Bits, Bytes, and Integers

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Byte-Oriented Memory Organization

- Programs Refer to Virtual Addresses
  - Conceptually very large array of bytes
  - Actually implemented with hierarchy of different memory types
  - System provides address space private to particular "process"
    - Program being executed
    - Program can clobber its own data, but not that of others
- Compiler + Run-Time System Control Allocation
  - Where different program objects should be stored
  - All allocation within single virtual address space

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Encoding Byte Values

- Byte = 8 bits
  - Binary 00000000_2 to 11111111_2
  - Decimal: 0_{10} to 255_{10}
  - Hexadecimal 00_{16} to FF_{16}
    - Base 16 number representation
    - Use characters '0' to '9' and 'A' to 'F'
    - Write $FA1D37B_{16}$ in C as
      - 0xFA1D37B
      - 0xfa1d37b

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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Machine Words

- Machine Has "Word Size"
  - Nominal size of integer-valued data, more importantly, basic unit of internal storage (registers) and computation
    - Including addresses
  - Some machines use 32 bits (4 bytes) addresses
    - Limits addresses to 4GB
    - Too small for memory-intensive applications
  - High-end systems use 64 bits (8 bytes) addresses
    - Potential address space ≈ 1.8 X 10^{19} bytes
    - x86-64 machines support 48-bit addresses: 256 Terabytes
  - Machines support multiple data formats
    - Fractions or multiples of word size
    - Always one or multiples of bytes

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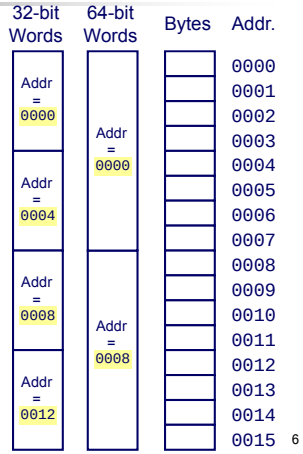
Word-Oriented Memory Organization

- Addresses Specify Byte Locations
  - Address of first byte in word
  - Addresses of successive words differ by 4 (32-bit) or 8 (64-bit)



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Data Representations

C Data Type	Typical 32-bit	Intel IA32	x86-64
char	1	1	1
short	2	2	2
int	4	4	4
long	4	4	8
long long	8	8	8
float	4	4	4
double	8	8	8
long double	8	10/12	10/16
pointer	4	4	8

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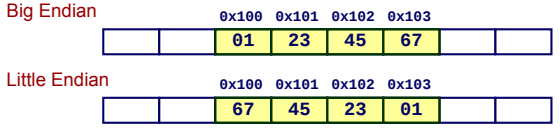
Byte Ordering

- How should bytes within a multi-byte word be ordered in memory?
- Big Endian (Sun, PPC Mac, Internet)
  - Most significant byte has lowest address
- Little Endian (Intel x86)
  - Least significant byte has lowest address
- Example
  - Variable x has 4-byte representation 0x01234567
  - Address given by &x is 0x100



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Reading Byte-Reversed Listings

- Disassembly
  - Text representation of binary machine code
  - Generated by program that reads the machine code
- Example Fragment

Address	Instruction Code	Assembly Rendition
8048365:	5b	pop %ebx
8048366:	81 c3 ab 12 00 00	add $0x12ab,%ebx
804836c:	83 bb 28 00 00 00 00	cmpl $0x0,0x28(%ebx)

- Deciphering Numbers
  - Value: 0x12ab
  - Pad to 32 bits: 0x000012ab
  - Split into bytes: 00 00 12 ab
  - Reverse: ab 12 00 00

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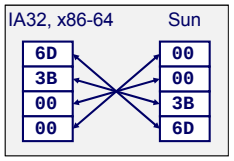
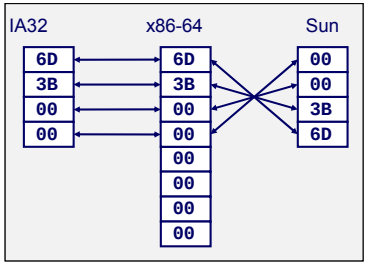
Representing Integers

Decimal: 15213
Binary: 0011 1011 0110 1101
Hex: 3 B 6 D

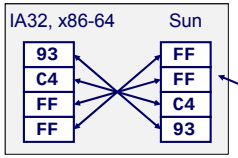
int A = 15213;



long int C = 15213;



int B = -15213;



Two's complement representation (Covered later)

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Representing Strings

- Strings in C
  - Represented by array of characters
  - Each character encoded in ASCII
    - Standard 7-bit encoding of characters
    - Character "0" has code 0x30
      - Digit *i* has code 0x30+*i*
  - String should be null-terminated
    - Final character = 0
- Compatibility
  - Byte ordering not an issue

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char S[6] = "18243";
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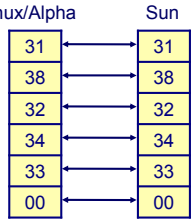

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Boolean Algebra

- Algebraic representation of logic
  - Encode "True" as 1 and "False" as 0

And

- **A&B = 1 when both A=1 and B=1**

&	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Or

- **A|B = 1 when either A=1 or B=1**

|	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

Not

- **~A = 1 when A=0**

~	
0	1
1	0

Exclusive-Or (Xor)

- **A^B = 1 when either A=1 or B=1, but not both**

^	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

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Boolean Algebra on Bit Vectors

- Operate on Bit Vectors
  - Operations applied bitwise

```
  01101001     01101001     01101001
& 01010101   | 01010101   ^ 01010101   ~ 01010101
  01000001     01111101     00111100     10101010
```

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Representing & Manipulating Sets

- Representation
  - Width w bit vector represents subsets of {0, …, w–1}
  - $a_j = 1$ if $j \in A$
    - 01101001 { 0, 3, 5, 6 }
    - *76543210*
    - 01010101 { 0, 2, 4, 6 }
    - *76543210*
- Operations

&	Intersection	01000001	{ 0, 6 }
|	Union	01111101	{ 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 }
^	Symmetric difference	00111100	{ 2, 3, 4, 5 }
~	Complement	10101010	{ 1, 3, 5, 7 }

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Bit-Level Operations in C

- Operations &, |, ~, ^ Available in C
  - Apply to any basic data type
    - long, int, short, char, unsigned
  - View arguments as bit vectors
  - Arguments applied bit-wise
- Examples
  - ~0x41 = 0xBE
    - $\sim 01000001_2 = 10111110_2$
  - ~0x00 = 0xFF
    - $\sim 00000000_2 = 11111111_2$
  - 0x69 & 0x55 = 0x41
    - $01101001_2 \;\&\; 01010101_2 = 01000001_2$
  - 0x69 | 0x55 = 0x7D
    - $01101001_2 \mid 01010101_2 = 01111101_2$

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Contrast: Logic Operations in C

- Contrast to Logical Operators
  - &&, ||, !
    - View 0 as "False"
    - Anything nonzero as "True"
    - Always return 0 or 1
    - Early termination
- Examples (char data type)
  - !0x41 = 0x00
  - !0x00 = 0x01
  - !!0x41 = 0x01
  - 0x69 && 0x55 = 0x01
  - 0x69 || 0x55 = 0x01
  - p && *p (avoids null pointer access)

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Shift Operations

- Left Shift: x << y
  - Shift bit-vector x left y positions
    - Throw away extra bits on left
    - Fill with 0's on right
- Right Shift: x >> y
  - Shift bit-vector x right y positions
    - Throw away extra bits on right
  - Logical shift
    - Fill with 0's on left
  - Arithmetic shift
    - Replicate most significant bit on right

Argument x	01100010
<< 3	00010000
Log. >> 2	00011000
Arith. >> 2	00011000

Argument x	10100010
<< 3	00010000
Log. >> 2	00101000
Arith. >> 2	11101000

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Encoding Integers

Unsigned

$$B2U(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{w-1} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

Two's Complement

$$B2T(X) = -x_{w-1} \cdot 2^{w-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{w-2} x_i \cdot 2^i$$

```
short int x =  15213;
short int y = -15213;
```

Sign Bit

- C `short` 2 bytes long

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
x	15213	3B 6D	00111011 01101101
y	-15213	C4 93	11000100 10010011

- Sign Bit
  - For 2's complement, most significant bit indicates sign
    - 0 for nonnegative, 1 for negative
- What is the bit representation of -1?

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Encoding Example (Cont.)

```
x =      15213: 00111011 01101101
y =     -15213: 11000100 10010011
```

Weight	15213		-15213	
1	1	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	2
4	1	4	0	0
8	1	8	0	0
16	0	0	1	16
32	1	32	0	0
64	1	64	0	0
128	0	0	1	128
256	1	256	0	0
512	1	512	0	0
1024	0	0	1	1024
2048	1	2048	0	0
4096	1	4096	0	0
8192	1	8192	0	0
16384	0	0	1	16384
-32768	0	0	1	-32768
Sum		**15213**		**-15213**

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Numeric Ranges

- Unsigned Values
  - *UMin* = 0
    000…0
  - *UMax* = $2^w - 1$
    111…1
- Two's Complement Values
  - *TMin* = -2^{w-1}
    100…0
  - *TMax* = $2^{w-1} - 1$
    011…1

Values for $W = 16$

	Decimal	Hex	Binary
UMax	**65535**	**FF FF**	**11111111 11111111**
TMax	**32767**	**7F FF**	**01111111 11111111**
TMin	**-32768**	**80 00**	**10000000 00000000**
-1	**-1**	**FF FF**	**11111111 11111111**
0	**0**	**00 00**	**00000000 00000000**

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Values for Different Word Sizes

	W			
	8	**16**	**32**	**64**
UMax	255	65,535	4,294,967,295	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
TMax	127	32,767	2,147,483,647	9,223,372,036,854,775,807
TMin	-128	-32,768	-2,147,483,648	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808

- Observations
  - $|TMin| = TMax + 1$
    - Asymmetric range
  - $UMax = 2 * TMax + 1$

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Unsigned & Signed Numeric Values

X	B2U(*X*)	B2T(*X*)
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0010	2	2
0011	3	3
0100	4	4
0101	5	5
0110	6	6
0111	7	7
1000	8	–8
1001	9	–7
1010	10	–6
1011	11	–5
1100	12	–4
1101	13	–3
1110	14	–2
1111	15	–1

- Equivalence
  - Same encodings for nonnegative values
- Uniqueness
  - Every bit pattern represents unique integer value
  - Each representable integer has unique bit encoding

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