



# Representing Data with Bits

bits, bytes, numbers, and notation

# positional number representation

base = 10 (*decimal*)

2	4	0
100	10	1
10 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>1</sup>	10 <sup>0</sup>
2	1	0

*weight*

*position*

$$= 2 \times 10^2 + 4 \times 10^1 + 0 \times 10^0$$

**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

$$\textit{position value} = \textit{digit value} \times \textit{base}^{\textit{position}}$$

# binary = base 2

Binary digits are called *bits*: 0, 1

base = 2 (*binary*)

<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
8	4	2	1
$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
3	2	1	0

$$= 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

*weight*

*position*

When ambiguous, subscript with base:

$101_{10}$  Dalmatians (movie)

$101_2$ -Second Rule (folk wisdom for food safety)

**Powers of 2:**  
**memorize up to  $\geq 2^{10}$  (in base ten)**



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

# conversion from binary to decimal

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

ex

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

# conversion from decimal to binary



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

Divide-by-2 Approach  
(Right to Left)

64	32	16	8	4	2	1
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*Quotient*      *Remainder?*

Powers-of-2 Approach  
(Left to Right)

64	32	16	8	4	2	1
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*Value*      *Power that fits?*

# binary arithmetic



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

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

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

# conversion and arithmetic



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

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

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

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

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

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



What do you call 4 bits?

# byte = 8 bits

a.k.a. octet

## Smallest unit of data

*used by a typical modern computer*

**Binary** 00000000<sub>2</sub> -- 11111111<sub>2</sub>

**Decimal** 000<sub>10</sub> -- 255<sub>10</sub>

**Hexadecimal** 00<sub>16</sub> -- FF<sub>16</sub>

**Byte = 2 hex digits!**

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

**0xB4** = B4<sub>16</sub>

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

# 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

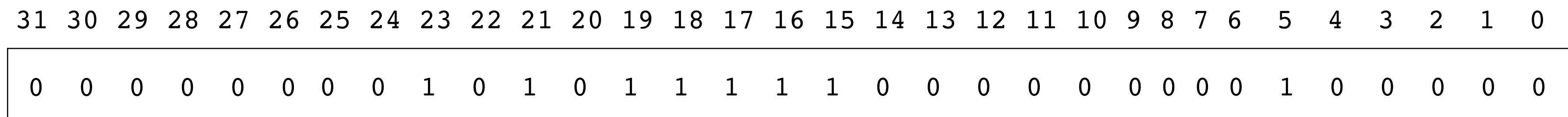
32	space	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	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

# ***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**

# 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!



# *bitwise* operators

bit = Boolean

0 = false

1 = true

**Bitwise operators on fixed-width bit vectors.**

AND &    OR |    XOR ^    NOT ~

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101001 \\ \& 01010101 \\ \hline 01000001 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101001 \\ | 01010101 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101001 \\ \wedge 01010101 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \sim 01010101 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 01010101 \\ \wedge 01010101 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Laws of Boolean algebra apply bitwise.

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



# *bitwise* operators in C

`& | ^ ~`

apply to any *integral* data type

`long, int, short, char, unsigned`

Examples (`char`)

`~0x41 =`

`~0x00 =`

`0x69 & 0x55 =`

`0x69 | 0x55 =`



Many bit-twiddling puzzles in upcoming assignment

# basics of C (vs. Java)

## Java

## C

### Similar

*Interaction*

compile, then run

*Variable declaration;*

```
int a = 5;
```

*arithmetic*

```
a = a * 5;
```

*Loops*

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {...}
```

### Different

*Data*

Objects/references

Pointers/structs/allocated memory

*Management*

Garbage collection

Manual memory management

*Functions*

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

```
int max(int a, int b)
```

*Main, printing*

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

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

# Representation Example 1:

## Sets as Bit Vectors

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

$$a_i = 1 \equiv i \in A$$

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

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

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### Bitwise Operations

$$a \ \& \ b = 0\mathbf{b01000001} \quad \{0, 6\}$$

$$a \ | \ b = 0\mathbf{b01111101} \quad \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$a \ \wedge \ b = 0\mathbf{b00111100} \quad \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\sim b = 0\mathbf{b10101010} \quad \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

### Set Operations

Intersection

Union

Symmetric difference

Complement



# *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 =**



# Representation Example 2: Playing Cards

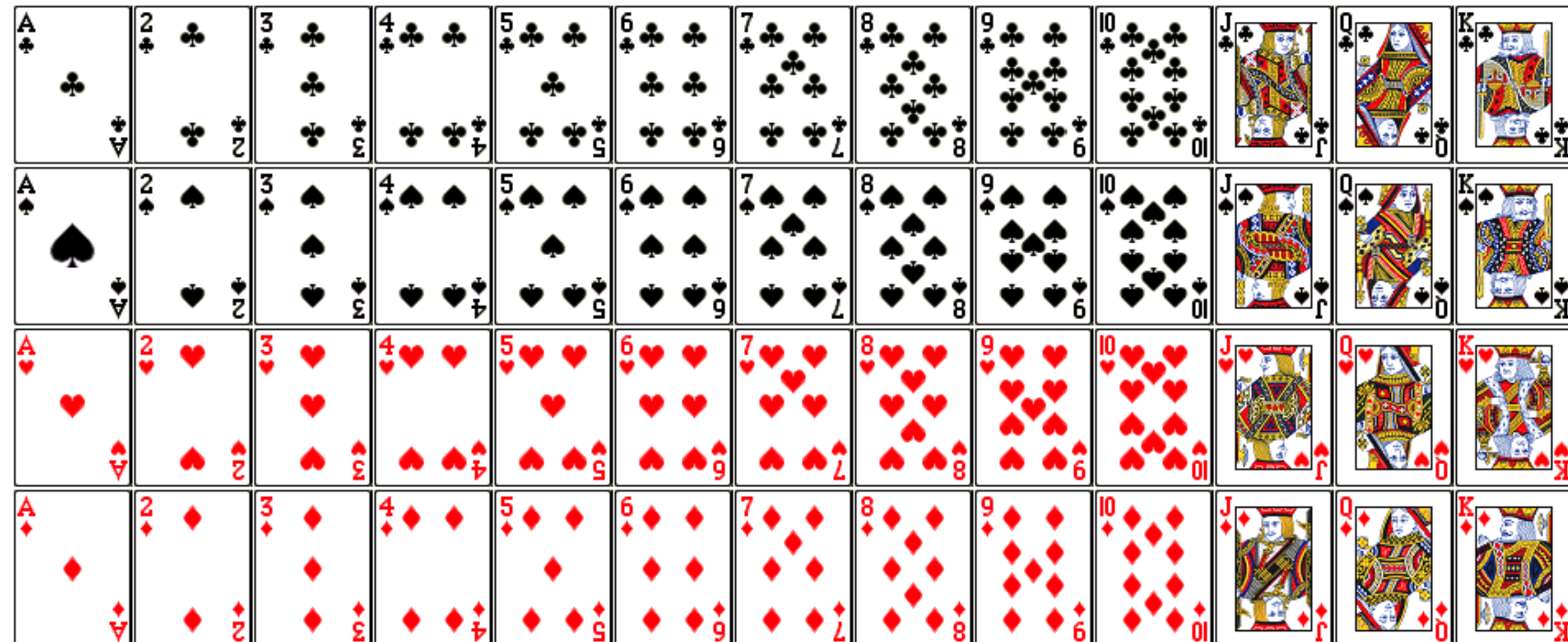
52 cards in 4 suits

How do we encode suits, face cards?

What operations should be easy to implement?

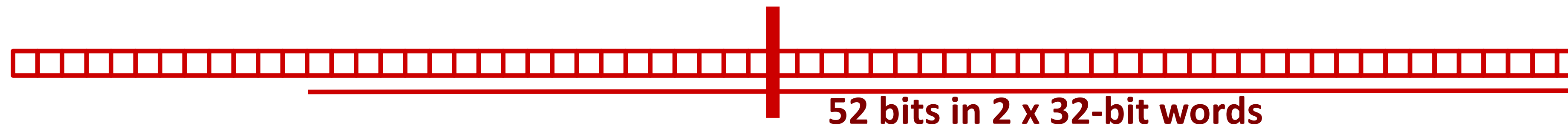
Get and compare rank

Get and compare suit



# Two possible representations

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

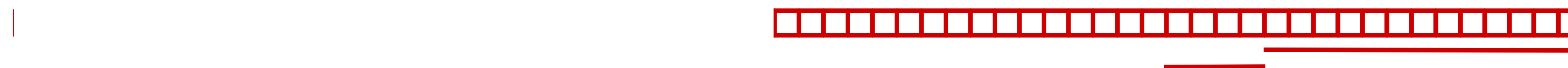


## “One-hot” encoding

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



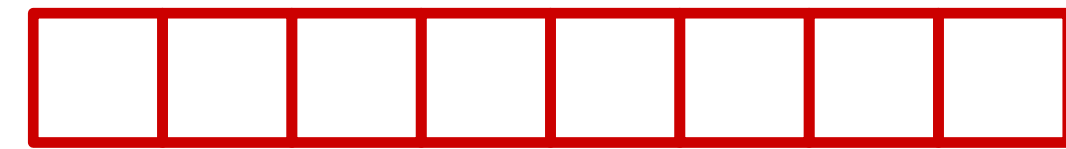
## Pair of one-hot encoded values

Easier to compare suits and values independently

Smaller, but still not space efficient

# 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

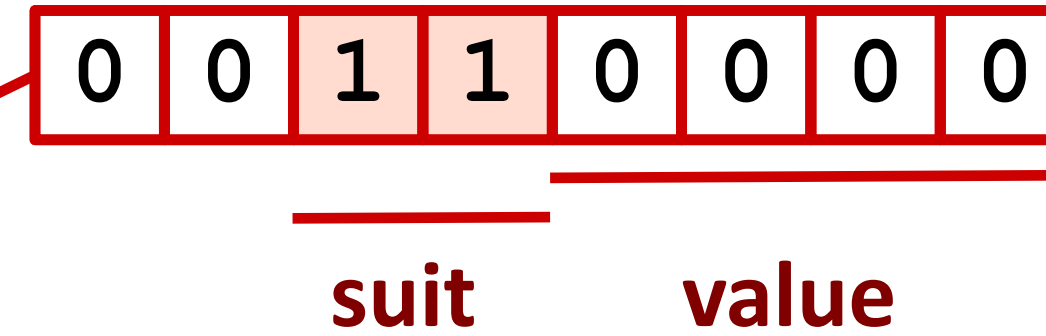


suit value

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

# 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
```

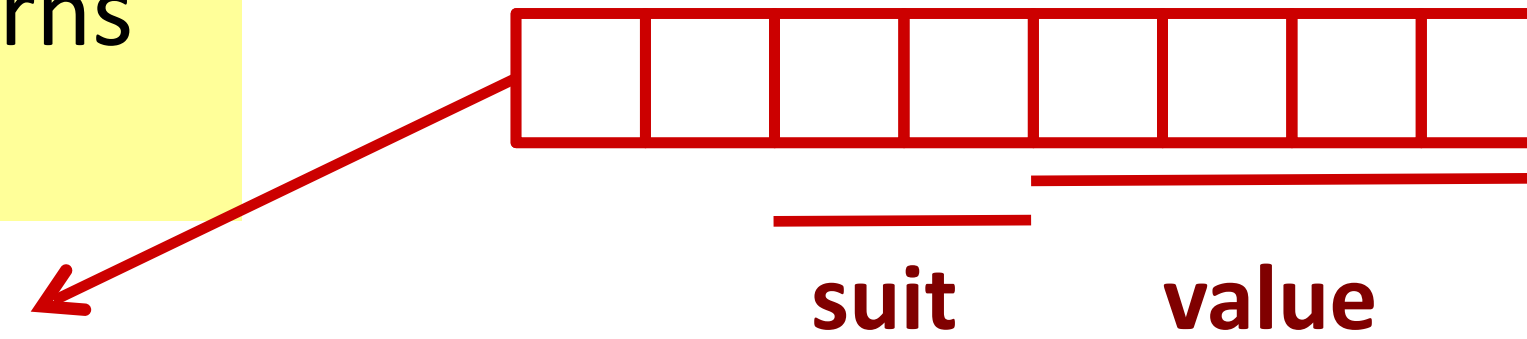
...

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

# Compare Card Values

ex

**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) {
```

```
}
```

```
char hand[5]; // represents a 5-card hand
```

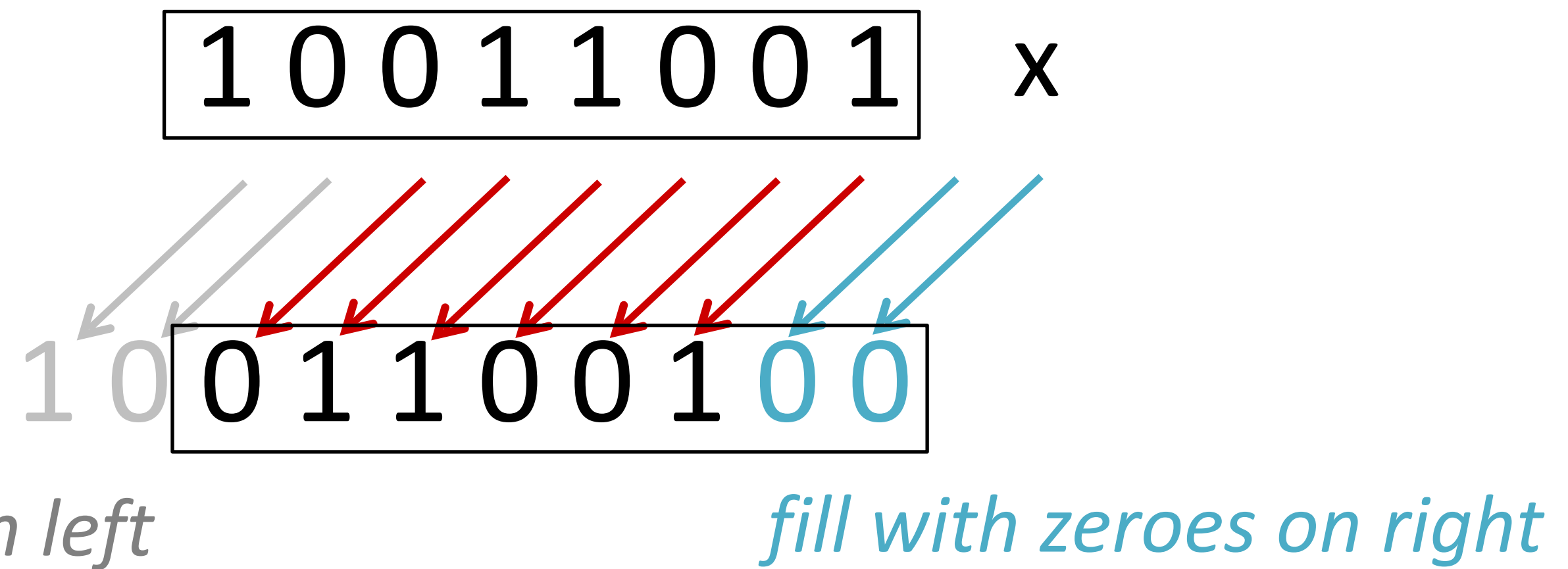
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...
```

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

# Bit shifting

**logical shift left 2**

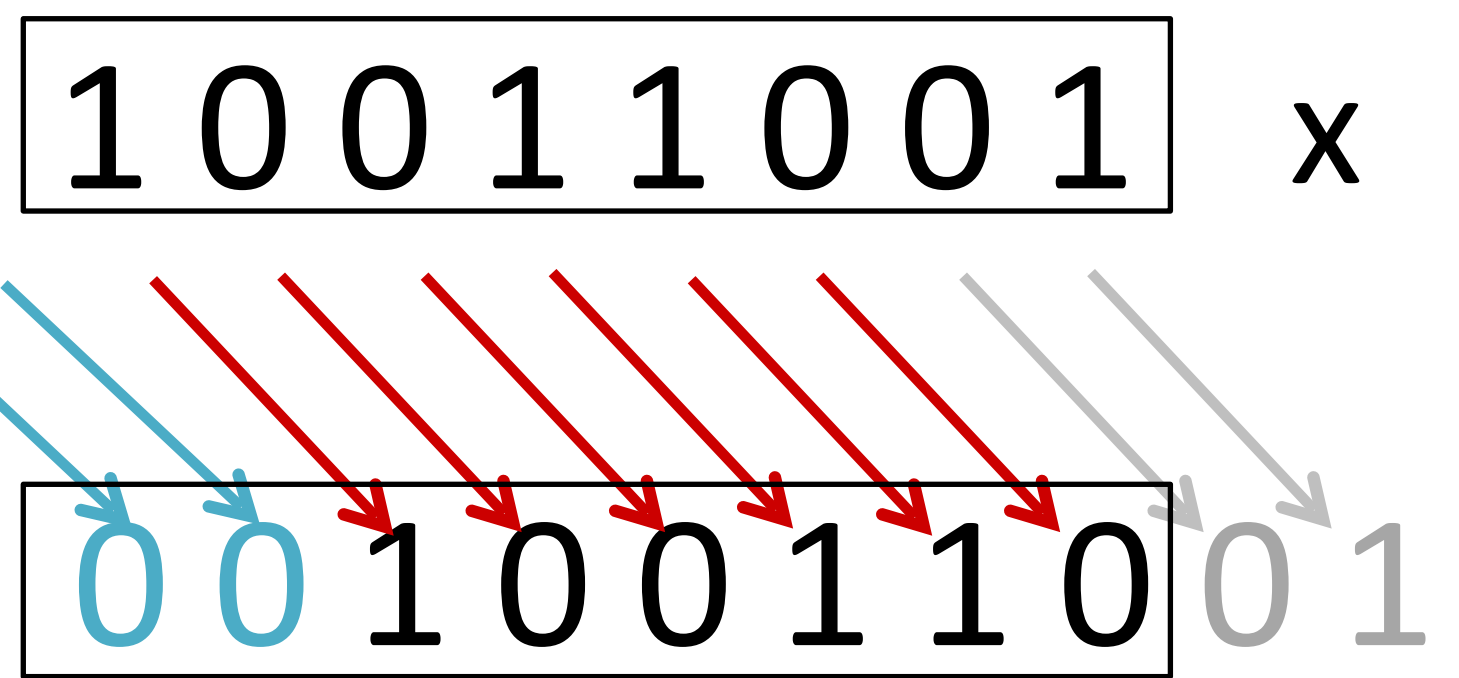
$x \ll 2$



**logical shift right 2**

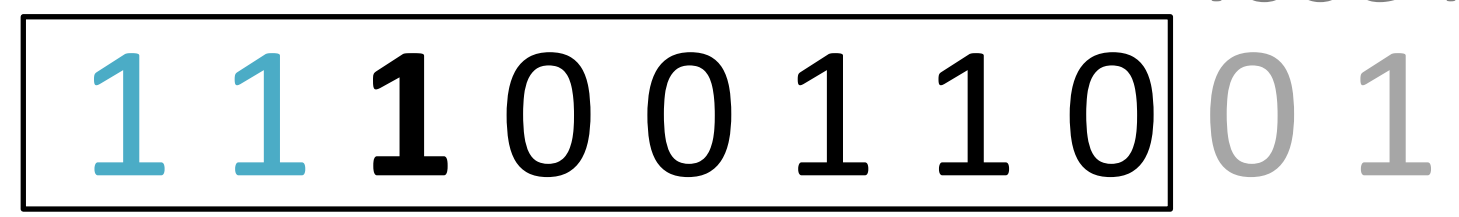
*fill with zeroes on left*

$x \gg 2$



**arithmetic shift right 2**  $x \ggg 2$

*fill with copies of MSB on left*



# Shift gotchas



*Logical or arithmetic shift right: how do we tell?*

C: compiler chooses

Usually based on type: rain check!

Java: >> is arithmetic, >>> 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

ex

Write a C function that extracts the *2<sup>nd</sup> 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) {
```