12-bit I/O

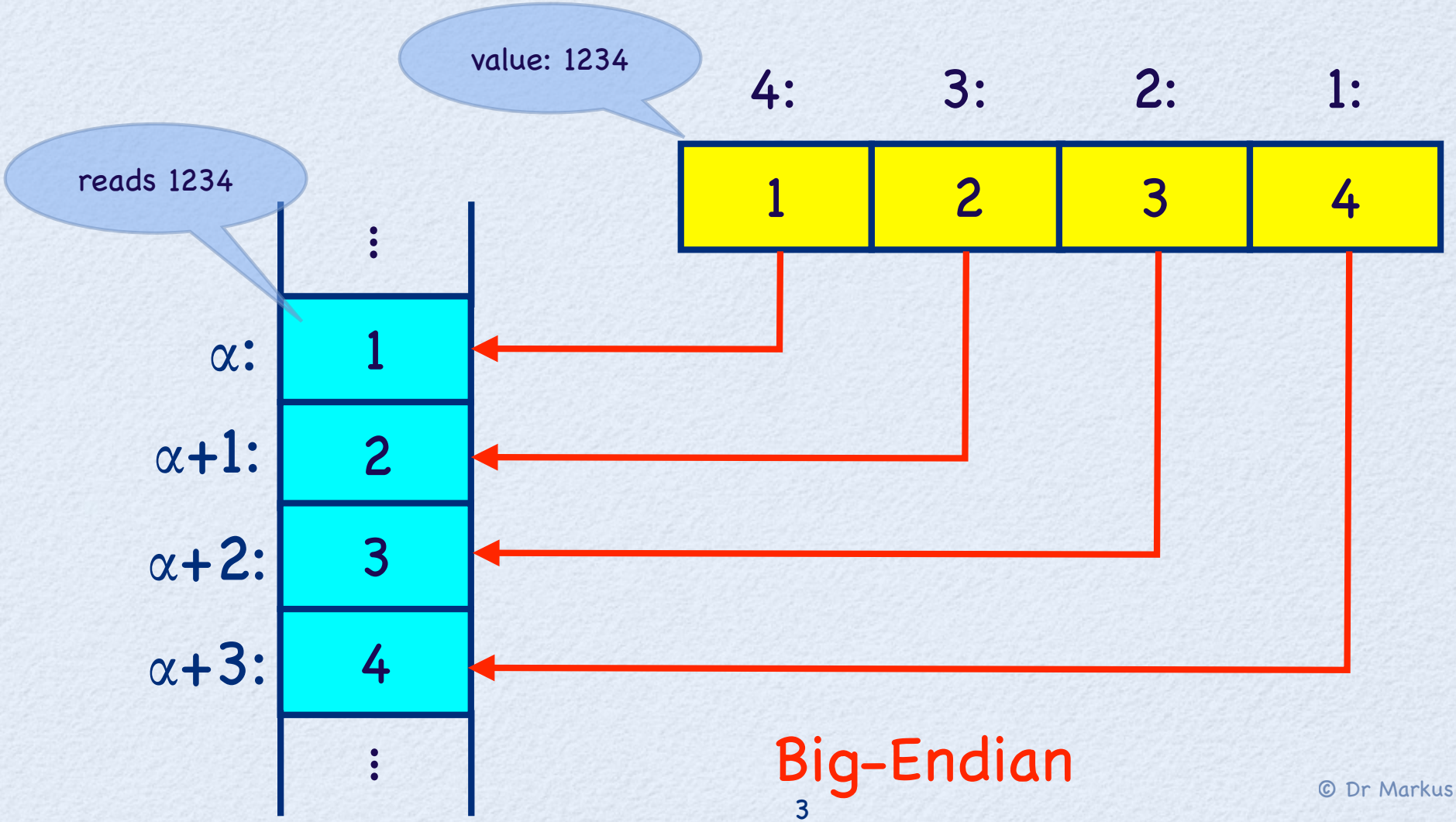
Design Pattern and I/O

Endianness

- When two parties wish to exchange information, then they need to agree on an ordering convention if the data being exchanged is too large to be sent in one piece.
- In computing, endianness refers to the byte or bit ordering of data stored in the computer memory or send over the network.
- We distinguish two orderings:
  - Big-endian order
  - Little-endian order

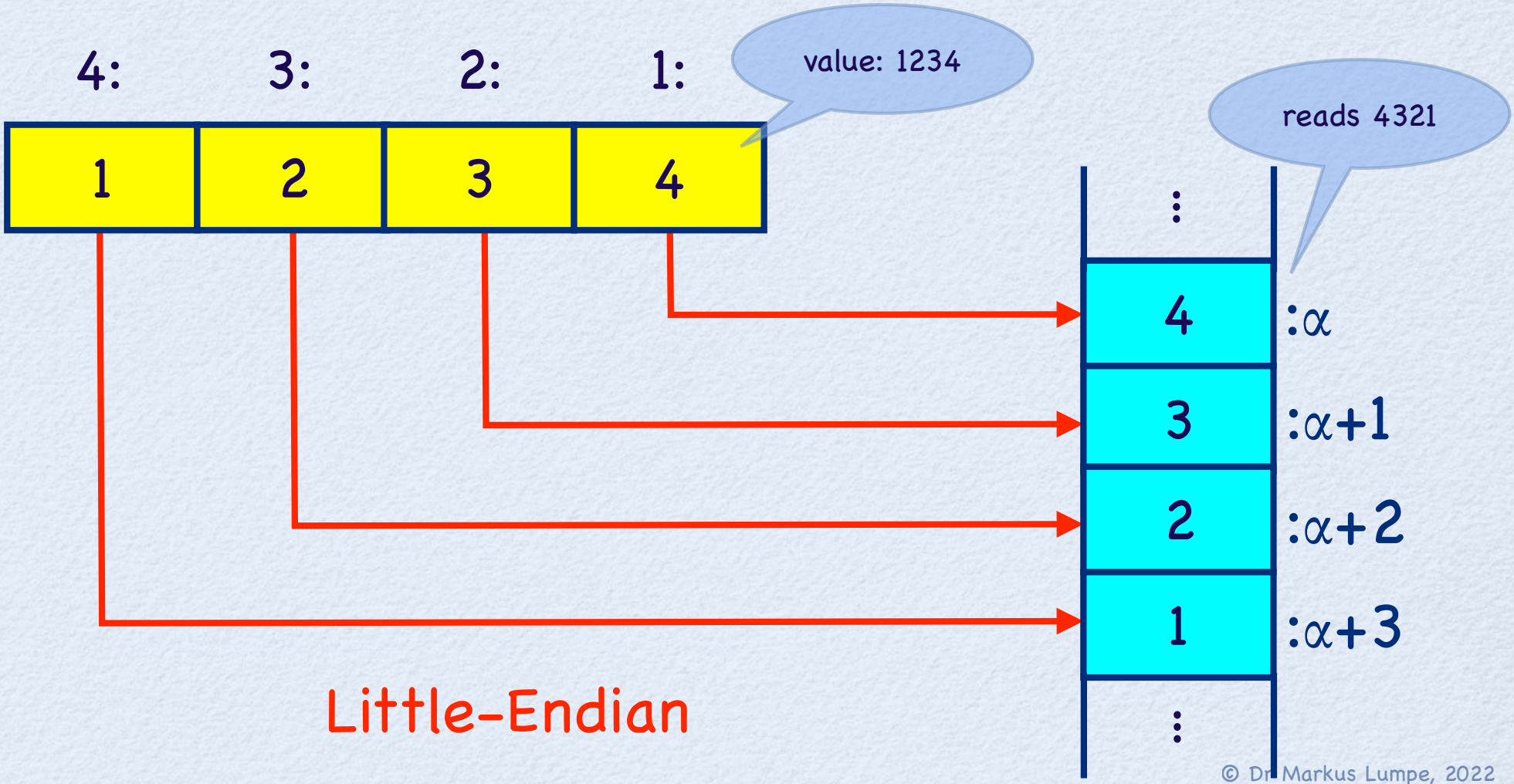
Big-Endian

- The most significant byte or bit (MSB) is stored at the memory location with the lowest address:



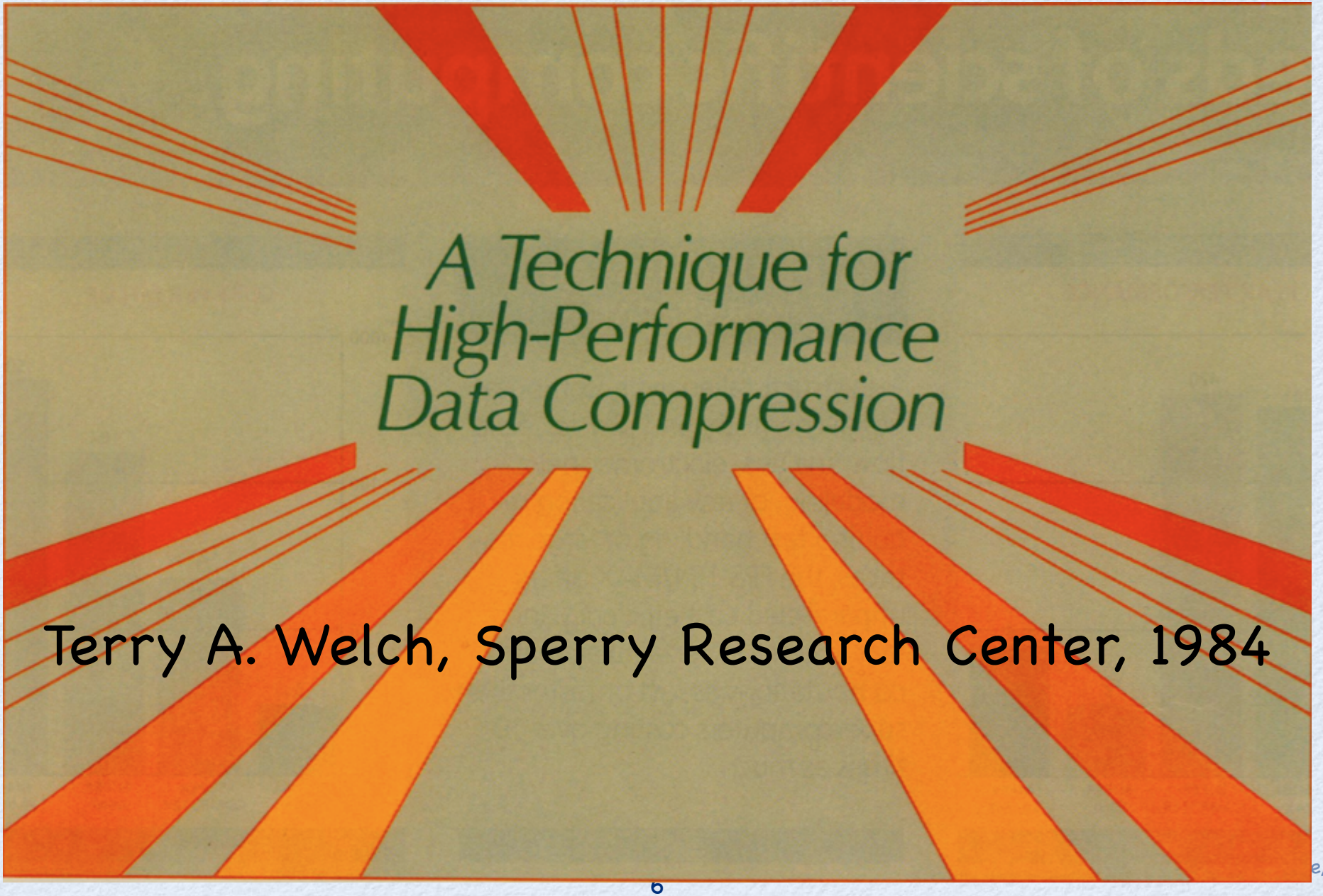
Little-Endian

- The least significant byte or bit (LSB) is stored at the memory location with the lowest address:



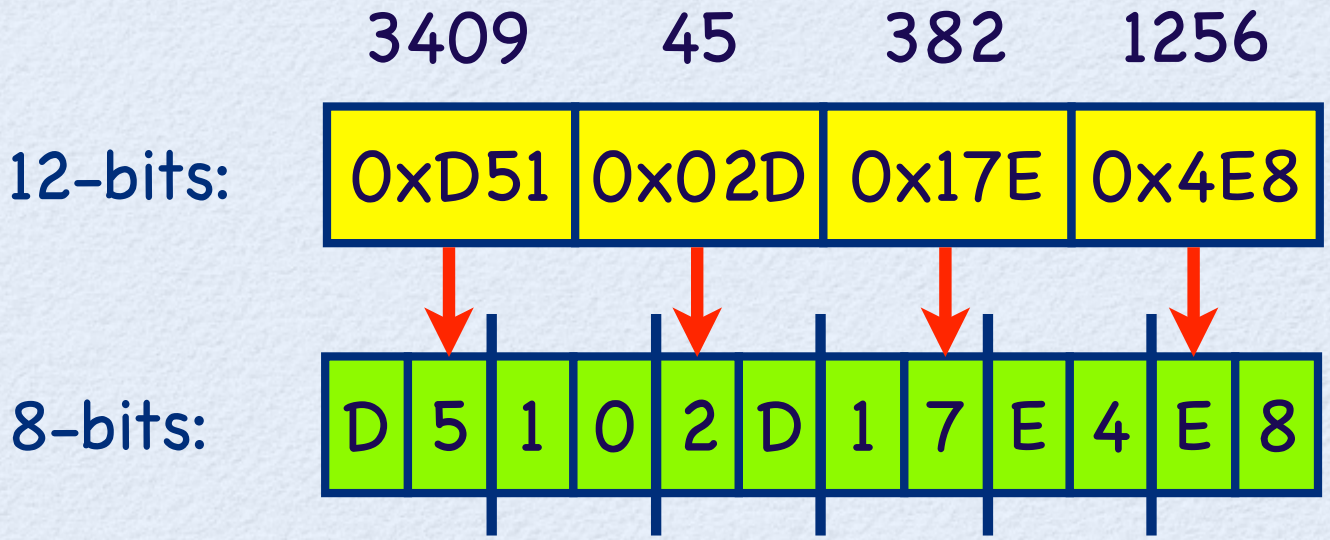
12-bit values

LZW Compression



Which ordering works best for 12-bit I/O?

- Consider four 12-bit numbers: 1256, 382, 45, and 3409:
  - 12-bit values cannot be stored in a byte.
  - We could use a 16-bit word, but this would waste 4 bits per value.
  - We need to devise an approach where we store the 12-bit values as a consecutive bitstream, each value requiring 12 bits.
  - Which ordering works better: little endian or big endian?



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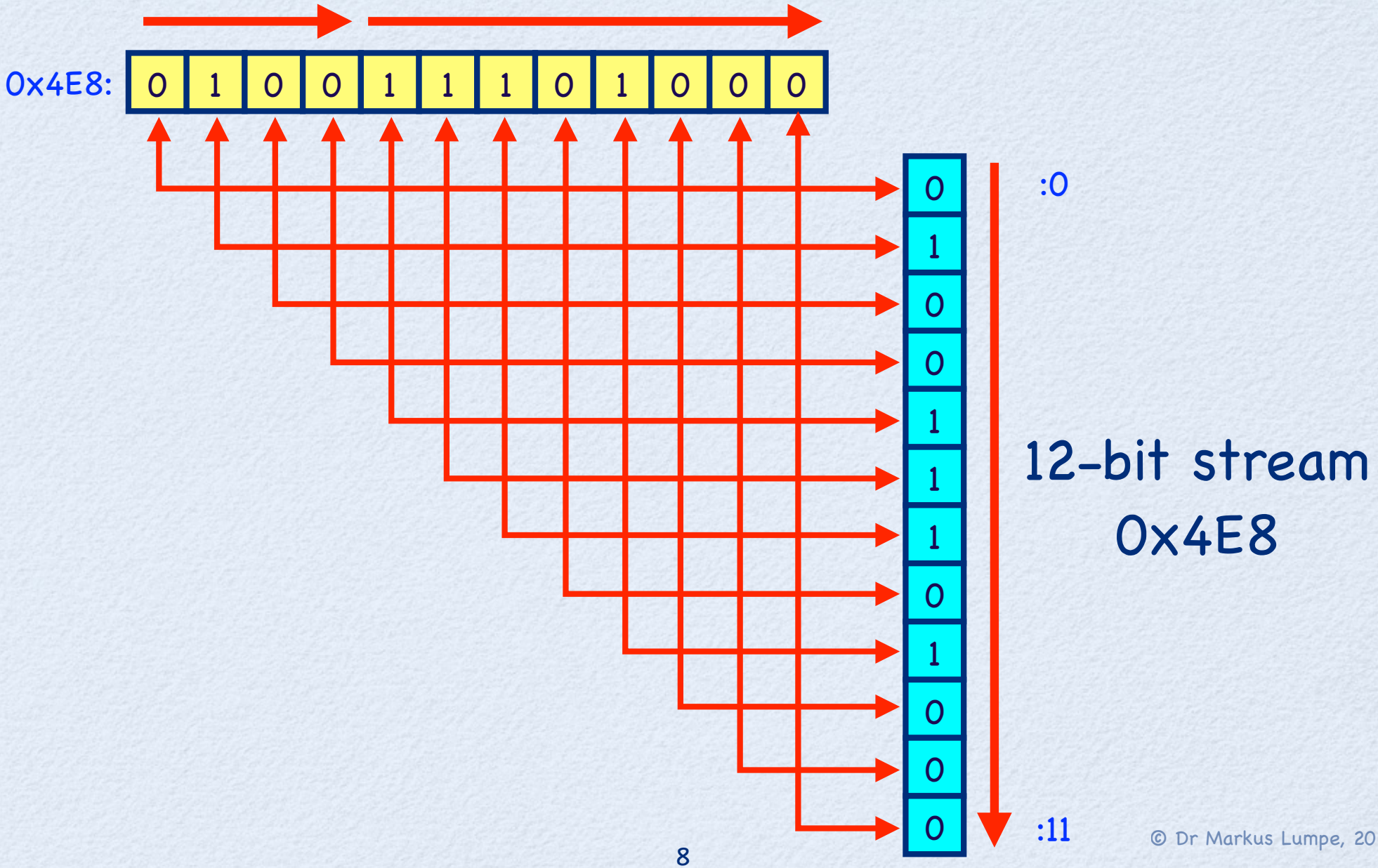

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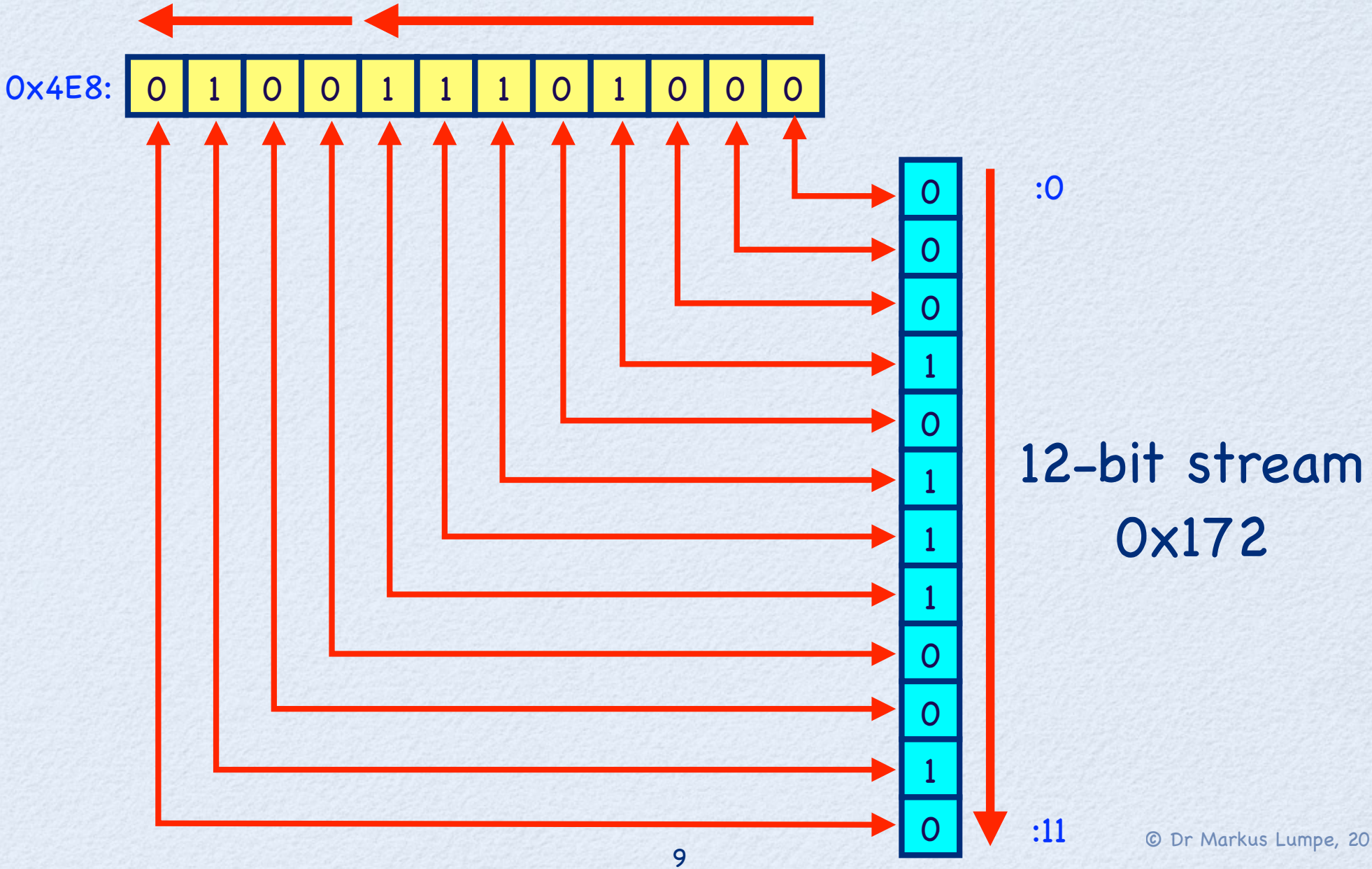

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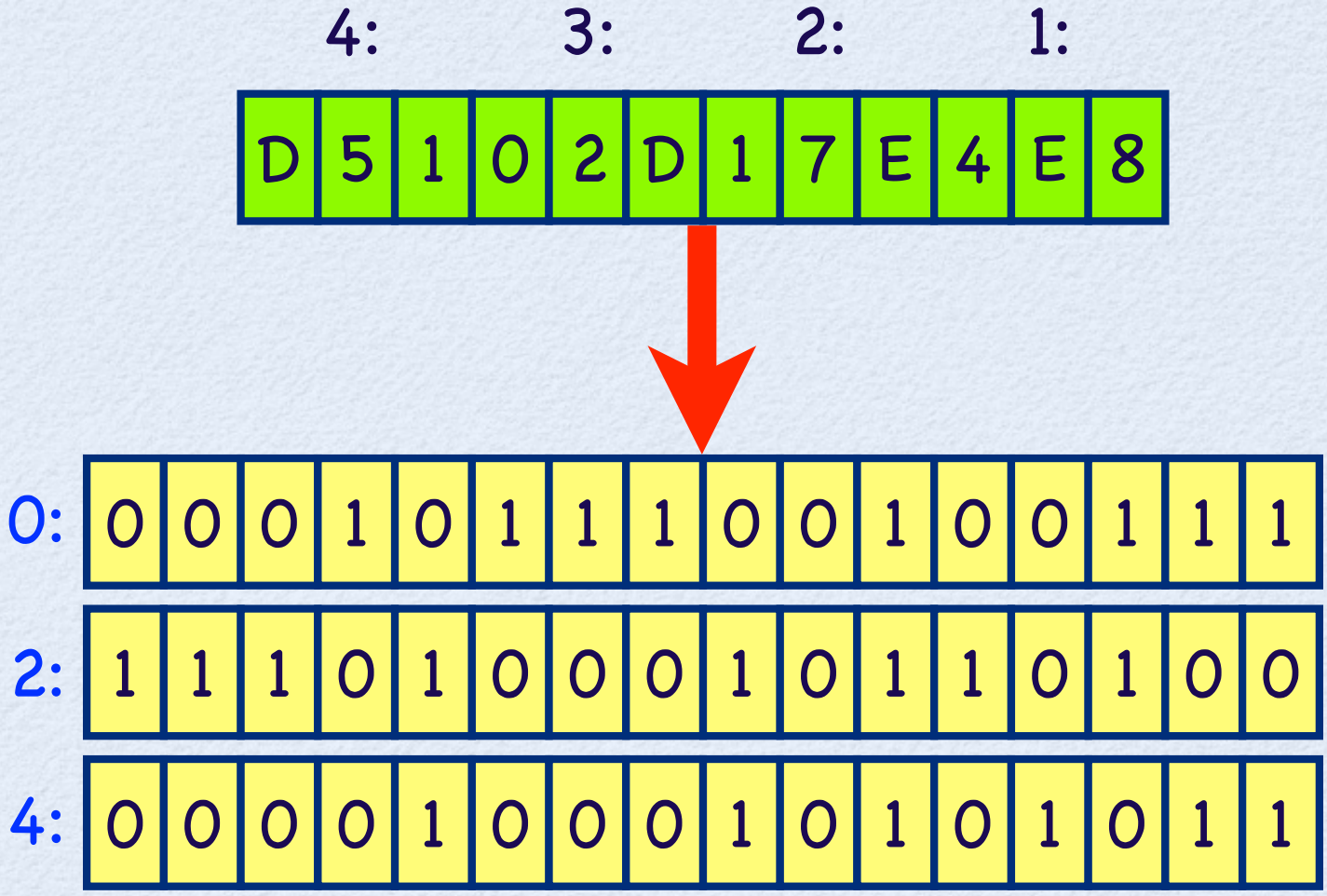
- Little-endian bit ordering:



Write 12 Bit Values (Pseudocode)

```
write12Bits( aValue : 12Bit ) =

  for i = 1 to 12

    do

      if (aValue & 0x1)          // fetch lowest bit

          then send 1 to output;

          else send 0 to output;

      aValue := aValue / 2;      // divide by 2

    od;
```

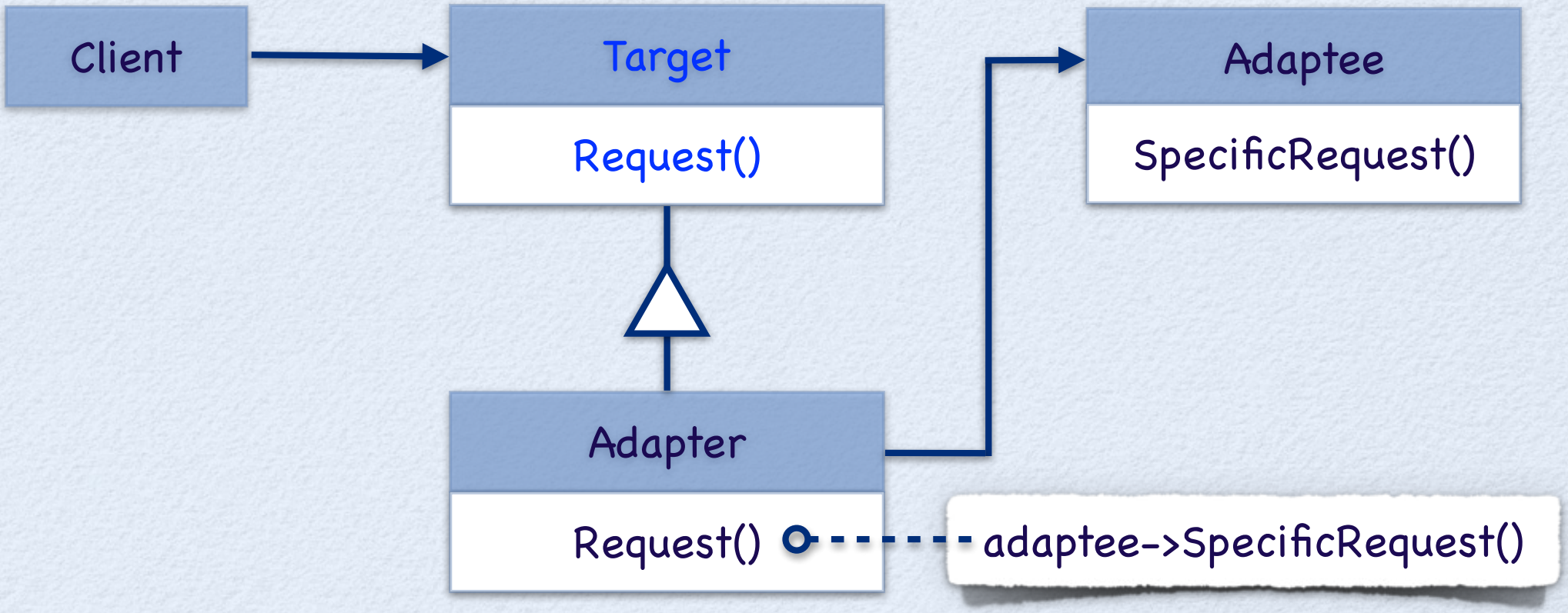
Read 12 Bit Values (Pseudocode)

```
read12Bits() : 12Bit =
   declare Result : 12Bit = 0;
   for i = 1 to 12
     do
       declare lBit : Bit = input()              // get next bit
       if ( lBit == 1 )
         then Result = (1 << (i-1)) + Result;  // set bit at index i
     od;
   return Result;
```

Adapter Design Pattern

- Intent:
  - Convert the interface of a class into another interface clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that could not otherwise because of incompatible interfaces.
- Collaborations:
  - Clients call operations on an Adapter instance. In turn, the adapter calls Adaptee operations that carry out the request.

Structure of an Object Adapter



Let's create an object adapter for std::ofstream.