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#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <endian.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <float.h>

union doubleBits {
    double dbl;
    struct {
#ifdef _BYTE_ORDER == _LITTLE_ENDIAN
        unsigned int mantissaLow:32;
        unsigned int mantissaHigh:20;
        unsigned int exponent:11;
        unsigned int sign:1;
#else
        unsigned int sign:1;
        unsigned int exponent:11;
        unsigned int mantissaHigh:20;
        unsigned int mantissaLow:32;
#endif
    } components;
};

struct dblstring {
    union convertDoubleString {
        double dbl;
        char string[8];
    }doublestring;
    char end;
};

double frexp(double x, int *exp);

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    double number;
    double mantissa;
    int exponent;
    struct dblstring charstr;

    printf("Enter a number:\n");
    scanf("%lf", &number);

    mantissa = frexp(number, &exponent);

    /* Double, what is mantissa? */
    printf("Treated as a double, mantissa =\t %lf\n", mantissa);
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    /* Double, what is sign */
    printf("Treated as a double, sign =\t %s\n", (number < 0) ? "negative" : "positive");

    /* Double, what is exponent? */
    printf("Treated as a double, exponent =\t %d\n", exponent);

    /* Long, value? */
    printf("Treated as a long, the value =\t %ld\n", (long)number);

    /* Long, sign? */
    printf("Treated as a long, sign =\t %s\n", ((long)number < 0) ? "negative" : "positive");

    /* 8 chars */
    charstr.doublestring.dbl = number;
    charstr.end = '\0';
    printf("Treated as 8 characters =\t %s\n", charstr.doublestring.string);

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}

double frexp(double x, int *exp)
{
    union doubleBits number;

    number.dbl = x;

    switch(number.components.exponent){
    case 0:
        /* 0 or subnormal value */
        if(!(number.components.mantissaLow | number.components.mantissaHigh)){
            *exp = 0;
        } else {
            number.dbl *= 0x1.0p514; /* 2^64, restores the number. */
            *exp = number.components.exponent - 1536;
            number.components.exponent = 1022;
        }
        break;

    case 2047:
        /* Infinity or NaN, *exp value is unspecified */
        break;

    default:
        /* normal floating point number */
        *exp = number.components.exponent - 1022;
        number.components.exponent = 1022;
        break;
    }

    return (number.dbl);
}

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/*  
 * Citing resources:  
 *  
 * frexp: http://src.gnu-darwin.org/src/lib/libc/gen/frexp.c  
 * unions + endianness: http://www.opensource.apple.com/source/Libc/Libc-825.25/fbsdcompat/fpmath.h  
 *  
 */
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