# CS107 Lecture 2 Bits and Bytes; Integer Representations 

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## CS107 Topic 1: How can a computer represent integer numbers?

## Demo: Unexpected Behavior



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## Bits

- Computers are built around the idea of two states: "on" and "off". Transistors represent this in hardware, and bits represent this in software!



## One Bit At A Time

- We can combine bits, like with base-10 numbers, to represent more data. 8 bits = 1 byte.
- Computer memory is just a large array of bytes! It is byte-addressable; you can't address (store location of) a bit; only a byte.
- Computers still fundamentally operate on bits; we have just gotten more creative about how to represent different data as bits!
- Images
- Audio
- Video
- Text
- And more...


## Base 10

# 5934 

Digits 0-9 (0 to base-1)

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$\underset{\substack{4 \\ 10^{3}}}{5} \underset{\substack{4 \\ 10^{2}}}{9} \underset{\substack{4 \\ 10^{1}}}{\mathbf{3}} \underset{\substack{1 \\ 10}}{4}$

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$\begin{array}{llll}1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ x^{2} & 2 & 1\end{array}$

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```
Most significant bit (MSB) Least significant bit (LSB)
```



```
\[
=1 * 8+0 * 4+1 * 2+1 * 1=11_{10}
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## Practice: Base 2 to Base 10

What is the base-2 value 1010 in base-10?
a) 20
b) 101
c) 10
d) 5
e) Other

## Practice: Base 10 to Base 2

What is the base-10 value 14 in base 2 ?
a) 1111
b) 1110
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- Strategy 2: $2^{8}-1=255$


## Multiplying by Base

# $1450 \times 10=1450 \underline{0}$ <br> $1100_{2} \times 2=1100 \underline{0}$ 

Key Idea: inserting 0 at the end multiplies by the base!

## Dividing by Base

# $1450 / 10=145$ $1100_{2} / 2=110$ 

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Each is a base-16 digit!

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- Hexadecimal is base-16, so we need digits for 1-15. How do we do this?


## Hexadecimal

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

## Hexadecimal

- We distinguish hexadecimal numbers by prefixing them with $\mathbf{0 x}$, and binary numbers with 0b.
- E.g. 0xf5 is 0b11110101



## Practice: Hexadecimal to Binary

What is 0x173A in binary?

## Hexadecimal Binary <br> 0001011100111010

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What is 0b1111001010 in hexadecimal? (Hint: start from the right)

## Binary 1111001010 Hexadecimal <br> 3 <br> A

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$\longrightarrow$ Look up IEEE floating point if you're interested!


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| C Declaration | Size (Bytes) |
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## Transitioning To Larger Datatypes



- Early 2000s: most computers were 32-bit. This means that pointers were 4 bytes ( 32 bits).
- 32-bit pointers store a memory address from 0 to $2^{32}-1$, equaling $2^{32}$ bytes of addressable memory. This equals 4 Gigabytes, meaning that 32-bit computers could have at most 4GB of memory (RAM)!
- Because of this, computers transitioned to 64-bit. This means that datatypes were enlarged; pointers in programs were now 64 bits.
- 64-bit pointers store a memory address from 0 to $2^{64}-1$, equaling $2^{64}$ bytes of addressable memory. This equals 16 Exabytes, meaning that 64-bit computers could have at most $1024 * 1024 * 1024$ GB of memory (RAM)!


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## Unsigned Integers

- An unsigned integer is 0 or a positive integer (no negatives).
- We have already discussed converting between decimal and binary, which is a nice 1:1 relationship. Examples:

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\begin{aligned}
& 0 \mathrm{~b} 0001=1 \\
& 0 \mathrm{~b} 0101=5 \\
& 0 \mathrm{~b} 1011=11 \\
& 0 \mathrm{~b} 1111=15
\end{aligned}
$$

- The range of an unsigned number is $0 \rightarrow 2^{w}-1$, where $w$ is the number of bits. E.g. a 32 -bit integer can represent 0 to $2^{32}-1(4,294,967,295)$.


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## Let's Take A Break

## To ponder during the break:

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## Idea: let's reserve the most significant bit to store the sign.

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\begin{array}{ll}
1000=-0 & 0000=0 \\
1001=-1 & 0001=1 \\
1010=-2 & 0010=2 \\
1011=-3 & 0011=3 \\
1100=-4 & 0100=4 \\
1101=-5 & 0101=5 \\
1110=-6 & 0110=6 \\
1111=-7 & 0111=7
\end{array}
$$

- We've only represented 15 of our 16 available numbers!


## Sign Magnitude Representation

- Pro: easy to represent, and easy to convert to/from decimal.
- Con: +-0 is not intuitive
- Con: we lose a bit that could be used to store more numbers
- Con: arithmetic is tricky: we need to find the sign, then maybe subtract (borrow and carry, etc.), then maybe change the sign. This complicates the hardware support for something as fundamental as addition.


## Can we do better?

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| Decimal | Positive | Negative |
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| 0 | 0000 | 0000 |
| 1 | 0001 | 1111 |
| 2 | 0010 | 1110 |
| 3 | 0011 | 1101 |
| 4 | 0100 | 1100 |
| 5 | 0101 | 1011 |
| 6 | 0110 | 1010 |
| 7 | 0111 | 1001 |


| Decimal | Positive | Negative |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | 1000 | 1000 |
| 9 | 1001 (same as -7!) | NA |
| 10 | 1010 (same as -6!) | NA |
| 11 | 1011 (same as -5!) | NA |
| 12 | 1100 (same as $-4!$ ) | NA |
| 13 | 1101 (same as $-3!$ ) | NA |
| 14 | 1110 (same as $-2!$ ) | NA |
| 15 | 1111 (same as $-1!$ ) | NA |

## There Seems Like a Pattern Here...

## 0101 0011 0000 $+\quad+1011$ <br> $\frac{.0000}{0000}$

- The negative number is the positive number inverted, plus one!


## There Seems Like a Pattern Here...

A binary number plus its inverse is all 1 s .

Add 1 to this to carry over all 1s and get 0!

## 1111 <br> +0001 0000

## Another Trick

- To find the negative equivalent of a number, work right-to-left and write down all digits through when you reach a 1 . Then, invert the rest of the digits.

> 100100 +| ??????? |
| :--- |
| 000000 |

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\begin{array}{r}
100100 \\
+\quad+011100 \\
\hline 000000
\end{array}
$$

## Two's Complement



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- In two's complement, we represent a positive number as itself, and its negative equivalent as the two's complement of itself.
- The two's complement of a number is the binary digits inverted, plus 1.
- This works to convert from positive to negative, and back from negative to positive!



## Two's Complement

- Con: more difficult to represent, and difficult to convert to/from decimal and between positive and negative.
- Pro: only 1 representation for 0 !
- Pro: all bits are used to represent as many numbers as possible
- Pro: the most significant bit still indicates the sign of a number.
- Pro: addition works for any combination of positive and negative!



## Two's Complement

- Adding two numbers is just...adding! There is no special case needed for negatives. E.g. what is $2+-5$ ?



## Two's Complement

- Subtracting two numbers is just performing the two's complement on one of them and then adding. E.g. $4-5=-1$.



## Practice: Two's Complement

What are the negative or positive equivalents of the numbers below?
a) -4 (1100)
b) 7 (0111)
c) 3 (0011)
d) -8 (1000)

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## Overflow

- If you exceed the maximum value of your bit representation, you wrap around or overflow back to the smallest bit representation.
$0 b 1111+0 b 1=0 b 0000$
- If you go below the minimum value of your bit representation, you wrap around or overflow back to the largest bit representation.
$0 b 0000-0 b 1=0 b 1111$


## Min and Max Integer Values



| int | 4 | -2147483648 | 2147483647 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| unsigned int | 4 | 0 | 4294967295 |


| long | 8 | -9223372036854775808 | 9223372036854775807 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| unsigned long | 8 | 0 | 18446744073709551615 |

## Min and Max Integer Values

INT_MIN, INT_MAX, UINT_MAX, LONG_MIN, LONG_MAX, ULONG_MAX, ...

## Overflow



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## At which points can overflow occur for

 signed and unsigned int? (assume binary values shown are all 32 bits)A. Signed and unsigned can both overflow at points $X$ and $Y$
B. Signed can overflow only at $X$, unsigned only at $Y$
C. Signed can overflow only at $Y$, unsigned only at X
D. Signed can overflow at $X$ and $Y$, unsigned only at X
E. Other


## Unsigned Integers



## Signed Numbers



## Overflow In Practice: PSY

## PSY - GANGNAM STYLE (강남스타일) M/V

H2
officialpsy

YouTube: "We never thought a video would be watched in numbers greater than a 32 -bit integer ( $=2,147,483,647$ views), but that was before we met PSY. "Gangnam Style" has been viewed so many times we had to upgrade to a 64 -bit integer ( $9,223,372,036,854,775,808$ )!"

## Overflow In Practice: Timestamps

- Many systems store timestamps as the number of seconds since Jan. 1, 1970 in a signed 32-bit integer.
- Problem: the latest timestamp that can be represented this way is 3:14:07 UTC on Jan. 13 2038!


## Overflow In Practice: Gandhi

- In the game "Civilization", each civilization leader had an "aggression" rating. Gandhi was meant to be peaceful, and had a score of 1 .
- If you adopted "democracy", all players' aggression reduced by 2. Gandhi's went from 1 to 255!
- Gandhi then became a big fan of nuclear weapons.

https://kotaku.com/why-gandhi-is-such-an-asshole-in-civilization-1653818245


## Overflow in Practice:

- Pacman Level 256
- Make sure to reboot Boeing Dreamliners every 248 days
- Comair/Delta airline had to cancel thousands of flights days before Christmas
- Reported vulnerability CVE-2019-3857 in libssh2 may allow a hacker to remotely execute code
- Donkey Kong Kill Screen


## Demo Revisited: Unexpected Behavior



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## printf and Integers

- There are 3 placeholders for 32-bit integers that we can use:
- \%d: signed 32-bit int
- \%u: unsigned 32-bit int
- \%x: hex 32-bit int
- The placeholder-not the expression filling in the placeholder-dictates what gets printed!


## Casting

- What happens at the byte level when we cast between variable types? The bytes remain the same! This means they may be interpreted differently depending on the type.

```
int v = -12345;
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This prints out: "v = -12345, uv = 4294954951". Why?

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The bit representation for -12345 is Ob111111111111111111100111111000111. If we treat this binary representation as a positive number, it's huge!

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| $-1>-2$ | Signed | 1 | yes |
| (unsigned)-1 >-2 | Unsigned | 1 | yes |



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| $s 3$ | $>u 3$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $u 2$ | $>$ | $u 4$ |
| $s 2$ | $>$ | $s 4$ |
| $s 1$ | $>$ | $s 2$ |
| $u 1$ | $>$ | $u 2$ |
| $s 1$ | $>u 3$ |  |



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u2 > u4
s2 > s4
s1 > s2
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s1 > u3
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& \mathrm{u} 2>\mathrm{u} 4-\text { true } \\
& \mathrm{s} 2>\mathrm{s} 4-\text { false } \\
& \mathrm{s} 1>\mathrm{s} 2 \text { - true } \\
& \mathrm{u} 1>\mathrm{u} 2-\text { true } \\
& \mathrm{s} 1>\mathrm{u} 3
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## Expanding Bit Representations

- Sometimes, we want to convert between two integers of different sizes (e.g. short to int, or int to long).
- We might not be able to convert from a bigger data type to a smaller data type, but we do want to always be able to convert from a smaller data type to a bigger data type.
- For unsigned values, we can add leading zeros to the representation ("zero extension")
- For signed values, we can repeat the sign of the value for new digits ("sign extension"
- Note: when doing <, >, <=, >= comparison between different size types, it will promote to the larger type.


## Expanding Bit Representation

```
unsigned short s = 4;
// short is a 16-bit format, so s=0000 0000 0000 0100b
unsigned int i = s;
// conversion to 32-bit int, so i = 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0100b
```


## Expanding Bit Representation

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int i = s;
// conversion to 32-bit int, so i = 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0100b
- or -
short s = -4;
// short is a 16-bit format, so
s = 1111 1111 1111 1100b
int i = s;
// conversion to 32-bit int, so i = 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100b
```


## Truncating Bit Representation

If we want to reduce the bit size of a number, C truncates the representation and discards the more significant bits.

```
int x = 53191;
short sx = x;
int y = sx;
```

What happens here? Let's look at the bits in $x$ (a 32-bit int), 53191:
00000000000000001100111111000111
When we cast x to a short, it only has 16 -bits, and C truncates the number:

## 1100111111000111

This is -12345 ! And when we cast sx back an int, we sign-extend the number. 11111111111111111100111111000111 // still -12345

## Truncating Bit Representation

If we want to reduce the bit size of a number, C truncates the representation and discards the more significant bits.

```
int x = -3;
short sx = x;
int y = sx;
```

What happens here? Let's look at the bits in $x$ (a 32-bit int), -3 :
11111111111111111111111111111101
When we cast x to a short, it only has 16 -bits, and C truncates the number:

$$
1111111111111101
$$

This is -3 ! If the number does fit, it will convert fine. y looks like this:

$$
11111111111111111111111111111101 \text { // still -3 }
$$

## Truncating Bit Representation

If we want to reduce the bit size of a number, C truncates the representation and discards the more significant bits.

```
unsigned int x = 128000;
unsigned short sx = x;
unsigned int y = sx;
```

What happens here? Let's look at the bits in $x$ (a 32-bit unsigned int), 128000: 00000000000000011111010000000000

When we cast x to a short, it only has 16 -bits, and C truncates the number:

## 1111010000000000

This is 62464 ! Unsigned numbers can lose info too. Here is what y looks like: 00000000000000001111010000000000 // still 62464

## The sizeof Operator

long sizeof(type);

```
// Example
long int_size_bytes = sizeof(int); // 4
long short_size_bytes = sizeof(short); // 2
long char_size_bytes = sizeof(char); // 1
```

sizeof takes a variable type as a parameter and returns the size of that type, in bytes.

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## Additional Live Session Slides

## Notes

- A literal in your C program is treated by default as a signed int (32 bits)
- We write hex / binary only up to the most significant 1
- E.g. we could write a short as 0b1101 - there are 12 leading zeros, but we omit them
- If we have a negative number $\mathbf{x}$ in binary, how do we find what it is in base-10?

1. Find the two's complement of the number, $y(y=-x)$
2. Figure out what $\mathbf{y}$ is in base-10
3. Then we solve for $\mathbf{x}: x=-y$

## Practice: Two's Complement

What are the negative or positive equivalents of the 8 -bit numbers below?
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## Practice: Truncation

What are the values of cx for the passages of code below?

```
short x = 130; // 0b1000 0010
char cx = x;
```

```
short x = -132 // 0b1111 1111 0111 1100
char cx = x;
```

```
short x = 25; // 0b1 1001
char cx = x;
```


## Practice: Truncation

What are the values of cx for the passages of code below?

```
short x = 130; // 0b1000 0010
char cx = x; // -126
```

```
short x = -132 // 0b1111 1111 0111 1100
char cx = x; // 124
```

```
short x = 25; // 0b1 1001
char cx = x; // 25
```


## Practice: Truncation

What are the values of cx for the passages of code below?

```
short x = 390; // 0b1 1000 0110
char cx = x;
```

short $x=-15 ; ~ / / 0 b 1111111111110001$
char $\mathrm{Cx}=\mathrm{x}$;

## Practice: Truncation

What are the values of cx for the passages of code below?

```
short x = 390; // 0b1 1000 0110
char cx = x; // -122
```

short $x=-15 ; / / 0 b 1111111111110001$
char cx = x; // -15

## Practice: Comparisons

What are the results of the char comparisons performed below?

1. $-7<4$
2. $-7<4 \mathrm{U}$
3. (char) $130>4$
4. (char)-132 > 2


## Practice: Comparisons

What are the results of the char comparisons performed below?

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3. (char) $130>4$ - false
4. (char)-132 > 2 - true

