

**Lecture #2 – Number Rep & Intro to C**

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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  $1\ 1$
  - Subtract them  $1\ 0\ 1\ 0$
  - Multiply them  $+ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1$
  - Divide them
  - Compare them
- Example:  $10 + 7 = 17$   $1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1$ 
  - ...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  $\Rightarrow$  5 bits ( $2^5 = 32$ )
  - upper/lower case + punctuation  $\Rightarrow$  7 bits (in 8) ("ASCII")
  - standard code to cover all the world's languages  $\Rightarrow$  8,16,32 bits ("Unicode")  
[www.unicode.com](http://www.unicode.com)
- Logical values?
  - 0  $\Rightarrow$  False, 1  $\Rightarrow$  True
- colors ? Ex: Red (00) Green (01) Blue (11)
- locations / addresses? commands?
- **MEMORIZE: N bits  $\Leftrightarrow$  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



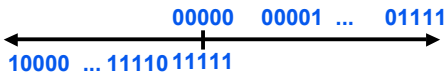
### Shortcomings of sign and magnitude?

- 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



### 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.

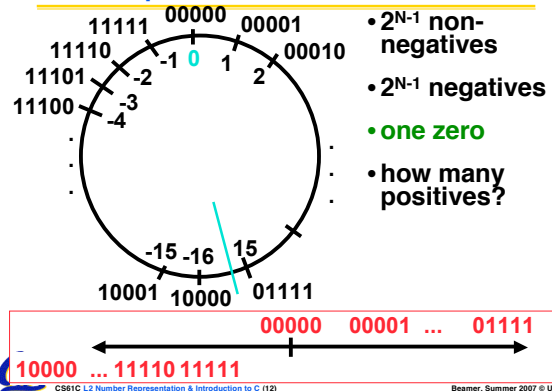


### Standard Negative Number Representation

- 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  $\geq 0$ ,  $111111...xxx$  is  $< 0$
    - except  $1...1111$  is  $-1$ , not  $-0$  (as in sign & mag.)
- This representation is **Two's Complement**



### 2's Complement Number "line": N = 5



### 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 $_{ten}$



### Two's Complement Formula

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

$$d_{31} x_{31} (-2^{31}) + d_{30} x_{30} 2^{30} + \dots + d_2 x_2 2^2 + d_1 x_1 2^1 + d_0 x_0 2^0$$

- Example: 1101 $_{two}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1x(-2^3) + 1x2^2 + 0x2^1 + 1x2^0 \\ &= -2^3 + 2^2 + 0 + 2^0 \\ &= -8 + 4 + 0 + 1 \\ &= -8 + 5 \\ &= -3_{ten} \end{aligned}$$



### Two's Complement shortcut: Negation

\*Check out [www.cs.berkeley.edu/~dsw/twos-complement.html](http://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...111 $_{two}$   
However, 111...111 $_{two} = -1_{ten}$   
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... 7 © UC Berkeley

### 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:

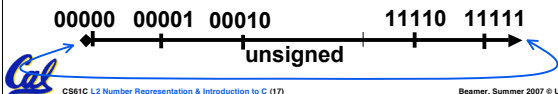
1111 1111 1111 1100 $_{two}$



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

### What if too big?

- Binary bit patterns above are simply **representatives** of numbers. Strictly speaking they are called "numerals".
- Numbers really have an  $\infty$  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.



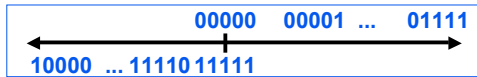
### Preview: Signed vs. Unsigned Variables

- 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

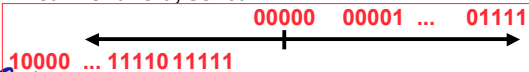


## Number summary...

- We represent “things” in computers as particular bit patterns:  $N$  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  $\infty$ ; computers finite, errors!



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## Peer Instruction Question

$X = 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1111\ 1100_{two}$

$Y = 0011\ 1011\ 1001\ 1010\ 1000\ 1010\ 0000\ 0000_{two}$

- A.  $X > Y$  (if signed)
- B.  $X > Y$  (if unsigned)

|    | AB |
|----|----|
| 1: | FF |
| 2: | FT |
| 3: | TF |
| 4: | TT |



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## Administrivia

- Enrollment Issues <http://summer.berkeley.edu/>
- Lab Today
  - We'll ask you to sign a document saying you understand the cheating policy (from Lec #1) and agree to abide by it.
- HW
  - HW1 due Sunday @ 23:59 PST
  - HW2 due following Wed @ 23:59 PST
- Reading
  - K&R Chapters 1-5 (lots, get started now!);
- Get cardkeys from CS main office Soda Hall 3rd fl
  - Soda locks doors @ 6:30pm & on weekends
- UNIX Helpsession, Today @ 5pm in 271 Soda



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## 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”.



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## 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



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## 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                                 |
| • <b>Automatic</b> memory management | • <b>Manual</b> memory management                             |
|                                      | • <b>Pointers</b>   |



## C vs. Java™ Overview (2/2)

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

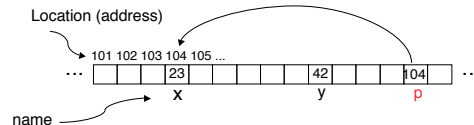
- Don't confuse the **address** referring to a memory location with the **value** stored in that location.



## Pointers

- An address refers to a particular memory location. In other words, it points to a memory location.

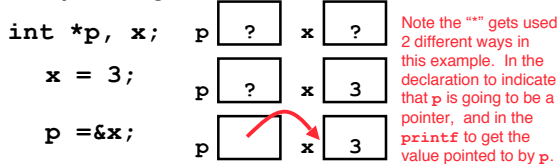
- **Pointer**: A variable that contains the address of another variable.



## Pointers

- How to create a pointer:

& operator: get address of a variable



- How get a value pointed to?

\* "dereference operator": get value pointed to

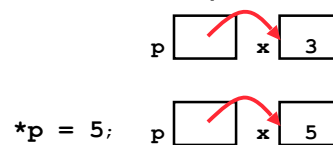
```
printf("p points to %d\n", *p);
```



## 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



## Peer Instruction Answer

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}
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```

How many errors? I get 7.

#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

