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From C to Binary

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Outline

- Previously:
	- Computer is machine that does what we tell it to do
- Next:
	- How do we tell computers what to do?
	- How do we represent data objects in binary?
	- How do we represent data locations in binary?

Representing High Level Things in Binary

- Computers represent everything in binary
- Instructions are specified in binary
- Instructions must be able to describe
	- Operation types (add, subtract, shift, etc.)
	- Data objects (integers, decimals, characters, etc.)
	- Memory locations
- Example:

int x, y; $\frac{1}{2}$ // Where are x and y? How to represent an int? bool decision; // How do we represent a bool? Where is it? $y = x + 7$; // How do we specify "add"? How to represent 7? decision= $(y>18)$; // Etc.

Representing Operation Types

- How do we tell computer to add? Shift? Read from memory? Etc.
- Arbitrarily! ©
- Each Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) has its own binary encodings for each operation type
- E.g., in MIPS:
	- Integer add is: 00000 010000
	- Read from memory (load) is: 010011
	- Etc.

Representing Data Types

- How do we specify an integer? A character? A floating point number? A bool? Etc.
- Same as before: binary!

• **Data and interpretation are separate:**

• The same 32 bits might mean one thing if interpreted as an integer, but another thing if interpreted as a floating point number

Basic Data Types

Integers (char, short, int, long):

^{"2's Complement" (32-bit or 64-bit representation)}

Floating Point (float, double):

Single Precision (32-bit representation) double Double Precision (64-bit representation) Extended (Quad) Precision (128-bit representation)

Character (char): ASCII 7-bit code

Basic Binary

- Advice: memorize the following
	- $2^0 = 1$
	- $2^1 = 2$
	- $2^2 = 4$
	- $2^3 = 8$
	- $2^4 = 16$
	- $2^5 = 32$
	- $2^6 = 64$
	- $2^7 = 128$
	- $2^8 = 256$
	- $2^9 = 512$
	- $2^{10} = 1024$

Bits vs things

- **If you have N bits, you can represent 2^N things.**
- **If you have T things, you need log2T bits to pick one.**

You will have to answer questions of this form roughly a thousand times in this course – note it now!

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- Exercises:
	- I have 8 bits, how many integers can I represent?
		- \bullet 2⁸ = **256**
	- I need to represent 32 cache sets. How many bits do I need?
		- $log_2 32 = 5$
	- I have 4GB of RAM. How many bits do I need to pick one byte of it?
		- $log_2 4G =$ ……?

Binary metric system

• **The binary metric system:**

- $2^{10} = 1024$.
- This is *basically* 1000, so we can have an alternative form of metric units based on base 2.
- 2¹⁰ bytes = 1024 bytes = 1kB.
	- Sometimes written as 1kiB (pronounced "kibibyte" where the 'bi' means 'binary') (but nobody says "kibibyte" out loud because it sounds stupid)
- 2²⁰ bytes = 1MB, 2³⁰ bytes = 1GB, 2⁴⁰ bytes = 1TB, etc.
- Easy rule to convert between exponent and binary metric number:

$$
2^{XY}
$$
 bytes = $2^{Y} \cdot 2^{X0}$ bytes = $2^{Y} \cdot X$ prefix > B

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 2^{13} bytes = 2^3 kB = 8 kB From last slide: 2^{39} bytes = 2^9 GB = 512 GB rom last 3nd
 $log_2 4G = 32$ 2^{05} bytes = 2^5 B = 32 B 9

What does it mean to say base 10 or base 2?

- Integers in regular base 10:
	- \bullet 6253 = 6000 + 200 + 50 + 3 $= 6*10^3 + 2*10^2 + 5*10^1 + 3*10^0$ **Digit Base Place**
- Integers in base 2:

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$$
1101 = 1000 + 100 + 00 + 1
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= $1*2^3 + 1*2^2 + 0*2^1 + 1*2^0$
= $8 + 4 + 1$
= 13

Decimal to binary using remainders

Decimal to binary using comparison

Hexadecimal

Indicates a hex number

0xD E A D B E E F 1101 1110 1010 1101 1011 1110 1110 1111

0x0 2 4 6 8 A C E 0000 0010 0100 0110 1000 1010 1100 1110

0x1 3 5 7 9 B D F

0001 0011 0101 0111 1001 1011 1101 1111

One hex digit represents 4 bits. Two hex digits represent a byte (8 bits).

Binary to/from hexadecimal

BitOps: Unary

- Bit-wise complement (**~**)
	- Flips every bit.

Not the same as Logical NOT (**!**) or sign change (**-**)

BitOps: Two Operands

- Operate bit-by-bit on operands to produce a result operand of the same length
- And (**&**): result 1 if both inputs 1, 0 otherwise
- Or (**|**): result 1 if either input 1, 0 otherwise
- Xor (**^**): result 1 if one input 1, but not both, 0 otherwise
- Useful identities (applied per-bit):
	- **X & 1 = X** ANDing with 1 does nothing • **X & 0 = 0** ANDing with 0 gives zero
	- **X** | 0 = **X** ORing with 0 does nothing
	- \bullet **X** | 1 = 1 ORing with 1 gives one
	- **X ^ 0 = X** XORing with 0 does nothing • $X \sim 1 = -X$ XORing with 1 flips the bit

Two Operands... (cont'd)

• Examples

Shift Operations

- **x << y** is left (logical) shift of **x** by **y** positions
	- **x** and **y** must both be integers
	- **x** should be unsigned or positive
	- **y** leftmost bits of **x** are discarded
	- zero fill **y** bits on the right

ShiftOps... (cont'd)

- **x >> y** is right (logical) shift of **x** by **y** positions
	- **y** rightmost bits of **x** are discarded
	- zero fill **y** bits on the left

Bitwise Recipes

- Set a certain bit to 1?
	- Make a MASK with a *one* at every position you want to *set*: $m = 0 \times 02$; // 00000010₂
	- OR the mask with the input: $v = 0x41$; // 01000001₂ $v = m$; // 01000011₂
- Clear a certain bit to 0?
	- Make a MASK with a *zero* at every position you want to *clear*. $m = 0xFD$; // 11111101, (could also write ~0x02)
	- AND the mask with the input: $v = 0x27$; // 00100111₂ $v \&= m;$ // 001001**0**1₂
- Get a substring of bits (such as bits 2 through 5)? Note: bits are numbered right-to-left starting with zero.
	- Shift the bits you want all the way to the right then AND them with an appropriate mask: $v = 0x67$; // 01100111 ₂ $v \gg = 2$; // 0001**1001**₂
		- v &= 0×0 F; // 00001001₂

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00011101 + 00101011

• How do we do this?

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+ & 00101011 & + & 232\n\end{array}
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- How do we do this?
	- Let's revisit decimal addition
	- Think about the process as we do it

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- Last add hundred's digit $1+6+2 = 9$

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- Back to the binary:
- First add $1's$ digit $1+1 = ...?$

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- Back to the binary:
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11 00011101 + 00101011 00

- Back to the binary:
- First add 1's digit $1+1 = 2$ (0 carry a 1)
- Then 2's digit: $1+0+1 = 2$ (0 carry a 1)
- You all finish it out….

• Suppose we want to add two numbers:

111111

- $00011101 = 29$
- $+$ 00101011 = 43
	- $01001000 = 72$
- Can check our work in decimal

Issues for Binary Representation of Numbers

- **How to represent negative numbers?**
- There are many ways to represent numbers in binary
	- Binary representations are encodings \rightarrow many encodings possible
	- What are the issues that we must address?
- Issue #1: Complexity of arithmetic operations
- Issue #2: Negative numbers
- Issue #3: Maximum representable number
- Choose representation that makes these issues easy for machine, even if it's not easy for humans (i.e., ECE/CS 250 students)
	- Why? Machine has to do all the work!

Sign Magnitude

- Use leftmost bit for $+$ (0) or $-$ (1):
- 6-bit example (1 sign bit $+$ 5 magnitude bits):
- $+17 = 010001$
- \bullet $-17 = 110001$
- Pros:
	- Conceptually simple
	- Easy to convert
- Cons:
	- Harder to compute (add, subtract, etc) with
	- Positive and negative 0: 000000 and 100000

NOBODY DOES THIS

1's Complement Representation for Integers

2's Complement Integers

Another way to think about 2's complement

- Regular base 10:
	- \bullet 6253 = 6000 + 200 + 50 + 3 $= 6*10^3 + 2*10^2 + 5*10^1 + 3*10^0$ **Digit Base Place**
- Unsigned base 2:

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Two's complement is like making the highest order bit apply a negative value!

Pros and Cons of 2's Complement

- Advantages:
	- Only one representation for 0 (unlike 1's comp): $0 = 000000$
	- Addition algorithm is much easier than with sign and magnitude
		- Independent of sign bits
- Disadvantage:
	- One more negative number than positive
	- Example: 6-bit 2's complement number $100000₂ = -32₁₀$; but $32₁₀$ could not be represented

All modern computers use 2's complement for integers

Integer ranges

Remember: if you have N bits, you can represent 2^N things

- If I have an n-bit integer:
	- And it's **unsigned**, then I can represent $\{0 \dots 2^n 1\}$
	- And it's **signed**, then I can represent $\{-(2^{n-1})$.. $2^{n-1}-1\}$
- Result:


```
How to get unsigned integers in C? Just say unsigned:
int x; // defaults to signed
unsigned int y; // explicitly unsigned
```
2's Complement Precision Extension

- Most computers today support 32-bit (int) or 64-bit integers
	- Specify 64-bit using gcc C compiler with long long
- To extend precision, use sign bit extension
	- Integer precision is number of bits used to represent a number

Examples

 14_{10} = 001110₂ in 6-bit representation.

 $14_{10} = 000000001110$, in 12-bit representation

 $-14_{10} = 110010_2$ in 6-bit representation

 $-14_{10} = 111111110010_2$ in 12-bit representation.

Binary Math : Addition

• Let's look at another binary addition:

01011101 + 01101011

Binary Math : Addition

- What about this one:
	- 1111111
	- 01011101 = 93
- $+$ 01101011 = 107
	- $11001000 = -56$
- But… that can't be right?
	- What do you expect for the answer?
	- What is it in 8-bit signed 2's complement?

Integer Overflow

- Answer should be 200
	- Not representable in 8-bit signed representation
	- No right answer
- This is called integer Overflow
- Real problem in programs
- How to solve?

Subtraction

- 2's complement makes subtraction easy:
	- Remember: $A B = A + (-B)$
	- And: $-B = \sim B + 1$

 \uparrow that means flip bits ("not")

- So we just flip the bits and start with carry-in $(CI) = 1$
- Later: No new circuits to subtract (re-use adder hardware!)

What About Non-integer Numbers?

- There are infinitely many real numbers between two integers
- Many important numbers are real
	- Speed of light \sim = 3x10⁸
	- Pi = $3.1415...$
- Fixed number of bits limits range of integers
	- Can't represent some important numbers
- Humans use Scientific Notation
	- $1.3x10^4$

Option 1: Fixed point

- Use normal integers, but (X*2K) instead of X
	- Example: 32 bit int, but use X*65536
	- 3.1415926 $*$ 65536 = 205887
	- $0.5 * 65536 = 32768$, etc..
- Pros:
	- Addition/subtraction just like integers ("free")
- Cons:
	- Mul/div require renormalizing (divide by 64K)
	- Range limited (no good rep for large + small)
- Can be good in specific situations

Can we do better?

- Think about scientific notation for a second:
- For example: $6.02 * 10^{23}$
- Real number, but comprised of ints:
	- 6 generally only 1 digit here
	- 02 any number here
	- 10 always 10 (base we work in)
	- 23 can be positive or negative
- Can we do something like this in binary?

Option 2: Floating Point

- How about: +/- X.YYYYYY * 2+/-N
- Big numbers: large positive N
- Small numbers (<1) : negative N
- Numbers near 0: small N
- This is "floating point" : most common way

IEEE single precision floating point

- Specific format called IEEE single precision: $+/- 1.YYYYY * 2(N-127)$
- "float" in Java, $C, C++, \ldots$
- Assume first bit is always 1 (saves us a bit)
- 1 sign bit $(+) = 0, 1 = -)$
- 8 bit biased exponent (do N-127)
- Implicit 1 before *binary point*
- 23-bit *mantissa* (YYYYY)

Binary fractions

- 1. YYYY has a binary point
	- Like a decimal point but in binary
	- After a decimal point, you have
		- tenths
		- hundredths
		- thousandths
		- \bullet
- So after a binary point you have...
	- Halves
	- Quarters
	- Eighths

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 $\frac{1}{26}$ $\frac{3}{26}$ $\frac{5}{16}$ $\frac{1}{26}$ $\frac{9}{16}$ $\frac{1}{26}$ $\frac{13}{26}$ Inch

Floating point example

- Binary fraction example: $101.101 = 4 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} = 5.625$
- For floating point, needs normalization: $1.01101 * 2^2$
- Sign is $+$, which $= 0$
- Exponent = $127 + 2 = 129 = 10000001$
- Mantissa = 1.011 0100 0000 0000 0000 0000

Can use hex to represent those bits in a less annoying way:

0100 0000 1011 0100 0000 0000 0000 0000 **0x 4 0 b 4 0 0 0 0**

Floating Point Representation

Example: What floating-point number is: 0xC1580000?

Answer

What floating-point number is 0xC1580000? 1100 0001 0101 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000

Sign = 1 which is negative Exponent = (128+2)-127 = 3 Mantissa = 1.1011

-1.1011x2³ = -1101.1 = -13.5

Trick question

- How do you represent 0.0?
	- Why is this a trick question?
	- \bullet 0.0 = 0.00000
	- But need 1.XXXXX representation?
- Exponent of 0 is denormalized
	- Implicit 0. instead of 1. in mantissa
	- Allows 0000...0000 to be 0
	- Helps with very small numbers near 0
- Results in $+/-$ 0 in FP (but they are "equal")

Other Weird FP numbers

- Exponent = 1111 1111 also not standard
	- All 0 mantissa: +/- ∞

 $1/0 = +\infty$

$$
-1/0 = -\infty
$$

• Non zero mantissa: Not a Number (NaN)

 $sqrt(-42) =$ NaN

Floating Point Representation

- Double Precision Floating point:
	- 64-bit representation:
		- 1-bit sign
		- 11-bit (biased) exponent
		- 52-bit fraction (with implicit 1).
- "double" in Java, $C, C++, \dots$

What About Strings?

- Many important things stored as strings…
	- E.g., your name
- How should we store strings?

Standardized ASCII (0-127)

Source: www.LookupTables.com

One Interpretation of 128-255

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(This allowed totally sweet ASCII art in the 90s)

Sources:

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

GROUP GREETINGS:

PERSONAL GREETINGS:

About those control codes…

About CR and LF

• History: first computer "displays" were modified typewriters

- $CR = "Carriage return" = \rightharpoonup r = 0x0D$
	- Move typey part to the left \rightarrow move cursor to left of screen
- LF = $"Line feed" = \n\cdot n = 0x0A$
	- Move paper one line down \rightarrow Move cursor one down
- Windows: "Pretend to be a typewriter"
	- Every time you press enter you get CR+LF (bytes 0D,0A)
- Linux/Mac: "You are not a typewriter"
	- Every time you press enter you get LF (byte 0A)
- **This effects ALL TEXT DOCUMENTS!!!**
	- **Not all apps cope automatically! It will bite you one day for sure!**

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Computer Memory

- Where do we put these numbers?
	- Registers [more on these later]
		- In the processor core
		- Compute directly on them
		- Few of them (\sim 16 or 32 registers, each 32-bit or 64-bit)
	- Memory [Our focus now]
		- External to processor core
		- Load/store values to/from registers
		- Very large (multiple GB)

Memory Organization

- Memory: billions of locations...how to get the right one?
	- Each memory location has an address
	- Processor asks to read or write specific address
		- Memory, please load address 0x123400
		- Memory, please write 0xFE into address 0x8765000
	- Kind of like a giant array
		- Array of what?
			- Bytes?
			- 32-bit ints?
			- 64-bit ints?

Memory Organization

- Most systems: byte (8-bit) addressed
	- Memory is "array of bytes"
		- Each address specifies 1 byte
	- Support to load/store 8, 16, 32, 64 bit quantities
		- Byte ordering varies from system to system
- Some systems "word addressed"
	- Memory is "array of words"
		- Smaller operations "faked" in processor
	- Not very common

Word of the Day: Endianess

Byte Order

- Big Endian: byte 0 is eight most significant bits MIPS, IBM 360/370, Motorola 68k, Sparc, HP PA
- Little Endian: byte 0 is eight least significant bits Intel 80x86, DEC Vax, DEC Alpha

Memory Layout

- Memory is array of bytes, but there are conventions as to what goes where in this array
- Text: instructions (the program to execute)
- Data: global variables
- Stack: local variables and other per-function state; starts at top & grows down
- Heap: dynamically allocated variables; grows up
- What if stack and heap overlap????

Memory Layout: Example

```
int anumber = 3;
int factorial (int x) {
  if (x == 0) {
    return 1;
  }
  else {
    return x * factorial (x - 1);
  }
}
int main (void) {
  int z = factorial (anumber);
  int* p = malloc(sizeof(int)*64);
  printf("%d\n", z);
  return 0;
}
                                                   Stack
                                                   Static
                                                   Data
                                                   Text
                                               Reserved 0
                                              2
n-1
                                                           Typical 
                                                           Address 
                                                            Space
                                                   Heap
                      // p is a local on stack, *p is in heap
```
Summary: From C to Binary

- Everything must be represented in binary!
- Pointer is memory location that contains address of another memory location
- Computer memory is linear array of bytes
	- **Integers**:
		- **unsigned** $\{0..2^{n-1}\}$ vs **signed** $\{-2^{n-1}.. 2^{n-1}-1\}$ ("2's complement")
		- **char** (8-bit), **short** (16-bit), **int/long** (32-bit), **long long** (64-bit)
	- **Floats**: IEEE representation,
		- **float** (32-bit: 1 sign, 8 exponent, 23 mantissa)
		- **double** (64-bit: 1 sign, 11 exponent, 52 mantissa)
	- **Strings**: char array, ASCII representation
- Memory layout
	- **Stack** for local, **static** for globals, **heap** for malloc'd stuff (must free!)

POINTERS, ARRAYS, AND MEMORY ~AGAIN~

The following slides re-state a lot of what we've covered but in a different way. We'll likely skip it for time, but you can use the slides as an additional reference.

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    int temp = x;
    x = y;y = temp;}
  public static void main (String[] args) {
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    int b = 100;
    swap (a, b);
    System.out.println("a = " + a + " b = " + b);
  } 
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RA c0

a 42 b 100

x 42

swap

y 100 temp ???

main

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  int data;
  public Ex2 (int d) { data = d; }
  public static void swap (Ex2 x, Ex2 y) {
    int temp = x.data;
    x.data = y.data;
    y.data = temp;
  }
  public static void main (String[] args) {
   Example a = new Example (42); 
    Example b = new Example (100);
    swap (a, b);
    System.out.println("a =" + a.data +
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  } 
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                                               b ??
                                                 main
                                                                  Ex2
                                                               data 42
                                                 Stack Heap
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```


References and Pointers (review)

- Java has references:
	- Any variable of object type is a reference
	- Point at objects (which are all in the heap)
		- Under the hood: is the memory address of the object
	- Cannot explicitly manipulate them $(e.g.,$ add 4)
- Some languages (C,C++,assembly) have explicit pointers:
	- Hold the memory address of something
	- Can explicitly compute on them
	- Can de-reference the pointer (*ptr) to get thing-pointed-to
	- Can take the address-of (&x) to get something's address
	- Can do very unsafe things, shoot yourself in the foot

Pointers

```
• "address of" operator &
   • don't confuse with bitwise AND operator (&&)
Given
  int x; int* p; // p points to an int
  p = &x;
Then
  *p = 2; and x = 2; produce the same result
   Note: p is a pointer, *p is an int
• What happens for p = 2?;
```
On 32-bit machine, p is 32-bits

Back to Arrays

- malloc takes number of bytes
- sizeof tells how many bytes something takes

Arrays, Pointers, and Address Calculation

- $\overline{\mathsf{x}}$ is a pointer, what is $\overline{\mathsf{x}}$ + 33?
- A pointer, but where?
	- what does calculation depend on?
- Result of adding an int to a pointer depends on size of object pointed to
	-
	- One reason why we tell compiler what type of pointer we have, even though all pointers are really the same thing (and same size)

double* d=malloc(200*sizeof(double));

More Pointer Arithmetic

- address one past the end of an array is ok for pointer comparison only
- what's at $*(begin+44)$?
- what does begin++ mean?
- how are pointers compared using < and using $== ?$
- what is value of $end begin?$

- char^{*} $a = new char[44]$; **char* begin = a;**
- $char*$ end = a + 44;

```
while (begin < end)
{
   *begin = 'z';
   begin++;
}
```
More Pointers & Arrays

Array Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
main()
{
  int* a = (int*)malloc (100 * sizeof(int));
  int* p = a;
  int k;
  for (k = 0; k < 100; k++)
    {
      \starp = k;
      p++;
    }
  printf("entry 3 = \delta d \n\cdot", a[3])
}
```
Memory Manager (Heap Manager)

• malloc() and free() • Library routines that handle memory management for heap (allocation / deallocation) • Java has garbage collection (reclaim memory of unreferenced objects) • C must use free, else memory leak

Memory

Strings as Arrays (review)

- A string is an array of characters with '\0' at the end
- Each element is one byte, ASCII code
- '\0' is null (ASCII code 0)

strlen() again

- strlen() returns the number of characters in a string
	- same as number elements in char array?

```
int strlen(char * s)
// pre: '\0' terminated
// post: returns # chars
{
    int count=0;
    while (*s++)
            count++;
    return count;
```
}

Vector Class vs. Arrays

- Vector Class
	- insulates programmers
	- array bounds checking
	- automagically growing/shrinking when more items are added/deleted
- How are Vectors implemented?
	- Arrays, re-allocated as needed
- Arrays can be more efficient