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The most “natural”: **all positive numbers in [0,255]**

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BE CAREFUL OF  
**OVERFLOW!!!!**

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More generally: unsigned  $n$ -bit integers are in  $[0, 2^n - 1]$

- **unsigned char:** 1 byte, numbers in  $[0, 2^8 - 1]$
- **unsigned short:** 2 bytes, numbers in  $[0, 2^{16} - 1]$
- **unsigned int:** 4 bytes, numbers in  $[0, 2^{32} - 1]$
- **unsigned long:** 8 bytes, numbers in  $[0, 2^{64} - 1]$

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- **unsigned** n-bit integers are in  $[0, 2^n - 1]$
- **signed** n-bit integers are in  $[-2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1} - 1]$