

# Week 1



## Question 9.

int x; // variable at address 1000 with initial value 0.  
int \*p; // variable at address 2000 with initial value 0.

statement	x value	p value	x address	p address
initial. -	0	0	1000	2000
a. p = &x;	0	1000	1000	2000
b. x = 5;	5	1000	1000	2000
c. *p = 3;	3	1000	1000	2000
d. x = (int) p;	1000	1000	1000	2000
e. x = (int) &p;	2000	1000	1000	2000
f. p = NULL;	2000	NULL	1000	2000
g. *p = 1;		fails	because	p is NULL.

## Question 6.

when to use \* and/or malloc for structs?

struct node a; use •  
• declared on the stack  
• don't need malloc.

struct node \*b; use →  
• declared on the heap  
• need malloc

• only use within a function.

• good for passing between functions

a pointer is a variable that points to the address of a variable.

int \*var;

int var;

int \* var

struct

what does sizeof do?

sizeof gets the # of bytes (of variable eg 'a' or type eg 'int')

what does malloc do?

allocates memory of given size @ the address or CHS.

c = malloc (8) allocates 8 bytes @ c's address  
↑ variable to allocate for  
↑ # of bytes

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← :

$$f(5) = f(4) + f(3)$$
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & / & \backslash & / & \backslash \\ f(3) & & f(2) & f(1) & f(0) \end{array}$$

r(0)

↓

r(1)

↓

r(2)

↓

3

4

↓

10

# Week 2

1. When should the types in `stdint.h` be used?

⇒ what is the type `uint8_t`? <sup>unsigned</sup>  
`00000000` <sup>8 bits</sup>  
 how is it different to `int8_t`? <sup>(positive & negative)</sup>  
 → not unsigned

2. How are the bases [decimal (base 10), hexadecimal (base 16), octal (base 8) and binary (base 2)] denoted in C?

hexadecimal: starts with `0x`

octal: starts with `0`

decimal: everything else

binary: ⇒ `0b` → not standard → pls don't use it -

	decimal	binary	octal <sup>= 8 digits</sup>	hexadecimal
a.	1	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	0 0 1	0 1
b.	8	→ 0 0 1 0 0 0 oct: $2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0$ hex: 0 0 1 0 0 0 $2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0 = 8$	0 1 0	0 8
c.	10	0 0 1 0 1 0 $2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0$	0 1 2	0 A
d.	15	0 0 0 1 1 1 1	0 1 7	0 F
e.	16			
f.	100			
g.	127			
h.	200			

Decimal	Binary	Hexadecimal	Decimal	Binary	Hexadecimal
0	0 0 0 0	0	8	1 0 0 0	8
1	0 0 0 1	1	9	1 0 0 1	9
2	0 0 1 0	2	10	1 0 1 0	A
3	0 0 1 1	3	11	1 0 1 1	B
4	0 1 0 0	4	12	1 1 0 0	C
5	0 1 0 1	5	13	1 1 0 1	D
6	0 1 1 0	6	14	1 1 1 0	E
7	0 1 1 1	7	15	1 1 1 1	F

convert 8 to binary

8			
(÷2)	4	r	0
	2	r	0
	1	r	0
	0	r	1

↑  
binary digit

$$\Rightarrow 8_{10} = 1000_2$$

↑                      ↑  
 base                  base  
 10                      2  
 (decimal)              (binary)

(÷2)	10		
	5	r	0
	2	r	1
	1	r	0
	0	r	1

↑  
1010<sub>2</sub>

(÷2)	15		
	7	r	1
	3	r	1
	1	r	1
	0	r	1

$$\begin{array}{r} 01010 \\ \& 11100 \\ \hline 01000 \end{array}$$

wherever we want to set a bit to 1 in original value

(now)

turned to 0

original & mask

A	B	^	& ~
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

bad for setting to 0

same as original when B=0

set to 0 when B=1

### 3. Bitwise Operations

True = 1  
False = 0

!101010 → True = 00000  
~101010 = 010101  
not same as!

A	B	A   B OR	A & B AND &	A ^ B XOR ^	A	NOT ~
0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	1		
1	1	1	1	0		

→ this is bitwise

a)  $0x5555 | 0xAAAA = 0xFFFF$  g)  $0x5555 \& (0xAAAA \ll 1)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ | 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \hline 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \ll 1 \\ = 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0100 \end{array}$$

b)  $0x5555 \& 0xAAAA = 0x0000$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \& 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \hline 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \Rightarrow 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \& 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0100 \\ \hline 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0100 = 0x5554 \end{array}$$

c)  $0x5555 \wedge 0xAAAA = 0xFFFF$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \wedge 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \hline 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111 \end{array}$$

h)  $0xAAAA | 0x0001$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ | 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0001 \\ \hline 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1011 \end{array}$$

d)  $0x5555 \& \sim 0xAAAA$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \& 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \hline 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 = 0x5555 \end{array}$$

i)  $0xAAAA \& \sim 0x0001$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1010 \\ \& 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1110 \\ \hline 1010\ 1010\ 1010\ 1110 \end{array}$$

e)  $0x0001 \ll 6$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0001 \\ \ll 6 \\ 0000\ 0000\ 0100\ 0000 \end{array}$$

f)  $0x5555 \gg 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \\ \gg 4 \\ 0000\ 0101\ 0101\ 0101 \end{array}$$

Given a variable X...

Copy / extract the value of a specific bit:  $X \& \text{mask}$

Set a specific bit to 1:  $X | \text{mask}$

Set a specific bit to 0:  $X \& \sim \text{mask}$

to set a specific bit(s) to 1.

original value  $\Rightarrow$  0001 0101  
0011 0000  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
try and & try or 1  
use to set digits to 1.  
0  $\Rightarrow$  not what we want  
still same  
set to 1 like we wanted

try copying specific bits from a value:

don't copy  $\Rightarrow$  0101 0101  $\Rightarrow$  original  
0110 0000  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
& 0100 0000  
some as the original

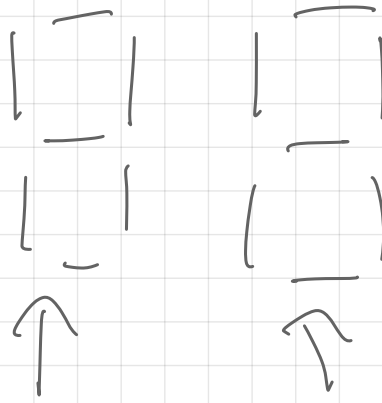
set specific bits to 0.

0101 1010  $\Rightarrow$  original  
1001 1111  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
& 0001 1010  
0101 1010  $\Rightarrow$  original  
0110 0000  $\Rightarrow$  mask  
 $\sim \& (\sim \text{mask} =$   
1001 1111  
& 0001 1010

# BCD



digits  
are  
separately  
converted to binary

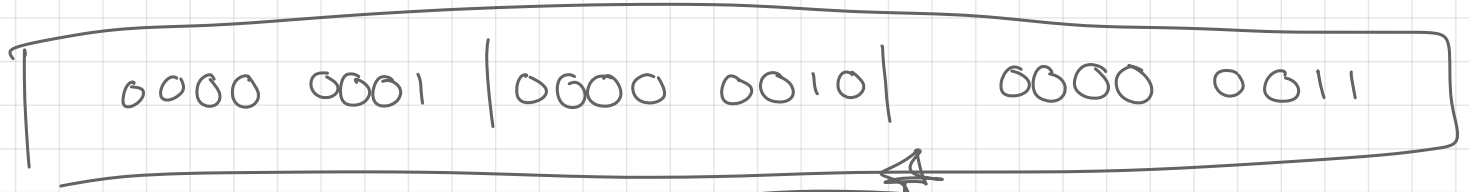


$$1_{10} : 1_2 \Rightarrow 0000 \ 0001_2$$

$$2_{10} : 10_2 \Rightarrow 0000 \ 0010_2$$

$$3_{10} : 11_2 \Rightarrow 0000 \ 0011_2$$

(8bits  
 $\Rightarrow$  uncompressed  
BCD



vs normal binary -- (00 0111 1011)

compressed BCD

$\Rightarrow$  4 bits instead of 8.

$$258 = \underbrace{0000 \ 0001}_1 \mid \underbrace{0000 \ 0010}_2$$

uint8\_t a = 0x00000101;  
uint8\_t b = 0x00001010;

0000	0101
0000	1010

(OR) 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1

(and) & 000 0 000 0

$(XOR) \wedge 0000 \ 1111$

Handwritten diagram illustrating a shift operation. On the left, a circle contains '11' and another circle contains '11', with a green squiggly line between them. On the right, a circle contains '<< 2'. An arrow points from the right circle to the text '# bits'.

$\Rightarrow 11111100$

 $\succ \succ \succ$ 

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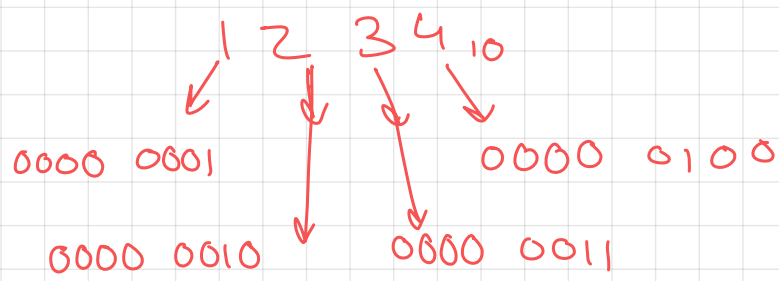
uint ...  
(unsigned int) ...

Handwritten binary addition of 1001 and 0100. The first row shows 1001 (blue) and 0100 (blue) with a red 1 above the second column. The second row shows the intermediate result 0001 (green) with a red 1 above the second column. A green horizontal line separates the two rows. The third row shows the final result 1101 (blue) with a red 1 below the second column.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0011 \quad 0100 \\
 0001 \quad 0100 \\
 \hline
 0011 \quad 0100
 \end{array}$$

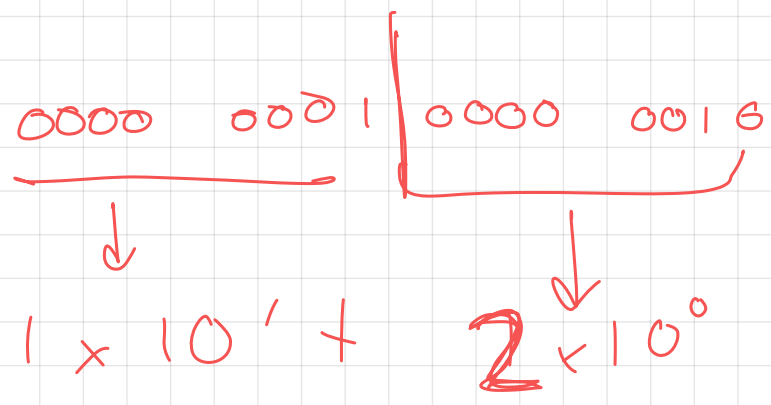
mask = 1 << 8





0000 0001 | 0000 0010 | 0000 0011 | 0000 0100

258's



# Week 3

!! weekly tests start this week !!

## Negative Values

How are signed values represented?

X X X X X X X X X X X X X X

1 = negative 0 = positive if -ve represent using 2's complement

- \* for positive values:  
use normal bin representation  
signed bit is 0
- \* for negative values:  
set signed bit to 1  
use 2's complement.

to determine a number's representation in 2's complement:

- get normal bin. representation
- invert all bits

Eg.  $5_{10}$ :

0000 0000 0000 0101

vs  $-5_{10}$ :

invert: 1111 1111 1111 1010  
add 1: 1111 1111 1111 1011

$100_{10}$ : invert

0000 0000 0110 0100

vs  $-100_{10}$ :

cheat 1111 1111 1001 1100  
invert 1111 1111 1001 1011  
+1 1111 1111 1001 1100

$11_{10} = 1011_2$

2's comp = 0100 + 1

$-11_{10} = 0101$

cheaty method

$11_{10} = 1011_2$

invert everything to left of the first 1  
= 0101

$10_{10} = 1010_2$   
 $2'sc = 0110$

$10_{10} = 1010$   
 $= 0101$   
 $+ 1$   
 $0110 = -10_{10}$

convert 16-bit representation to the corresponding decimal value:

•  $0x0013 = 0000 0000 0001 0011 = +19$   
= positive

•  $0xffff = 1111 1111 1111 1111 = -1$   
= negative

$\therefore$  need to use 2's complement  
 $= 0000 0000 0000 0001 = 1$

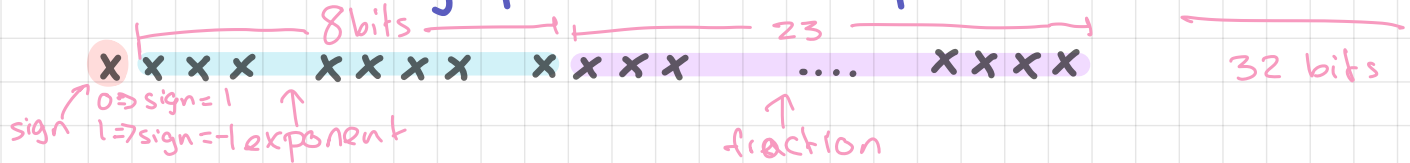
2's complement  
undoes itself

ie:  $2'sc(2'sc(a)) = a$

ie  $-100 = 1111 1111 1001 1100$   
normal 0000 0000 0110 0100  
method 0000 0000 0110 0100

# Floating Point Values

How are floating point values represented? (IEEE 754)



from this we can calculate the value with the formula:

$$\text{sign} \times (1 + \text{frac}) \times 2^{\text{exp} - 127}$$

note: we don't use two's complement here.

Eg: Convert the following to decimal numbers

f) 0 10000000 | 0110...0

$$\begin{array}{c} 10^{-1} \ 10^{-2} \ 10^{-3} \ 10^{-4} \\ 0.1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \\ 0.1 = 1 \times 10^{-1} \\ 0.02 = 2 \times 10^{-2} \\ \dots \end{array}$$

sign: positive  $\therefore = 1$

exp:  $2^7 = 128$

frac:  $2^{-2} + 2^{-3} = 0.375$

value =  $1 \times (1 + 0.375) \times 2^{128 - 127} = 2.75$

c) 0 0111111 | 100...0

sign:  $= 1$  (+ve)

exp:  $= 127$

frac:  $= 2^{-1} = 0.5$

value =  $1 \times (1 + 0.5) \times 2^{127 - 127} = 1.5$

don't follow formula

a) 0 00000000 | 000...0

sign: 1

exp: 0

frac: 0

value =  $1 \times (1 + 0) \times 2^{0 - 127} = 2^{-127} \approx 0$

'denormal'  $X \neq Y$  where  $X = 0$

b) 1 00000000 | 000...0

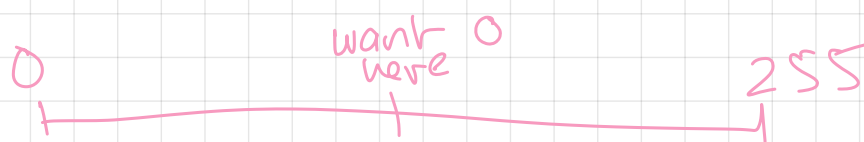
sign: -1

exp: 0

frac: 0

value =  $-1 \times (1 + 0) \times 2^{0 - 127} = -2^{-127} = -0$

$$255 = 1111 \ 1111$$



Eg 2: Convert the following to IEEE 754 encoded bit strings:

a)  $2.5 \div 2^1 = 1.25 \Rightarrow 2.5 = 1.25 \times 2^1$   
 sign: +ve  $\therefore 0$   
 exp:  $\text{exp} - 127 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = 1 + 127 = 128$   
 frac:  $010 \dots 0$   
 bits =  $0 \ 1000 \ 0000 \ 010 \dots 0$

first express the number in the form:  
 $(1 + \text{frac}) \times 2^n$

b)  $0.375 \times 2^2 = 1.5 \Rightarrow 0.375 = \frac{(1+0.5)}{2^2} = (1+0.5) \times 2^{-2}$   
 sign:  $0$   
 exp:  $\text{exp} - 127 = -2 \Rightarrow \text{exp} = -2 + 127 = 125_{10} = 01111101_2$   
 frac:  $100 \dots 0$   
 bits =  $0 \ 0111 \ 1101 \ 100 \dots 0$

how to convert fract. to bin?

$(\times 2) 0.25$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $0.5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.0$

c)  $27.0 \div 2^4 = 1.6875 \Rightarrow 27.0 = (1+0.6875) \times 2^4$   
 sign:  $0$   
 exp:  $4 = \text{exp} - 127 = 13_{10} = 1000 \ 0011_2$   
 frac:  $0.6875_{10} = 101100 \dots 0$   
 bits =  $0 \ 1000 \ 0011 \ 1011 \ 0 \dots 0$

$0.5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.0$

$0.6875$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.375$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $0.75$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.5$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $1.0$

d)  $100$   
 sign:  
 exp:  
 frac:  
 bits =

steps:

- start w/ fraction component.
- multiply by 2 until either we get 0 or run out of space for digits
- take the digit on the LHS as the next bin. digit.
- take the value on RHS and repeat process

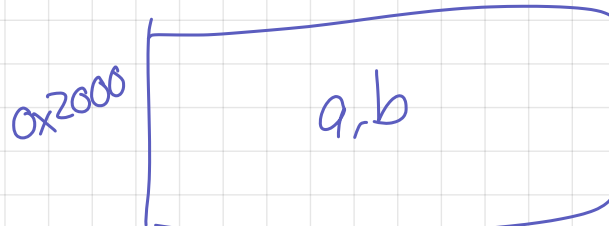
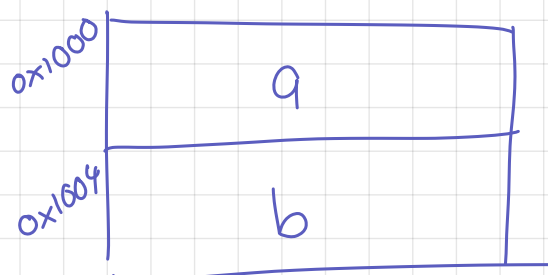
## Structs vs Unions

struct {  
 assume 4 bytes  
 int a;  
 float b;  
} x1;

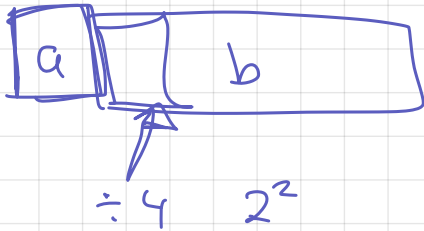
$\&x1 = 0x1000$   
 $\&(x1.a) = 0x1000$   
 $\&(x1.b) = 0x1004$

union {  
 int a;  
 float b;  
} x2;

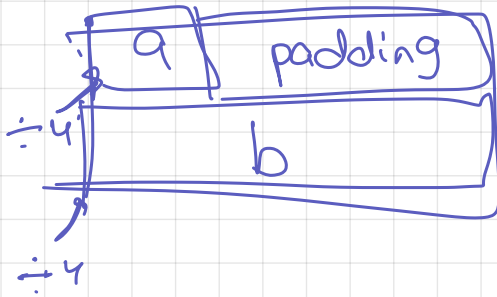
$\&x2 = 0x2000$   
 $\&(x2.a) = 0x2000$   
 $\&(x2.b) = 0x2000$



$x2.a = 10$   
 $x2.b = 1(1 + 2^{-10} + 2^{-22}) \times 2^{0-127}$   
 $= 1(1. \dots) 2^{-127}$



what actually happens



$$4 + 4 = 8$$

