

CS2100 Computer Organisation  
Lab 01: A Bit of C and Data Representation (Week 24<sup>th</sup> August)

**Instruction**

**Short and clean**

We have separated the lab information into i) **instruction** and ii) **report**. You **ONLY** need to submit your **report** into Luminus Folder no longer than 2359 on the same day you have the online lab. Whenever there is a question in the instruction (easily identified as they have **[X pts]** tagged to the end), write / type your answer in the corresponding location in the **report** document.

**Objective:**

You will learn how to write a simple C program that do simple number base conversion. Two birds with one stone.

**Reference:**

Refer to Lecture 02 and 03 for the relevant topics.

**Preparation (before the lab):**

1. Find a suitable C programming environment for your own use. There are many choices:
  - a. [Windows] Visual Studio Code with GCC
  - b. [Windows] Cygwin
  - c. [Windows] Use Windows Linux Subsystem to start a Ubuntu Linux box. You can easily get gcc and relevant tools on it.
  - d. [Windows/MacOS] Can ssh to sunfire if you have a account.
  - e. [Linux] Many options. Get gcc and use any editor your like (vim, nano, etc).
  - f. [MacOS] Use XCode
  - g. [Any platform] Google "online C compiler", there are many good online C compiler sites.
2. Download and compile the given **lab1.c** and **hello.c** source code.
3. The purpose of the **lab1.c** is:
  - a. Read a single **non-negative** integer X from user. [Already coded]
  - b. Convert X to binary form and hexadecimal form. [**Your work**]
  - c. Print the result. [**Your work**]

Sample output can be found at the end of this document.

**For Online Lab:**

- a. Please check for the zoom link of your session on Luminus->Forum->Admin.
- b. Please use the **name on your student card** as your display name in the zoom session. No nick name, no short form. This allows lab TA to quickly check your work.

**Lab Procedure as follows.**

1. Lab TA will ask you to share screen. Show your C coding environment by compiling and running **hello.c**. That program contains a simple "Hello World!" message. Feel free to change the message before the class 😊. **[Demo = 2 pt]**
2. Once you finished the demo, you are "done" for lab 1 online session. Please stay back and observe your classmate, you may be able to learn a new way to run C and / or give advice on alternative approach / setup.
3. Complete your **lab1.c** then answer the following in your **lab report**:
  - a. Brief description of the approach you used for binary form conversion. **[4 pts, includes program correctness]**
  - b. Brief description of the approach you used for hexadecimal form conversion. **[4 pts, includes program correctness]**
4. Submit your completed **lab report** (pdf or words format) and **lab1.c in a single .zip file with your student ID**. e.g. **A1234567X\_Lab1.zip**. Deadline: **2359 of the lab day**.

**Marking Scheme: Report – 8 marks; Demo – 2 marks; Total: 10 marks.**

Sample output for lab1.c [User input in **bold red**]

Enter X: <b>43</b> <b>101011</b> <b>2B</b>	Example used in lecture 03, slide 11 Binary form of $43_{10}$ is $101011_2$ Hexadecimal form of $43_{10}$ is $2B_{16}$
Enter X: <b>65432</b> <b>1111111110011000</b> <b>FF98</b>	
Enter X: <b>1234567890</b> <b>1001001100101100000001011010010</b> <b>499602D2</b>	