

Operations on Bits

Discussion

- How does computer hardware work?
- What are bits?

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Why Bits?

- Programming languages are byte oriented whereas hardware is bit oriented
- Bits important where program interacts directly with the hardware
- Gives better control

Bitwise operators

- \sim - One's complement
- \gg - Right shift
- \ll - Left shift
- $\&$ - Bitwise AND
- $|$ - Bitwise OR
- \wedge - Bitwise XOR

Summary

- To help manipulate hardware oriented data—individual bits rather than bytes a set of bitwise operators are used.
- The bitwise operators include operators like one's complement, right-shift, left-shift, bitwise AND, OR, and XOR.
- The one's complement converts all zeros in its operand to 1s and all 1s to 0s.
- The right-shift and left-shift operators are useful in eliminating bits from a number—either from the left or from the right.
- The bitwise AND operators is useful in testing whether a bit is on/off and in putting off a particular bit.
- The bitwise OR operator is used to turn on a particular bit.
- The XOR operator works almost same as the OR operator except one minor variation.

Question

- unsigned int m=32;
printf(“%x”,~m)
- unsigned int a,b,,c,d,e,f;
a=b=c=d=e=f=32;
a<<=2;
b>>=2;
c^=2;
d|=2;
e&=2;
f~=2; //print all in hex

- Left shift is equivalent to multiply by 2 and right shift is divide by 2? true/false
- `printf("%d>>%d %d>>%d\n", 4>>1,8>>1);`
- `printf ("%d",((64>>(2+1-2))&(~(1<<2))))`

Answer

- fffffffdf
- Error no such operation as ~=
- true
- 2>>4 Garbage value>> Garbage Value
- 32

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