



Representing Data with Bits

bits, bytes, numbers, and notation

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positional number representation

base = 10 (*decimal*)

2	4	0
100	10	1
10 ²	10 ¹	10 ⁰
2	1	0

= 2 × 10² + 4 × 10¹ + 0 × 10⁰

weight (blue arrow pointing to 100, 10, 1)
position (red arrow pointing to 2, 1, 0)

Base determines:

Maximum digit (base – 1). Minimum digit is 0.

Weight of each position.

Each position holds a digit.

Represented value = sum of all position values

position value = *digit value* × *base*^{*position*}

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binary = base 2

Binary digits are called *bits*: 0, 1

base = 2 (*binary*)

1	0	1	1
8	4	2	1
2 ³	2 ²	2 ¹	2 ⁰
3	2	1	0

= 1 × 2³ + 0 × 2² + 1 × 2¹ + 1 × 2⁰

weight (blue arrow pointing to 8, 4, 2, 1)
position (red arrow pointing to 3, 2, 1, 0)

When ambiguous, subscript with base:

101₁₀ Dalmatians (movie)

101₂-Second Rule (folk wisdom for food safety)

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Powers of 2: memorize up to ≥ 2¹⁰ (in base ten)



Power: 2 ⁿ	Decimal value
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	

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conversion from binary to decimal

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$$101101_2 = ?_{10}$$

Interpret the positional representation according to the base:
sum the place weights where 1 appears (in either direction).

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conversion from decimal to binary

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$$19_{10} = ?_2$$

Divide-by-2 Approach
(Right to Left)

64 32 16 8 4 2 1

Quotient

Remainder?

Powers-of-2 Approach
(Left to Right)

64 32 16 8 4 2 1

Value

Power that fits?

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binary arithmetic

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$$110_2 + 1011_2 = ?_2$$

$$1101_2 - 1011_2 = ?_2$$

$$1001011_2 \times 2_{10} = ?_2$$

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conversion and arithmetic

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$$19_{10} = ?_2$$

$$1001_2 = ?_{10}$$

$$240_{10} = ?_2$$

$$11010011_2 = ?_{10}$$

$$101_2 + 1011_2 = ?_2$$

$$1001011_2 \times 2_{10} = ?_2$$

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What do you call 4 bits?

byte = 8 bits

a.k.a. octet

Smallest unit of data

used by a typical modern computer

Binary 00000000₂ -- 11111111₂

Decimal 000₁₀ -- 255₁₀

Hexadecimal 00₁₆ -- FF₁₆

Byte = 2 hex digits!

Programmer's hex notation (C, etc.):

0xB4 = B4₁₆

Octal (base 8) also useful.

Hex Decimal Binary

0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

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char: representing characters

A C-style string is represented by a series of bytes (*chars*).

- One-byte **ASCII codes** for each character.
- ASCII = American Standard Code for Information Interchange

32	space	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
43	+	59	;	75	K	91	[	107	k	123	{
44	,	60	<	76	L	92	\	108	l	124	
45	-	61	=	77	M	93]	109	m	125	}
46	.	62	>	78	N	94	^	110	n	126	~
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	del

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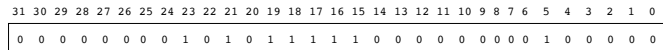
word |wɜːd|, n.

Natural unit of data used by processor.

Fixed size (e.g. 32 bits, 64 bits)

Defined by ISA: Instruction Set Architecture
machine instruction operands

word size = register size = address size



Java/C int = 4 bytes: 11,501,584

MSB: most significant bit

LSB: least significant bit

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fixed-size data representations

(size in bytes)

Java Data Type	C Data Type	[word = 32 bits]	[word = 64 bits]
boolean		1	1
byte	char	1	1
char		2	2
short	short int	2	2
int	int	4	4
float	float	4	4
	long int	4	8
double	double	8	8
long	long long	8	8
	long double	8	16

Depends on word size!

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bitwise operators

bit = Boolean
0 = false
1 = true

Bitwise operators on fixed-width bit vectors.

AND & OR | XOR ^ NOT ~

```

01101001   01101001   01101001
& 01010101 | 01010101 ^ 01010101 ~ 01010101
-----
01000001
    
```

ex

Laws of Boolean algebra apply bitwise.

e.g., DeMorgan's Law: $\sim(A | B) = \sim A \& \sim B$

```

01010101
^ 01010101
-----

```

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bitwise operators in C

& | ^ ~ apply to any *integral* data type
long, int, short, char, unsigned

Examples (**char**)

$\sim 0x41 =$

$\sim 0x00 =$

$0x69 \& 0x55 =$

$0x69 | 0x55 =$

Many bit-twiddling puzzles in upcoming assignment

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basics of C (vs. Java)

Similar

	Java	C
Interaction		compile, then run
Variable declaration; arithmetic	<code>int a = 5;</code> <code>a = a * 5;</code>	
Loops	<code>for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {...}</code>	

Different

Data	Objects/references	Pointers/structs/allocated memory
Management	Garbage collection	Manual memory management

Functions public static
`int max(int a, int b)`

Main, printing

```

public class HelloWorld {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello");
    }
}
    
```

`int max(int a, int b)`

```

#include<stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    printf("Hello\n");
    return 0;
}
    
```

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Representation Example 1: Sets as Bit Vectors

Representation: n -bit vector gives subset of $\{0, \dots, n-1\}$.

$a_i = 1 \iff i \in A$

$a = 0b01101001 \quad A = \{0, 3, 5, 6\}$
76543210

$b = 0b01010101 \quad B = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$
76543210

Bitwise Operations

$a \& b = 0b01000001 \quad \{0, 6\}$
 $a | b = 0b01111101 \quad \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
 $a \wedge b = 0b00111100 \quad \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 $\sim b = 0b10101010 \quad \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

Set Operations

Intersection
Union
Symmetric difference
Complement

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logical operations in C

&& || ! apply to any "integral" data type
long, int, short, char, unsigned

0 is false nonzero is true result always 0 or 1

early termination a.k.a. **short-circuit evaluation**

Examples (**char**)

!0x41 =
!0x00 =
!!0x41 =

0x69 && 0x55 =
0x69 || 0x55 =



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Representation Example 2: Playing Cards

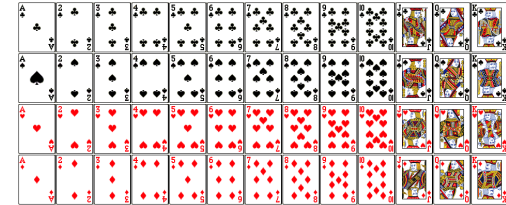
52 cards in 4 suits

How do we encode suits, face cards?

What operations should be easy to implement?

Get and compare rank

Get and compare suit



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Two possible representations

52 cards – 52 bits with bit corresponding to card set to 1



“One-hot” encoding

Hard to compare values and suits independently
 Not space efficient

4 bits for suit, 13 bits for card value – 17 bits with two set to 1



Pair of one-hot encoded values

Easier to compare suits and values independently
 Smaller, but still not space efficient

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Two better representations

Binary encoding of all 52 cards – only 6 bits needed



low-order 6 bits of a byte

Number cards uniquely from 0
 Smaller than one-hot encodings.
 Hard to compare value and suit

Binary encoding of suit (2 bits) and value (4 bits) separately



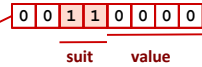
Number each suit uniquely
 Number each value uniquely
 Still small
 Easy suit, value comparisons

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Compare Card Suits

mask: a bit vector that, when bitwise ANDed with another bit vector v , turns all *but* the bits of interest in v to 0



```
#define SUIT_MASK 0x30

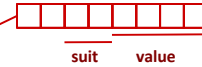
int sameSuit(char card1, char card2) {
    return !((card1 & SUIT_MASK) ^ (card2 & SUIT_MASK));

    //same as (card1 & SUIT_MASK) == (card2 & SUIT_MASK);
}
```

```
char hand[5]; // represents a 5-card hand
...
if (sameSuit(hand[0], hand[1])) { ... }
```

Compare Card Values

mask: a bit vector that, when bitwise ANDed with another bit vector v , turns all *but* the bits of interest in v to 0



```
#define VALUE_MASK

int greaterValue(char card1, char card2) {
    ...
}
```

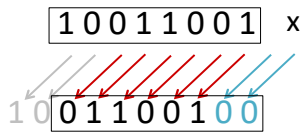
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...
if (greaterValue(hand[0], hand[1])) { ... }
```

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Bit shifting

logical shift left 2

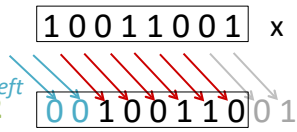
$x \ll 2$



lose bits on left fill with zeroes on right

logical shift right 2

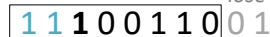
$x \gg 2$



fill with zeroes on left

arithmetic shift right 2

$x \gg 2$



fill with copies of MSB on left

lose bits on right

Shift gotchas



Logical or arithmetic shift right: how do we tell?

- C: compiler chooses
 - Usually based on type: rain check!
- Java: \gg is arithmetic, \ggg is logical

Shift an n -bit type by at least 0 and no more than $(n-1)$.

- C: other shift distances are undefined.
 - anything could happen
- Java: shift distance is used modulo number of bits in shifted type
 - Given `int x: x << 34 == x << 2`

Shift and mask: extract a bit field

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Write a C function that extracts the 2nd most significant byte from its 32-bit integer argument.

Example behavior:

argument: 0b 01100001 01100010 01100011 01100100

expected result: 0b 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100010

All other bits are zero.

Desired bits in least significant byte.

```
int get2ndMSB(int x) {
```

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