0101 0111	57 = 5*16 + 7	
0011 1100 3	3C = 3*16 + 12	60
1110 0010 E=14 2	E2 = 14*16 + 2	226

Hex to 4 bit equivalence

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

Exercise: Conversion Tricks for Hex and Octal

Examples shown in this week's HW, What tricks are illustrated?

Decimal	Byte = 8bits	Byte by 4	Hexadecimal
87	01010111	bin: 0101 0111 hex: 5 7	57 = 5*16 + 7 hex dec
60	00111100	bin: 0011 1100 hex: 3	
226	11100010	bin: 1110 0010 hex: E=14 2	·
Decimal	Byte = 8bits	Byte by 3	Octal
87	01010111	bin: 01 010 111 oct: 1 2 7	127 = 1*8^2 + 2*8 + 7 oct dec
60	00111100	bin: 00 111 100 oct: 0 7 4	074 = 0*8^2 + 7*8 + 4 oct dec
226	11100010	 him, 11 100 010	 342 = 3*8^2 + 4*8 + 2

Answers: Conversion Tricks for Hex and Octal

Converting between Binary and Hexadecimal is easiest when grouping bits by 4: each 4 bits corresponds to one hexadecimal digit

```
bin: 0101 0111 bin: 1110 0010 hex: 5 7 hex: E=14 2
```

► Converting between Binary and Octal is easiest when grouping bits by 3: each 3 bits corresponds to one octal digit

```
bin: 01 010 111 bin: 11 100 010 oct: 1 2 7 oct: 3 4 2
```

Character Coding Conventions

- Would be hard for people to share words if they interpretted bits as letters differently
- ► **ASCII**: American Standard Code for Information Interchange An old standard for bit/character correspondence
- ▶ 7 bits per character, includes upper, lower case, punctuation

Dec	Hex	Binary	Char	Dec	Hex	Binary	Char
65	41	01000001	Α	78	4E	01001110	N
66	42	01000010	В	79	4F	01001111	0
67	43	01000011	C	80	50	01010000	Р
68	44	01000100	D	81	51	01010001	Q
69	45	01000101	E	82	52	01010010	R
70	46	01000110	F	83	53	01010011	S
71	47	01000111	G	84	54	01010100	T
72	48	01001000	Н	85	55	01010101	U
73	49	01001001	I	86	56	01010110	V
74	4A	01001010	J	87	57	01010111	W
75	4B	01001011	K	88	58	01011000	Χ
76	4C	01001100	L	89	59	01011001	Υ
77	4D	01001101	М	90	5A	01011010	Z
91	5B	01011101	[97	61	01100001	а
92	5C	01011110	\	98	62	01100010	b

Partial Table of ASCII Codes / Values, try man 7 ascii in a terminal for a full table

Exercise: Characters vs Numbers

Explain the following program and its output

```
1 // char ints.c:
2 #include <stdio.h>
                                                   >> gcc char_ints.c
                                                   >> ./a.out
3 #include <string.h>
4 int main(){
                                                   Hello World!
 5
    char nums[64] = {
                                                   [ 0] H 72 48
7
     72, 101, 108, 108, 111, 32,
                                                   [ 1] e 101 65
                                                   [ 2] 1 108 6C
8
       87, 111, 114, 108, 100, 33,
                                                     37 1 108 6C
9
10
    };
                                                     47 o 111 6F
                                                   [5] 32 20
   printf("%s\n",nums);
11
                                                   [6] W 87 57
    len = strlen(nums);
12
13
    for(int i=0; i<len; i++){</pre>
                                                     7] o 111 6F
      printf("[%2d] %c %3d %02X\n",
                                                   [8] r 114 72
14
              i,nums[i],nums[i],nums[i]);
                                                     9] 1 108 6C
15
16
                                                   [10] d 100 64
                                                   [11] ! 33 21
17
     return 0;
18 }
```

Answers: Characters vs Numbers

The Whole Array

```
char nums[64] = {
  72, 101, 108, 108, 111, 32,
  87, 111, 114, 108, 100, 33,
  0
};
```

Lays out a bit pattern at each spot the array; bit pattern is specified with decimal numbers

```
printf("%s\n",nums);
```

Print the array as though it were "string": an array of characters that is null terminated

Elements of the Array

Print a single element of the array as

- %c : a character (ASCII table lookup for the glyph to draw)
- %3d : a decimal number (padding to width 3)
- %02X: as a hexadecimal number (with leading 0's if needed and padded with width 2 - noice!)

Unicode

▶ World: Why can't I write 컴퓨터

in my code/web address/email?

- America: ASCII has 128 chars. Deal with it.
- World: Seriously?
- America: We invented computers. 'Merica!



- ► World:
- ► America: · · · Unicode?
- ► World: But my language takes more bytes than American.
- America: Deal with it. 'Merica!

- ► ASCII Uses 7 bits per char, limited to 128 characters
- ► UTF-8 uses **1-4 bytes per character** to represent **many**more characters
 (1,112,064 *codepoints*)
- Uses 8th bit in a byte to indicate extension to more than a single byte
- Requires software to understand coding convention allowing broader language support
- ASCII is a proper subset of UTF-8 making UTF-8 backwards compatible and wildly popular

Binary Integer Addition/Subtraction

Adding/subtracting in binary works the same as with decimal EXCEPT that carries occur on values of 2 rather than 10

```
ADDITION #1
                     SUBTRACTION #1
  1 11 <-carries
                              ? <-carries
  0100 \ 1010 = 74
                        0111 \ 1001 = 121
1010 \ 0011 = 163
                        VVVVVVVVVVVVV
                        VVVVVVVVVVVVV
ADDITION #2
                        VVVVVVVVVVVVVV
  1111 1 <-carries
                            x12 <-carries
  0110 1101 = 109
                      0111 \ 0001 = 119
+ 0111 1001 = 121
                      - 0001 0011 = 19
  1110\ 0110 = 230
                        0110 \ 0110 = 102
```

When 0/1 is represented as Low/High Voltage, one can design digital circuits that implement arithmetic

Two's Complement Integers: Representing Negative Values

- ► To represent negative integers, must choose a **different** coding system than for positive-only integers
- ► The **Two's Complement Encoding** is the most common coding system for signed numbers so we will study it
- Alternatives exist
 - ► Signed magnitude: leading bit indicates pos (0) or neg (1)
 - One's complement: invert bits to go between positive negative
- Great advantage of two's complement: signed and unsigned arithmetic are identical
- ► Hardware folks only need to make one set of units for both unsigned and signed arithmetic

Summary of Two's Complement

TL;DR: Most significant bit is a negative power of two.

```
TWO's COMPLEMENT (signed)
UNSIGNED BINARY
7654 3210 : position 7654 3210 : position
ABCD EFGH: 8 bits ABCD EFGH: 8-bits
A: 0/1 * + (2^7) *POS* A: 0/1 * -(2^7) *NEG*
B: 0/1 * + (2^6) B: 0/1 * + (2^6)
C: 0/1 * + (2^5) C: 0/1 * + (2^5)
H: 0/1 * + (2^0)
                     H: 0/1 * +(2^0)
UNSIGNED BINARY
                     TWO's COMPLEMENT (signed)
7654 3210 : position 7654 3210 : position
1000\ 0000 = +128
                     1000\ 0000 = -128
1000\ 0001 = +129 1000\ 0001 = -127 = -128+1
                     1000\ 0011 = -125 = -128 + 1 + 2
1000 0011 = +131
                     1111 \ 1111 = -1 = -128 + 1 + 2 + 4 + ... + 64
1111 \ 1111 = +255
0000\ 0000 = 0
                     0000\ 0000 = 0 [ +127 ]
0000 \ 0001 = +1
                     0000\ 0001 = +1
0000 0101 = +5
                   0000 \ 0101 = +5
0111 \ 1111 = +127
                     0111 \ 1111 = +127
```

Two's Complement Notes

Unsigned/Signed Equivalents

```
Unsigned 1000 0110 = 134
Signed 1000 0110 = -121
= 134 - 256
Unsigned 1111 0001 = 241
Signed 1111 0001 = -15
= 241-256
Unsigned 0011 0011 = 51
Signed 0011 0011 = 51
```

When/Why X-256?

- Leading (leftmost) bit is 1
- Counted as 128 in Unsigned
- ► Counts as -128 in Signed
- ► Take -256 to compensate

Negation in Two's Complement

```
int y = -x;
```

- Unary Minus operator
- ► Invert bits, Add 1
- Works for both Pos→Neg and Neg→Pos

~ 1001 1000 = -104 : negate

```
0110 0111 = +103 inverted
+ 1
```

 $0110\ 1000 = +104$

Exercise: Two's Complement Conversions

- Fill in the missing entries in the following table
- Very similar to an upcoming exam problem

		Bits		Hex	Decimal		Decimal	
					Unsigned		Si	gned
	1111	1111	A:		В:		C:	
	1001	0110		0x96	D:		E:	
F:				0x3E	G:		Η:	
	0010	0011	I:			35	J:	
K:			L:		M:			-35

Answers: Two's Complement Conversions

		Bits		Hex	Decimal	Decimal	
					Unsigned	Signed	
	1111	1111	A:	OxFF	B: 255	C: -1	
	1001	0110		0x96	D: 150	E: -106	
F:	0011	1110		0x3E	G: 62	H: 62	
	0010	0011	I:	0x23	35	J: 35	
K :	1101	1101	L:	0xDD	M: 221	-35	

K / L / M: Converting 35 to –35 decimal/bits can be done via (-35+255) AND/OR via Invert Bits $+\ 1$

Overflow

- Sums that exceed the representation of the bits associated with the integral type overflow
- Excess significant bits are dropped
- Addition can result in a sum smaller than the summands, even for two positive numbers (!?)
- Integer arithmetic in fixed bits is a mathematical ring

Examples of Overflow in 8 bits

```
ADDITION #3 OVERFLOW
1 1111 111 <-carries
1111 1111 = 255
1010 1001 = 169
+ 0000 0001 = 1
1 0000 0000 = 256
x drop 9th bit

0000 0000 = 0
1 0110 1010 = 362
x drop 9th bit

0110 1010 = 106
```

Underflow

- Underflow occurs in unsigned arithmetic when values go below 0 (no longer positive)
- Pretend that there is an extra significant bit to carry out subtraction
- Subtracting a positive integer from a positive integer may result in a larger positive integer (?!?)
- Integer arithmetic in fixed bits is a mathematical ring

Examples of 8-bit Underflow

```
SUBTRACTITON #2 UNDERFLOW
           ?<-carries
   0000 0000 =
- 0000 0001 =
           ?<-carries
1\ 0000\ 0000 = 256\ (pretend)
- 0000 0001 =
VVVVVVVVVVVVVV
           2<-carries
  1111 1110 = 256
 -000000001 =
```

Overflow and Underflow In C Programs

- See over_under_flow.c for demonstrations in a C program.
- ▶ No runtime errors for under/overflow
- Good for hashing and cryptography
- ▶ Bad for most other applications: system critical operations should use checks for overflow / underflow
- ► Textbook mentions the Ariane Rocket Crash which was due to overflow of an integer converted from a floating point value

The Ariane explosion is an instructive example for several reasons.

- (1) Software re-use caused the problem subverting the usual wisdom of relying on tested software; hardware changes ALWAYS trump software.
- (2) Sometimes computer science IS rocket science
- Assembly provides condition codes indicating when overflow occurs but checking in C is tricky and painful¹

¹Many compilers like GCC can generate assembly instructions that will detect overflow and abort programs. See the demo program overflow_detect.c and GCCs -ftrapv option.

Interlude: Brief Introduction to GDB, The GNU Debugger

- P2 will include a "debugging problem" called puzzlebox
- Easiest to solve this problem using GDB (or some other debugger)
- You may benefit from using GDB to complete P1 as well
- Debuggers allow one to stop time in a program, inspect variables, pause execution at certain points and skip forwards
- ▶ If you've added tons of printf()'s to your code and still can't figure out what's going on, a Debugger is your next option
- ▶ Basic mechanics demonstrated on Lab04: set a break point, run program, inspect values, step
- Associated Reading: Quick Guide to GDB

Endinaness: Byte ordering in Memory

- Single bytes like ASCII characters lay out sequentially in memory in increasing address
- Multi-byte entities like 4-byte ints require decisions on byte ordering
- ▶ We think of a 32-bit int like this

- ► There are 2 Options to for ordering multi-byte data in memory
 - ▶ Little Endian: Least Significant byte at low address
 - ▶ Big Endian: Most Significant Byte at low address
- Example: Integer starts at address #1024

	Addre	ess						
LittleEnd:	#102	7	#1026	3	#102	5	#1024	1
Binary:	0000	0000	0000	0000	0001	1000	1110	1001
	0	0	0	0	1	8	E	9
BigEnd:	#1024	4	#1025	5	#1026	3	#1027	7
	Addre	ess						

Little Endian vs. Big Endian

- Most modern machines use Little Endian ordering by default
- ➤ Some processor (ARM) support both Little / Big Endian BUT and one is chosen at startup and used until turned off
- ▶ Both Big and Little Endian have (minor) engineering trade-offs
- At one time debated hotly among hardware folks: a la Gulliver's Travels conflicts
- ► Intel Chips were little endian and have dominated computing for several decades, set the precedent for modern platforms
- Big endian byte order shows up in network programming: sending bytes over the network is done in big endian ordering
- ► Examine show_endianness.c : uses C code to print bytes in order, reveals whether a machine is Little or Big Endian

Output of show_endianness.c

```
1 // show_endianness.c: Shows endiannes layout of a binary number in
 2 // memory. Intel machines and some ARM machines (Apple M1) are little
 3 // endian so bytes will print least signficant earlier.
   #include <stdio.h>
 5
  int main(){
     int bin = 0b000000000000000001100011101001;
                                                     // 6377
     //
 9
   printf("%d\n%08x\n",bin,bin);
                                                  // show decimal and hex representation of b
10
   char *ptr = (char *) &bin;
                                                  // pointer to beginning of bin
11
    for(int i=0: i<4: i++){
                                                  // print bytes of bin from low to high
12
       printf("%hhx ", ptr[i]);
13
                                                  // memory address
                                                  // '%hhx' : 1-byte char in hex
14
15
     printf("\n");
                                                  // '%hx' : 2-byte short in hex
                                                  // '%x' : 4-byte int in hex
16
   return 0;
17 }
   >> gcc show endianness.c
   >> ./a.out
   6377
   000018e9
   e9 18 0 0
```

Notice: num prints with value 18e9 but bytes appear in reverse order e9 18 when run on a Little Endian machine: the "littlest" byte appears earliest in memory

Integer Ops and Speed

- Along with Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division can also be done in binary
- Algorithms are the same as base 10 but more painful to do by hand
- This pain is reflected in hardware speed of these operations
- The Arithmetic and Logic Unit (ALU) does integer ops in the machine
- A clock ticks in the machine at some rate like 3Ghz (3 billion times per second)

Under ideal circumstances, typical ALU Op speeds are

Cycles
1
1
1
1
3
>30

- Due to disparity, it is worth knowing about relation between multiply/divide and bitwise operations
- Compiler often uses such tricks: shift rather than multiply/divide

Mangling Bits Puts Muscle on Your Bones

Below illustrates difference between logical and bitwise operations.

- Bitwise ops evaluate on a per-bit level
- ▶ 32 bits for int, 4 bits shown

Bitwise OR	Bitwise AND	Bitwise XOR	Bitwise NOT
1100 = 12	1100 = 12	1100 = 12	
1010 = 10	& 1010 = 10	1010 = 10	~ 1100 = 12
1110 = 14	1000 = 8	0110 = 6	0011 = 3

Bitwise Shifts

- ▶ **Shift** operations move bits within a field of bits
- Shift operations are

```
x = y \ll k; // left shift y by k bits, store in x x = y \gg k; // right shift y by k bits, store in x
```

- ▶ All integral types can use shifts: long, int, short, char
- Not applicable to pointers or floating point
- Examples in 8 bits

```
// 76543210

char x = 0b00010111; // 23

char y = x << 2; // left shift by 2

// y = 0b01011100; // 92

// x = 0b00010111; // not changed

char z = x >> 3; // right shift by 3

// z = 0b00000010; // 2

// x = 0b00010111; // not changed

char n = 0b10000000; // -128, signed

char s = n >> 4; // right shift by 4

// s = 0b11111000; // -8, sign extension

// right shift >> is "arithmetic"
```

Shifty Arithmetic Tricks

- Shifts with add/subtract can be used instead of multiplication and division
- ► Turn on optimization: gcc -03 code.c
- ▶ Compiler automatically does this if it thinks it will save cycles
- Sometimes programmers should do this but better to convince compiler to do it for you, comment if doing manually

Multiplication

// 76543210 char x = 0b00001010; // 10 char x2 = x << 1; // 10*2 // x2 = 0b00010100; // 20 char x4 = x << 2; // 10*4 // x4 = 0b00101000; // 40 char x7 = (x << 3)-x; // 10*7 // x7 = 0b01000110; // 70 // 76543210

Division

```
// 76543210

char y = 0b01101110; // 110

char y2 = y >> 1; // 110/2

// y2 = 0b00110111; // 55

char y4 = y >> 2; // 110/4

// y4 = 0b00011011; // 27

char z = 0b10101100; // -84

char z2 = z >> 2; // -84/4

// z2 = 0b11101011; // -21

// right shift sign extension
```

Exercise: Checking / Setting Bits

Use a combination of bit shift / bitwise logic operations to...

- 1. Check if bit i of int x is set (has value 1)
- 2. Clear bit i (set bit at index i to value 0)

```
Show C code for this
{
   int x = ...;
   int i = ...;
   if( ??? ) { // ith bit of x is set
      printf("set!\n");
   }
   i = ...;
   ???;
   printf("ith bit of x now cleared to 0\n");
}
```

Answers: Checking / Setting Bits

1. Check if bit i of int x is set (has value 1)

2. Clear bit i (set bit at index i to value 0)

```
int x = ...;
int mask = 1; // or 0b0001 or 0x01 ...
int shifted = mask << i; // shifted 0b00...010..00
int inverted = ~shifted; // inverted 0b11...101..11
x = x & inverted; // x & 0b10...010..01
... // 0b10...000..01</pre>
```

Showing Bits

printf() capabilities:

```
%d as Decimal
%x as Hexadecimal
%o as Octal
%c as Character
```

- ► No specifier for binary
- Can construct such with bitwise operations
- Code pack contains two codes to do this
 - printbits.c: single args printed as 32 bits
 - showbits.c: multiple args printed in binary, hex, decimal

- Showing bits usually involves shifting and bitwise AND &
- Example from showbits.c

```
#define INT BITS 32
// print bits for x to screen
void showbits(int x){
  for(int i=INT_BITS-1; i>=0; i--){
    int mask = 1 << i;</pre>
    if(mask & x){
      printf("1");
    } else {
      printf("0");
```

Bit Masking

- Semi-common for functions to accept bit patterns which indicate true/false options
- Frequently makes use of bit masks which are constants associated with specific bits
- ► Example from earlier: Unix permissions might be…

```
#define S_IRUSR 0b100000000 // User Read
#define S_IWUSR 0b010000000 // User Write
#define S_IXUSR 0b001000000 // User Execute
#define S_IRGRP 0b000100000 // Group Read
...
#define S_IWOTH 0b000000010 // Others Write
#define S_IXOTH 0b000000001 // Others Execute
```

Use them to create options to C functions like
int permissions = S_IRUSR|S_IWUSR|S_RGRP;
chmod("/home/kauffman/solution.zip",permissions);

Unix Permissions with Octal

- Octal arises associated with Unix file permissions
- ▶ Every file has 3 permissions for 3 entities
- Permissions are true/false so a single bit will suffice
- ▶ 1s -1: long list files, shows permissions
- chmod 665 somefile.txt: change permissions of somefile.txt to those shown to the right
- chmod 777 x.txt: read /
 write / exec for everyone
- chmod also honors letter versions like r and w
- chmod u+x script.sh #
 make file executable

```
binary octal

110110101 = 665

rw-rw-r-x somefile.txt

U G O

S R T

E O H

R U E

P R
```

Readable chmod version: chmod u=rw,g=rw,o=rx somefile.txt