



Representing Data with Bits

bits, bytes, numbers, and notation

positional number representation

base = 10 (*decimal*)

2	4	0
10 ²	10 ¹	10 ⁰
2	1	0

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

weight (blue arrow pointing to 10², 10¹, 10⁰)
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

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

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

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

weight (blue arrow pointing to 2³, 2², 2¹, 2⁰)
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)

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

ex

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

conversion from binary to decimal

ex

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

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
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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?

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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

ex

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

What do you call 4 bits?

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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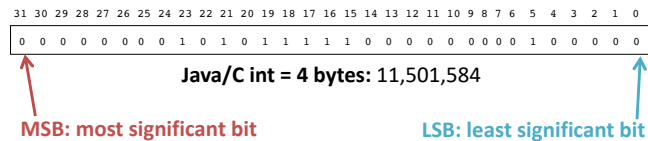
word /wɜːd/, n.

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



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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**)

~0x41 =

~0x00 =

0x69 & 0x55 =

0x69 | 0x55 =

Many bit-twiddling puzzles in upcoming assignment

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Preparation (videos) understanding check 1: what is the value `0b0110` converted to decimal?

2 (A)

3 (B)

5 (C)

6 (D)

None of the above (E)

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Preparation (videos) understanding check 2: what is result of the bitwise not operation on the binary value `0b0110`: `~0b0110`?

0

0b0110

0b1001

0b0111

0b1111

None of the above

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Preparation (videos) understanding check 3: what is the binary number `0b1010` in hexadecimal?

0x1010

0x10

0xA

0xF

None of the above

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basics of C (vs. Java)

	Java	C
<i>Similar</i>	<i>Interaction</i> compile, then run <i>Variable declaration;</i> <code>int a = 5;</code> <i>arithmetic</i> <code>a = a * 5;</code> <i>Loops</i> <code>for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {...}</code>	
<i>Different</i>	<i>Data</i> Objects/references <i>Management</i> Garbage collection <i>Functions</i> <code>public static int max(int a, int b)</code> <i>Main, printing</i> <pre>public class HelloWorld { public static void main(String[] args) { System.out.println("Hello"); } }</pre>	Pointers/structs/allocated memory Manual memory management <pre>int max(int a, int b) #include<stdio.h> int main(void) { printf("Hello\n"); return 0; }</pre>

<https://introcs.cs.princeton.edu/java/faq/c2java.html> 18

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

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

Bitwise Operations

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

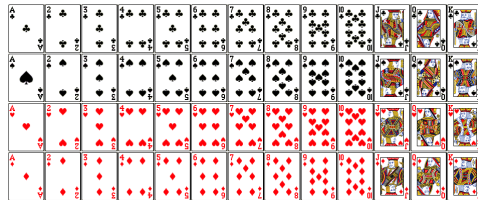
52 cards in 4 suits

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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Multiple 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

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Multiple possible representations

Binary encoding of all 52 cards – only 6 bits needed



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

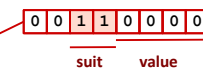
Easy suit, value comparisons

Best design
in this case!

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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])) { ... }
```

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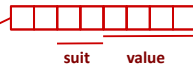
Compare Card Values

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 _____
// Returns true if card1 has a greater value than card2
int greaterValue(char card1, char card2) {
```

```
}
```

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



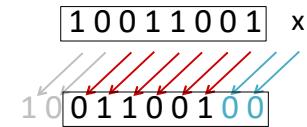
ex

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Bit shifting

logical shift left 2

$x \ll 2$

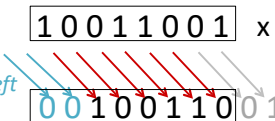


lose bits on left

fill with zeroes on right

logical shift right 2

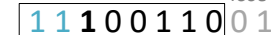
$x \gg 2$



fill with zeroes on left

lose bits on right

arithmetic shift right 2 $x \ggg 2$
fill with copies of MSB on left



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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:` $x \ll 34 == x \ll 2$



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Shift and mask: extract a bit field

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) {
```

```
}
```

ex

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