

Lecture #2 – Number Rep & Intro to C

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There is **one** handout today at the front and back of the room!



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Time Lapse! ⇒

In the next 4 yrs, time-lapse movies will show the construction of the new CITRIS building. Very cool.



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Review

- Continued rapid improvement in computing
 - 2X every 2.0 years in memory size; every 1.5 years in processor speed; every 1.0 year in disk capacity;
 - Moore's Law enables processor (2X transistors/chip ~1.5 yrs)
- 5 classic components of all computers
Control Datapath Memory Input Output



Processor

- Decimal for human calculations, binary for computers, hex to write binary more easily



Putting it all in perspective...

“If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer,

– Robert X. Cringely



What to do with representations of numbers?

- Just what we do with numbers!

- Add them
- Subtract them
- Multiply them
- Divide them
- Compare them

```

1 1
1 0 1 0
+ 0 1 1 1
-----
1 0 0 0 1
    
```

- Example: 10 + 7 = 17

- ...so simple to add in binary that we can build circuits to do it!
- subtraction just as you would in decimal
- Comparison: How do you tell if X > Y ?




Which base do we use?

- Decimal: great for humans, especially when doing arithmetic
- Hex: if human looking at long strings of binary numbers, its much easier to convert to hex and look 4 bits/symbol
 - Terrible for arithmetic on paper
- Binary: what computers use; you will learn how computers do +, -, *, /
 - To a computer, numbers always binary
 - Regardless of how number is written:
 - $32_{ten} == 32_{10} == 0x20 == 100000_2 == 0b100000$
 - Use subscripts “ten”, “hex”, “two” in book, slides when might be confusing



BIG IDEA: Bits can represent anything!!

- Characters?
 - 26 letters ⇒ 5 bits ($2^5 = 32$)
 - upper/lower case + punctuation ⇒ 7 bits (in 8) (“ASCII”)
 - standard code to cover all the world's languages ⇒ 8,16,32 bits (“Unicode”) 
www.unicode.com
- Logical values?
 - 0 ⇒ False, 1 ⇒ True
- colors ? Ex: Red (00) Green (01) Blue (11)
- locations / addresses? commands?
- **MEMORIZE: N bits ⇔ at most 2^N things**



How to Represent Negative Numbers?

- So far, **unsigned numbers**
- Obvious solution: define leftmost bit to be sign!
 - $0 \Rightarrow +, 1 \Rightarrow -$
 - Rest of bits can be numerical value of number
- Representation called **sign and magnitude**
- MIPS uses 32-bit integers. $+1_{ten}$ would be:
`0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001`
- And -1_{ten} in sign and magnitude would be:
`1000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001`



Shortcomings of sign and magnitude?

- Arithmetic circuit complicated
 - Special steps depending whether signs are the same or not
- Also, **two zeros**
 - $0x00000000 = +0_{ten}$
 - $0x80000000 = -0_{ten}$
 - What would two 0s mean for programming?
- Therefore sign and magnitude abandoned



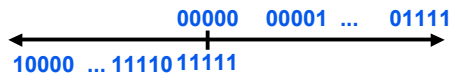
Administrivia

- Look at class website often!
- **Homework #1** up now, due Wed @ 11:59pm
- **Homework #2** up soon, due following Wed
- There's a LOT of reading upcoming -- start now.



Another try: complement the bits

- Example: $7_{10} = 00111_2$ $-7_{10} = 11000_2$
- Called **One's Complement**
- Note: positive numbers have leading 0s, negative numbers have leading 1s.



- What is -00000 ? Answer: 11111
- How many positive numbers in N bits?
- How many negative ones?



Shortcomings of One's complement?

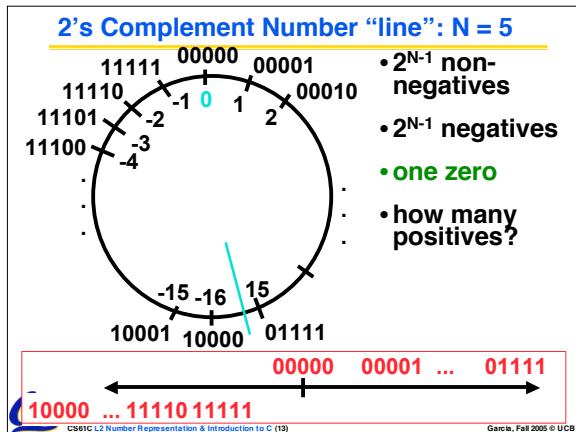
- Arithmetic still a somewhat complicated.
- Still two zeros
 - $0x00000000 = +0_{ten}$
 - $0xFFFFFFFF = -0_{ten}$
- Although used for awhile on some computer products, one's complement was eventually abandoned because another solution was better.



Standard Negative Number Representation

- What is result for unsigned numbers if tried to subtract large number from a small one?
 - Would try to borrow from string of leading 0s, so result would have a string of leading 1s
 - $3 - 4 \Rightarrow 00...0011 - 00...0100 = 11...1111$
 - With no obvious better alternative, pick representation that made the hardware simple
 - As with sign and magnitude, leading 0s \Rightarrow positive, leading 1s \Rightarrow negative
 - $000000...xxx$ is ≥ 0 , $111111...xxx$ is < 0
 - except $1...1111$ is -1 , not -0 (as in sign & mag.)
- This representation is **Two's Complement**





Two's Complement for N=32

0000 ... 0000 0000 0000 0000 _{two}	=	0 _{ten}
0000 ... 0000 0000 0000 0001 _{two}	=	1 _{ten}
0000 ... 0000 0000 0000 0010 _{two}	=	2 _{ten}
...		
0111 ... 1111 1111 1111 1101 _{two}	=	2,147,483,645 _{ten}
0111 ... 1111 1111 1111 1110 _{two}	=	2,147,483,646 _{ten}
0111 ... 1111 1111 1111 1111 _{two}	=	2,147,483,647 _{ten}
1000 ... 0000 0000 0000 0000 _{two}	=	-2,147,483,648 _{ten}
1000 ... 0000 0000 0000 0001 _{two}	=	-2,147,483,647 _{ten}
1000 ... 0000 0000 0000 0010 _{two}	=	-2,147,483,646 _{ten}
...		
1111 ... 1111 1111 1111 1101 _{two}	=	-3 _{ten}
1111 ... 1111 1111 1111 1110 _{two}	=	-2 _{ten}
1111 ... 1111 1111 1111 1111 _{two}	=	-1 _{ten}

- One zero; 1st bit called **sign bit**
- 1 "extra" negative: no positive 2,147,483,648_{ten}

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Two's Complement Formula

- Can represent positive **and negative** numbers in terms of the bit value times a power of 2:

$$d_{31} \times (-2^{31}) + d_{30} \times 2^{30} + \dots + d_2 \times 2^2 + d_1 \times 2^1 + d_0 \times 2^0$$

- Example: 1101_{two}

$$= 1x(-2^3) + 1x2^2 + 0x2^1 + 1x2^0$$

$$= -2^3 + 2^2 + 0 + 2^0$$

$$= -8 + 4 + 0 + 1$$

$$= -8 + 5$$

$$= -3_{ten}$$

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Two's Complement shortcut: Negation

Check out www.cs.berkeley.edu/~dsw/twos_complement.html

- Change every 0 to 1 and 1 to 0 (invert or complement), then add 1 to the result
- Proof*: Sum of number and its (one's) complement must be $111\dots111_{two}$

However, $111\dots111_{two} = -1_{ten}$

Let $x' \Rightarrow$ one's complement representation of x

Then $x + x' = -1 \Rightarrow x + x' + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x' + 1 = -x$

- Example: -3 to +3 to -3

x	: 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1101 _{two}
x'	: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 _{two}
+1	: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 _{two}
()	: 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100 _{two}
+1	: 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1101 _{two}

You should be able to do this in your head...

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Two's comp. shortcut: Sign extension

- Convert 2's complement number rep. using n bits to more than n bits
- Simply **replicate** the most significant bit (sign bit) of smaller to fill new bits
 - 2's comp. positive number has infinite 0s
 - 2's comp. negative number has infinite 1s
- Binary representation hides leading bits; sign extension restores some of them
- 16-bit -4_{ten} to 32-bit:

$$1111 1111 1111 1100_{two}$$

$$1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1100_{two}$$

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What if too big?

- Binary bit patterns above are simply **representatives** of numbers. Strictly speaking they are called "numerals".
- Numbers really have an ∞ number of digits
 - with almost all being same (00...0 or 11...1) except for a few of the rightmost digits
 - Just don't normally show leading digits
- If result of add (or -, *, /) cannot be represented by these rightmost HW bits, **overflow** is said to have occurred.

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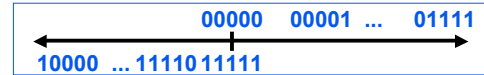
Preview: Signed vs. Unsigned Variables

- Java and C declare integers `int`
 - Use two's complement (signed integer)
- Also, C declaration `unsigned int`
 - Declares a **unsigned** integer
 - Treats 32-bit number as unsigned integer, so most significant bit is part of the number, not a sign bit

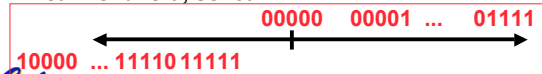


Number summary...

- We represent “things” in computers as particular bit patterns: $N \text{ bits} \Rightarrow 2^N$
- Decimal for human calculations, binary for computers, hex to write binary more easily
- 1's complement - mostly abandoned



- 2's complement universal in computing: cannot avoid, so learn



Overflow: numbers ∞ ; computers finite, errors!



Peer Instruction Question

$X = 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1100_{\text{two}}$
 $Y = 0011\ 1011\ 1001\ 1010\ 1000\ 1010\ 0000\ 0000_{\text{two}}$

- $X > Y$ (if signed)
- $X > Y$ (if unsigned)
- An encoding for Babylonians could have 2^N non-zero numbers w/N bits!

	ABC
1:	FFF
2:	FFT
3:	FTF
4:	FTT
5:	TFF
6:	TFT
7:	FTT
8:	TTT

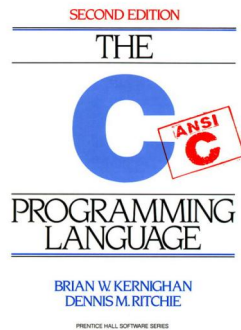


Administrivia : Near term

- Upcoming lectures [Monday is a holiday!]
 - C pointers and arrays in detail
- Lab tomorrow
 - We'll ask you to sign a document saying you understand the cheating policy (from Lec #1) and agree to abide by it.
- HW
 - HW0 due in discussion next week
 - HW1 due next Wed @ 23:59 PST
 - HW2 due following Wed @ 23:59 PST
- Reading
 - K&R Chapters 1-5 (lots, get started now!); 1st quiz due Sun!
- Get cardkeys from CS main office Soda Hall 3rd fl
 - Soda locks doors @ 6:30pm & on weekends
- CSUA Info-session (Th 6-7pm, 310 Soda, “Inst env”)
 - Following Th will be “Intro to Emacs” @ 5pm in 310 Soda



Introduction to C



Disclaimer

- Important: You will not learn how to fully code in C in these lectures! You'll still need your C reference for this course.
 - K&R is a great reference.
 - But... check online for more sources.
 - “JAVA in a Nutshell” – O'Reilly.
 - Chapter 2, “How Java Differs from C”.



Compilation : Overview

C **compilers** take C and convert it into an **architecture specific** machine code (string of 1s and 0s).

- Unlike Java which converts to **architecture independent** bytecode.
- Unlike most Scheme environments which interpret the code.
- Generally a 2 part process of **compiling** .c files to .o files, then **linking** the .o files into executables



Compilation : Advantages

- **Great run-time performance:** generally much faster than Scheme or Java for comparable code (because it optimizes for a given architecture)
- **OK compilation time:** enhancements in compilation procedure (Makefiles) allow only modified files to be recompiled



Compilation : Disadvantages

- All compiled files (including the executable) are **architecture specific**, depending on *both* the CPU type and the operating system.
- Executable must be **rebuilt** on each new system.
 - Called “**porting your code**” to a new architecture.
- The “change→compile→run [repeat]” iteration cycle is slow



C vs. Java™ Overview (1/2)

Java	C
• Object-oriented (OOP)	• No built-in object abstraction. Data separate from methods.
• “Methods”	• “Functions”
• Class libraries of data structures	• C libraries are lower-level
• Automatic memory management	• Manual memory management
	• Pointers



C vs. Java™ Overview (2/2)

Java	C
• High memory overhead from class libraries	• Low memory overhead
• Relatively Slow	• Relatively Fast
• Arrays initialize to zero	• Arrays initialize to garbage
• Syntax: <pre>/* comment */ // comment System.out.print</pre>	• Syntax: <pre>/* comment */ printf</pre>



C Syntax: Variable Declarations

- **Very similar to Java**, but with a few minor but important differences
- **All variable declarations must go before they are used** (at the beginning of the block).
- **A variable may be initialized in its declaration.**
- **Examples of declarations:**
 - **correct:**

```
{  
    int a = 0, b = 10;  
    ...  
}
```
 - **incorrect:**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
```



C Syntax: True or False?

- What evaluates to FALSE in C?
 - 0 (integer)
 - NULL (pointer: more on this later)
 - no such thing as a Boolean
- What evaluates to TRUE in C?
 - **everything else...**
 - (same idea as in scheme: only #f is false, everything else is true!)



C syntax : flow control

- Within a function, remarkably **close to Java** constructs in methods (shows its legacy) in terms of flow control
 - if-else
 - switch
 - while and for
 - do-while



C Syntax: main

- To get the main function to accept arguments, use this:


```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
```
- What does this mean?
 - `argc` will contain the number of strings on the command line (the executable counts as one, plus one for each argument).
 - Example: `unix% sort myFile`
 - `argv` is a pointer to an array containing the arguments as strings (more on pointers later).



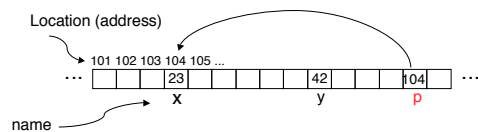
Address vs. Value

- Consider memory to be a single huge array:
 - Each cell of the array has an address associated with it.
 - Each cell also stores some value
 - Do you think they use signed or unsigned numbers? Negative address?!
- Don't confuse the **address** referring to a memory location with the **value** stored in that location.



Pointers

- An address refers to a particular memory location. In other words, it **points** to a memory location.
- **Pointer**: A variable that contains the **address** of another variable.



Pointers

- How to create a pointer:
 - `&` operator: get address of a variable

```
int *p, x; p ? x ?
x = 3; p ? x 3
p = &x; p ? x 3
```

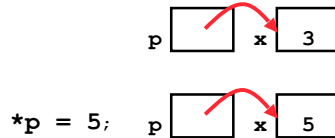
Note the "*" gets used 2 different ways in this example. In the declaration to indicate that `p` is going to be a pointer, and in the `printf` to get the value pointed to by `p`.
- How get a value pointed to?
 - "dereference operator": get value pointed to

```
printf("\p points to %d\n", *p);
```



Pointers

- How to change a variable pointed to?
- Use dereference * operator on left of =



Pointers and Parameter Passing

- Java and C pass a parameter “by value”
- procedure/function gets a copy of the parameter, so changing the copy cannot change the original

```
void addOne (int x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
int y = 3;  
addOne (y);
```

- **y is still = 3**



Pointers and Parameter Passing

- How to get a function to change a value?

```
void addOne (int *p) {  
    *p = *p + 1;  
}  
  
int y = 3;  
  
addOne (&y);
```

- **y is now = 4**



Pointers

- Normally a pointer can only point to one type (int, char, a struct, etc.).

- void * is a type that can point to anything (generic pointer)
- Use sparingly to help avoid program bugs... and security issues... and a lot of other bad things!



Peer Instruction Question

```
void main(); {  
    int *p, x=5, y; // init  
    y = *(p = &x) + 10;  
    int z;  
    flip-sign(p);  
    printf("x=%d,y=%d,p=%d\n", x,y,p);  
}  
flip-sign(int *n){*n = -(*n)}
```

How many errors?

#Errors
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
(1) 0



And in conclusion...

- All declarations go at the beginning of each function.
- Only 0 and NULL evaluate to FALSE.
- All data is in memory. Each memory location has an address to use to refer to it and a value stored in it.
- A **pointer** is a C version of the address.
 - * “follows” a pointer to its value
 - & gets the address of a value

