

More C / Bitwise

Changelog

Changes made in this version not seen in first lecture:

6 September: shr slides: correct typo 'valuaction' to instruction

6 September: switch to jump table: add 0 case to remove off-by-one error

last time

condition codes (ZF, SF, CF, OF)

what jle, jge, etc. use

set by all arithmetic, not just cmp

CF, OF — wrong result as unsigned/signed?

`jmp *0x1234(%rax, %rbx, 8)`

read memory[$0x1234 + \text{rax} + \text{rbx} * 8$]; set PC to read value

loops/if to C

pointer arithmetic in C

`ptr + X` — add X times `sizeof(thing ptr points to)` to `ptr`

`*ptr + X == ptr[X]`

`ptr = array` same as `ptr = &array[0]`

switch to jump-table

```
switch (a) {  
    case 0: ...; break;  
    case 1: ...; break;  
    case 2: ...; break;  
    ...  
    case 100: ...; break;  
    default: ...  
}
```

```
// jump table  
cmpq $100, %rax  
jg code_for_default  
cmpq $0, %rax  
jl code_for_default  
jmp *table(,%rax,8)  
// same jmp *0x1234(,%rax,8)  
// where 0x1234 = table addr.
```

```
table:  
// not instructions  
// .quad = 64-bit (4 x 16)  
.quad code_for_0  
.quad code_for_1  
.quad code_for_2  
.quad code_for_3  
.quad code_for_4  
...
```

quizzes

linked off course website (at top “Quizzes”)

90 minute time limit

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quiz demo

[https://archimedes.cs.virginia.edu/cs3330/
quizzes-demo/](https://archimedes.cs.virginia.edu/cs3330/quizzes-demo/)

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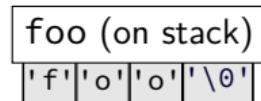
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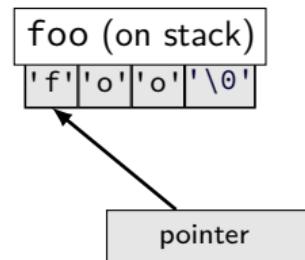
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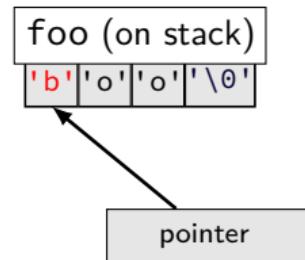
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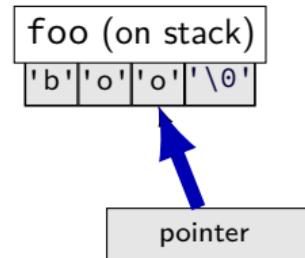
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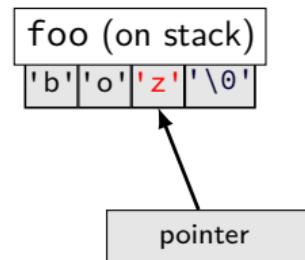
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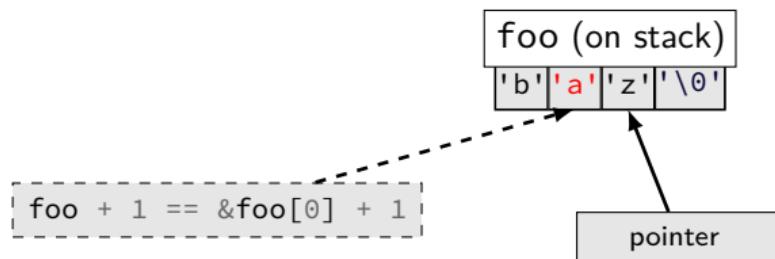
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a note on precedence

`&foo[1]` is the same as `&(foo[1])` (*not* `(&foo)[1]`)

`*foo[0]` is the same as `*(foo[0])` (*not* `(*foo)[0]`)

`*foo++` is the same as `*(foo++)` (*not* `(*foo)++`)

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```
sizeof(&array[0]) == ???
```

(&array[0] same as &(array[0]))

extracting hexadecimal nibble (1)

problem: given 0xAB
extract 0xA

(hexadecimal digits
called “nibbles”)

```
typedef unsigned char byte;  
int get_top_nibble(byte value) {  
    return ???;  
}
```

extracting hexadecimal nibbles (2)

```
typedef unsigned char byte;  
int get_top_nibble(byte value) {  
    return value / 16;  
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aside: division

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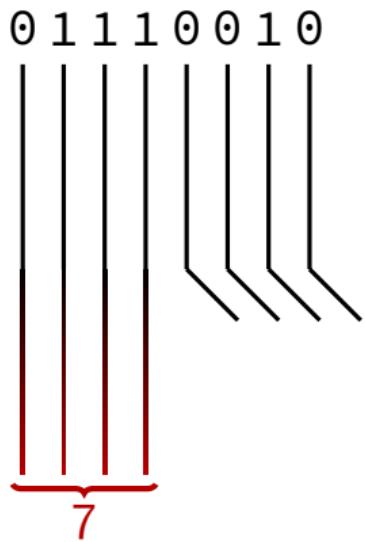
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but this case: it's just extracting ‘top wires’ — simpler?

extracting bits in hardware

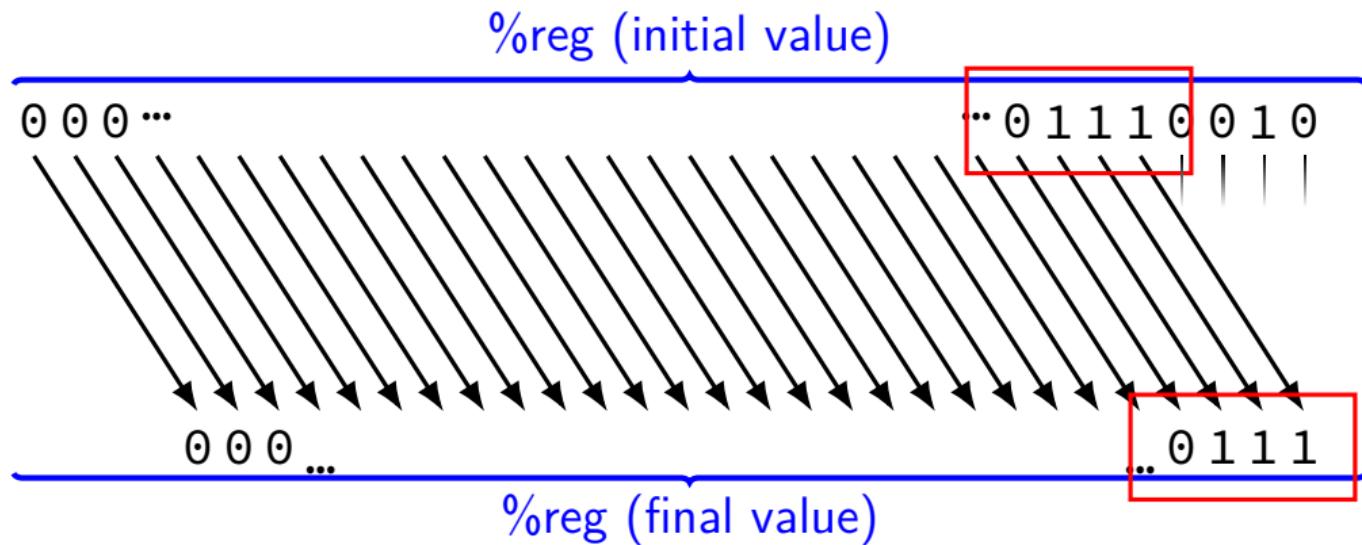
0111 0010 = 0x72



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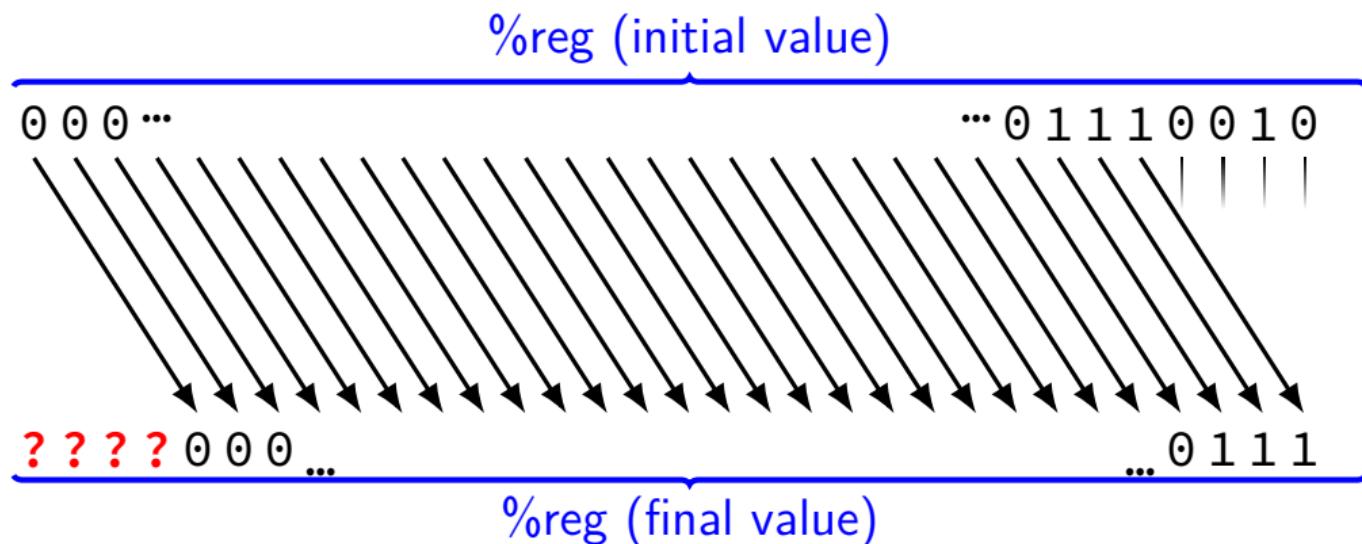
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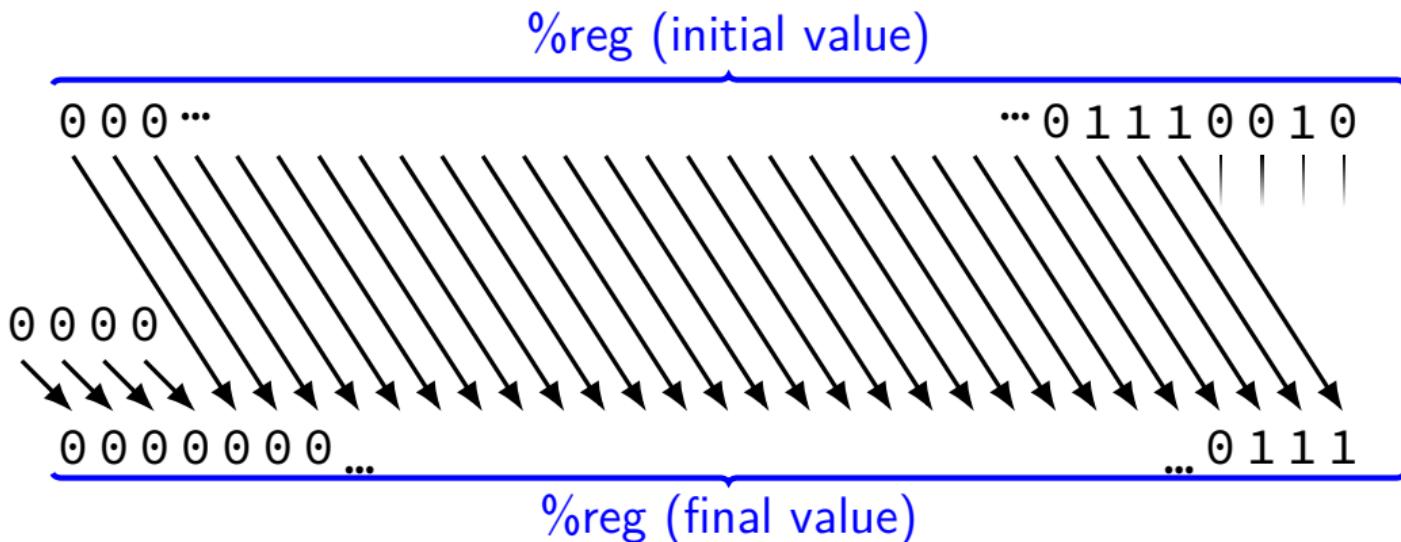
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movzbl %dil, %eax
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    return value >> 4;  
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int get_top_nibble1(byte value) { return value >> 4; }
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example output from optimizing compiler:

get_top_nibble1:

```
    shrb $4, %dil
    movzbl %dil, %eax
    ret
```

get_top_nibble2:

```
    shrb $4, %dil
    movzbl %dil, %eax
    ret
```

right shift in math

1 >> 0 == 1 0000 0001

1 >> 1 == 0 0000 0000

1 >> 2 == 0 0000 0000

10 >> 0 == 10 0000 1010

10 >> 1 == 5 0000 0101

10 >> 2 == 2 0000 0010

$$x \gg y = \lfloor x \times 2^{-y} \rfloor$$

exercise

```
int foo(int)
foo:
    shr $1, %eax
    ret
```

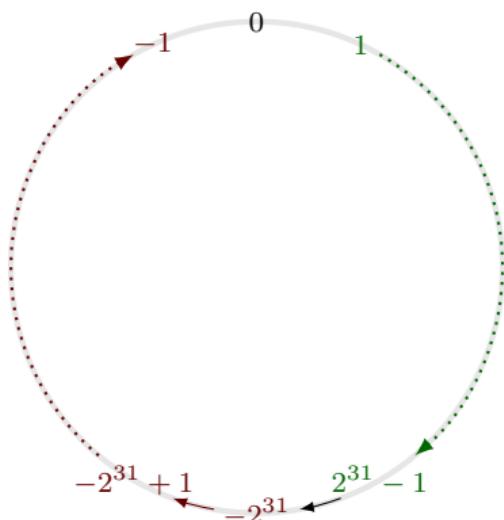
what is the value of foo(-2)?

two's complement refresher

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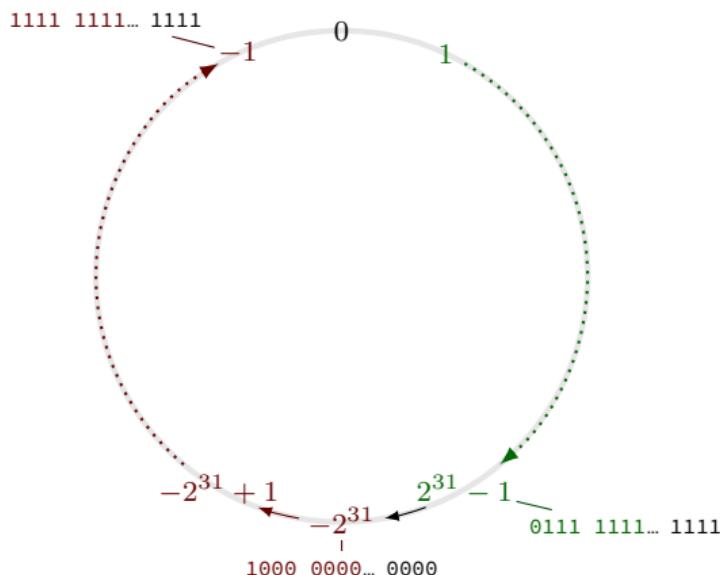
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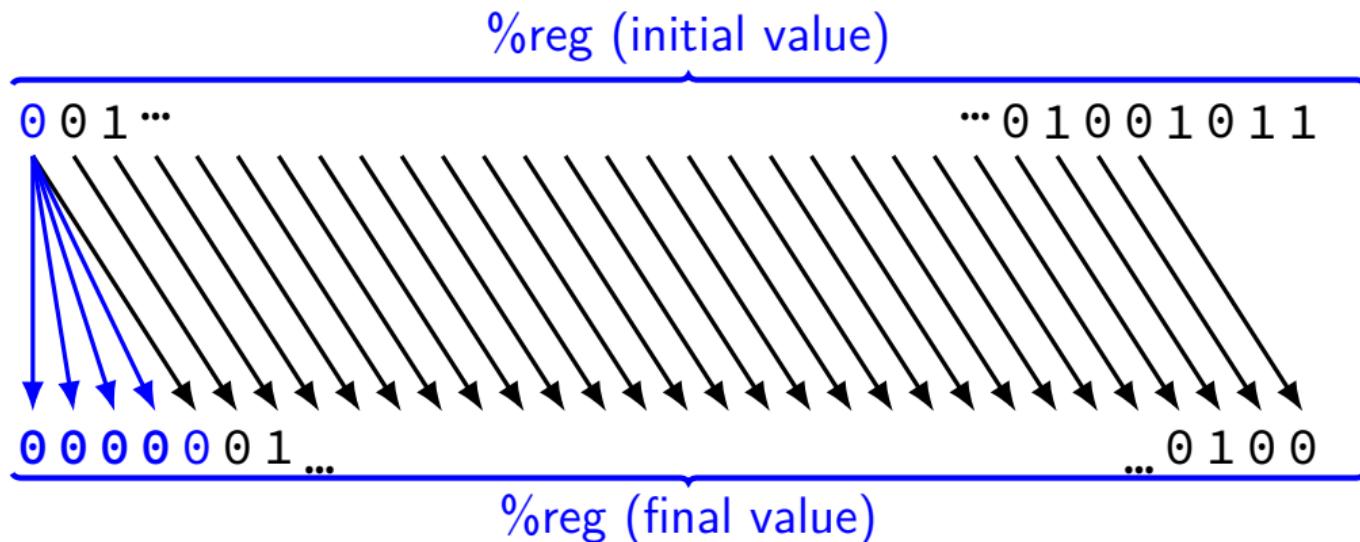
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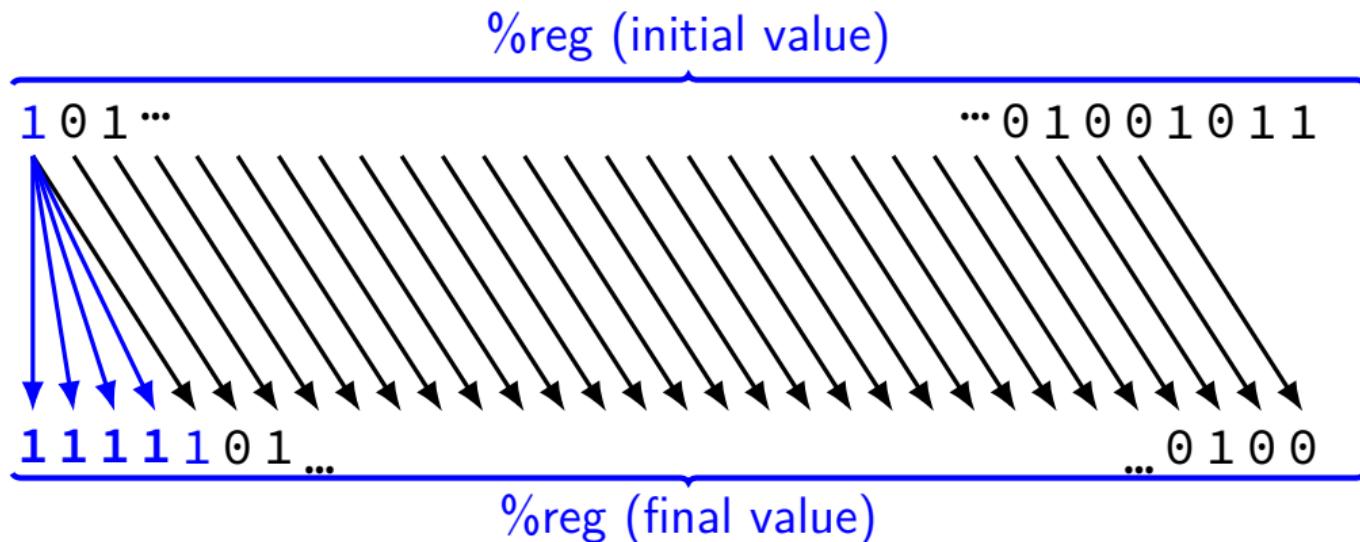
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right shift in C

```
int shift_signed(int x) {  
    return x >> 5;  
}  
unsigned shift_unsigned(unsigned x) {  
    return x >> 5;  
}
```

shift_signed:	shift_unsigned:
movl %edi, %eax	movl %edi, %eax
sarl \$5, %eax	shrl \$5, eax
ret	ret

standards and shifts in C

signed right shift is **implementation-defined**

standard lets compilers choose which type of shift to do
all x86 compilers I know of — arithmetic

shift amount \geq width of type: undefined

x86 assembly: only uses lower bits of shift amount

exercise

```
int shiftTwo(int x) {  
    return x >> 2;  
}
```

shiftTwo(-6) = ???

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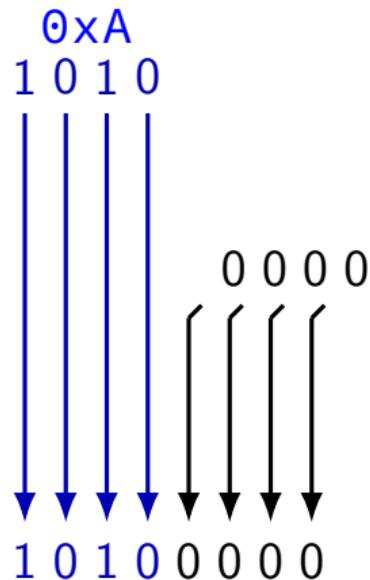
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divideBy8: // GCC generated code

```
leal    7(%rdi), %eax    // eax ← edi + 7
testl   %edi, %edi       // set cond. codes based on %edi
cmovns %edi, %eax        // if (edi sign bit = 0) eax ← edi
sarl    $3, %eax          // arithmetic shift
```

multiplying by 16



$$0xA \times 16 = 0xA0$$

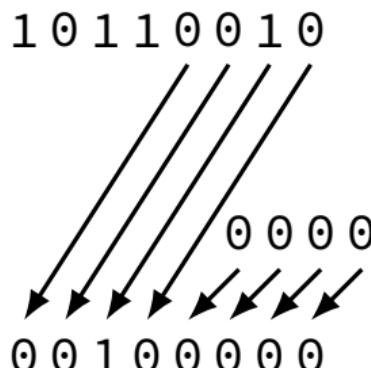
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~~shr \$-4, %reg~~

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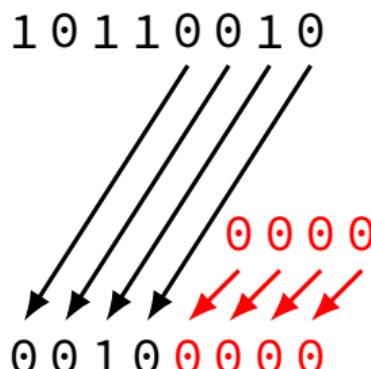
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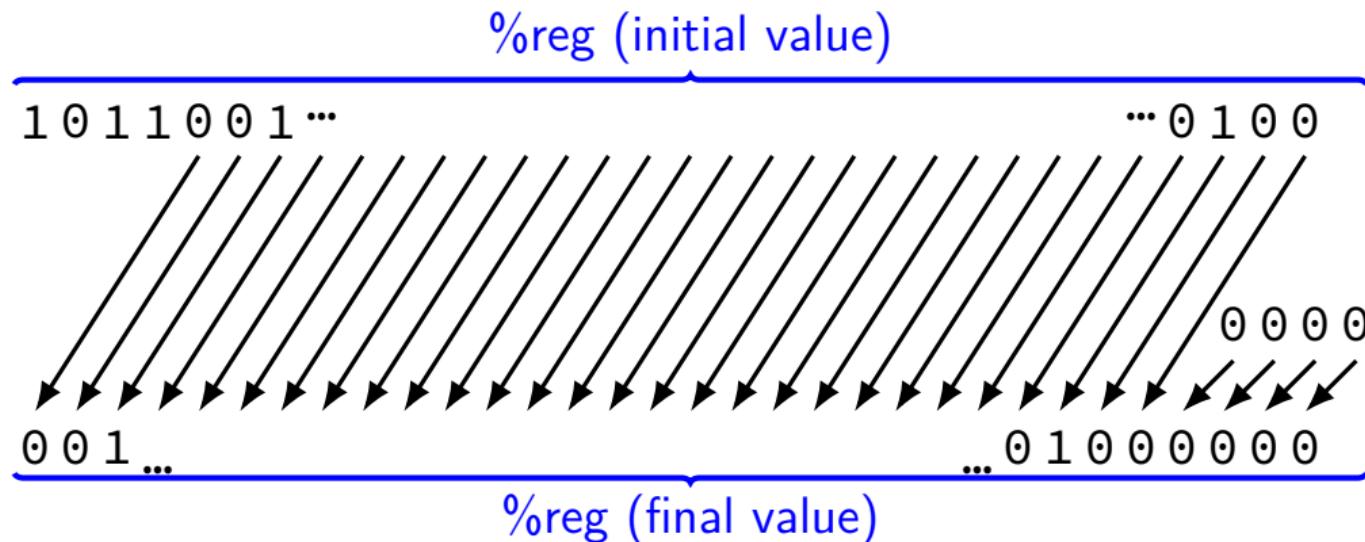
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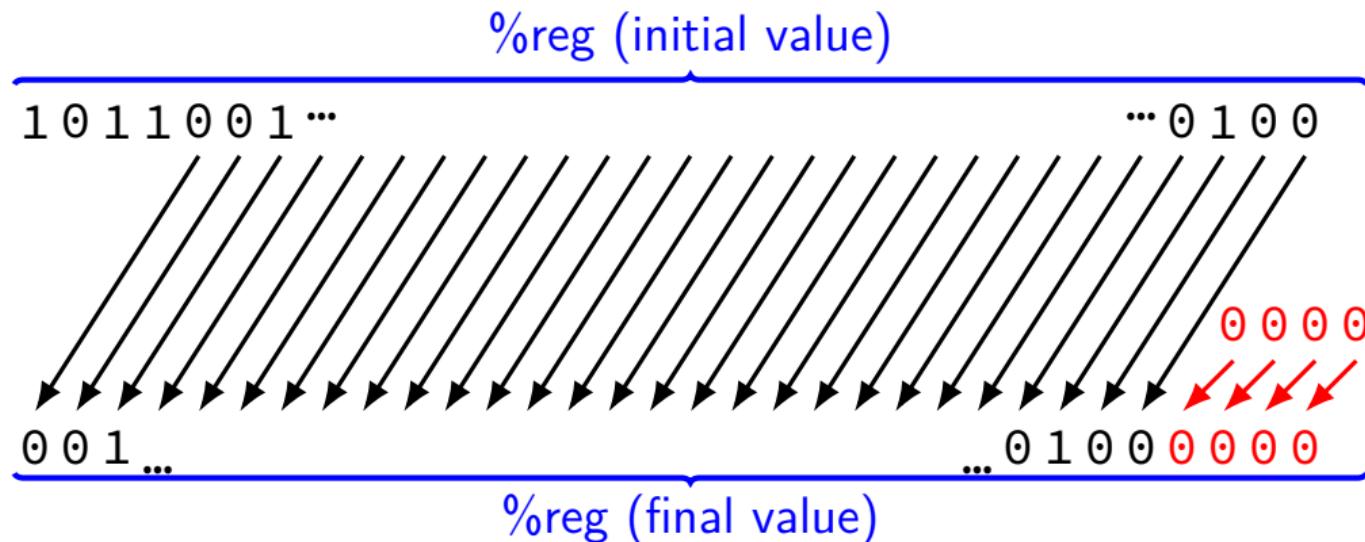
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left shift in math

1 << 0 == 1	0000 0001
1 << 1 == 2	0000 0010
1 << 2 == 4	0000 0100
10 << 0 == 10	0000 1010
10 << 1 == 20	0001 0100
10 << 2 == 40	0010 1000

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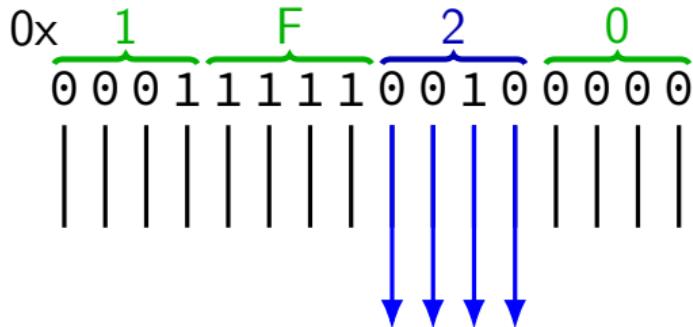
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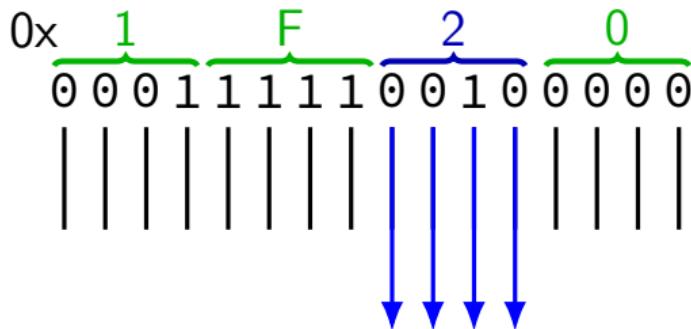
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$$x \ll y = x \times 2^y$$

extracting nibble from more



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```
// % -- remainder
```

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    return (value / 16) % 16;
}
```

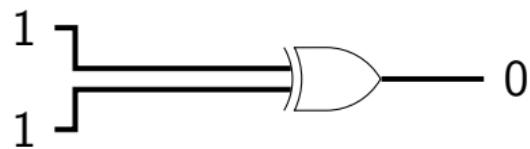
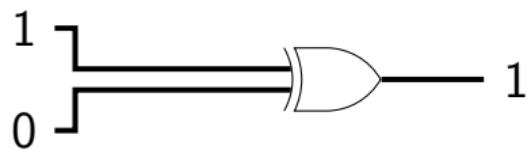
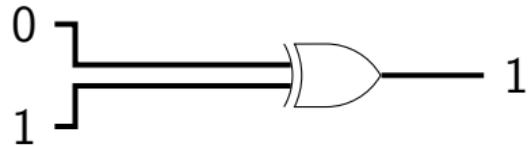
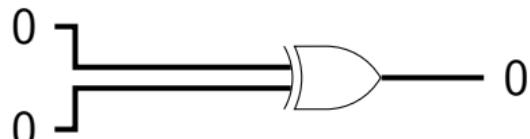
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unsigned extract_second_nibble(unsigned value) {
    return (value % 256) / 16;
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```

manipulating bits?

easy to manipulate individual bits in HW

how do we expose that to software?

circuits: gates



interlude: a truth table

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method: construct “mask” of what to keep/remove

bitwise AND — &

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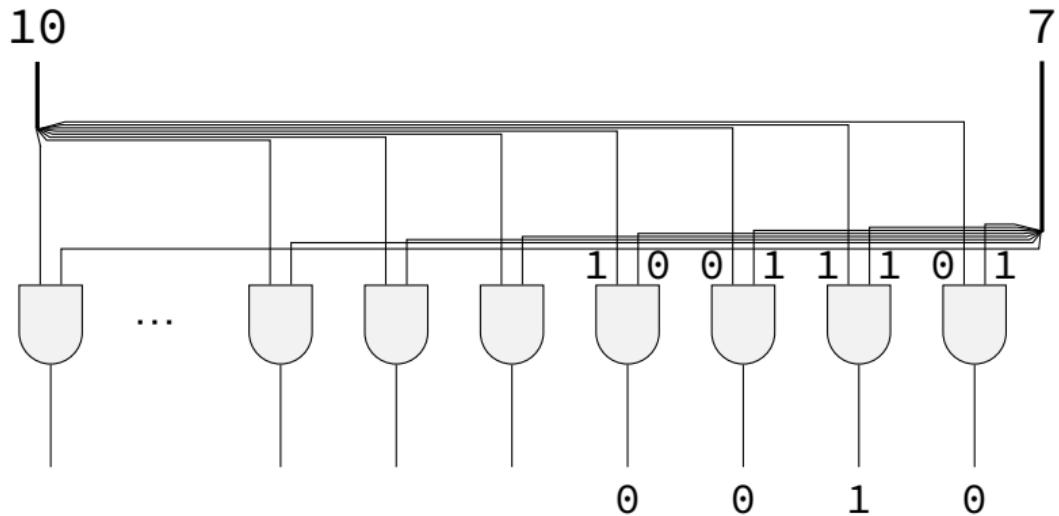
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bitwise AND — C/assembly

x86: **and** %reg, %reg

C: foo & bar

bitwise hardware ($10 \And 7 == 2$)



extract 0x3 from 0x1234

```
unsigned get_second_nibble1_bitwise(unsigned value)
    return (value >> 4) & 0xF; // 0xF: 00001111
    // like (value / 16) % 16
}

unsigned get_second_nibble2_bitwise(unsigned value)
    return (value & 0xF0) >> 4; // 0xF0: 11110000
    // like (value % 256) / 16;
}
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get_second_nibble1_bitwise:
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```
    movl %edi, %eax  
    shr l $4, %eax  
    andl $0xF, %eax  
    ret
```

```
get_second_nibble2_bitwise:
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    andl $0xF0, %eax  
    shr l $4, %eax  
    ret
```

more truth tables

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

&

conditionally clear bit
conditionally keep bit

OR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

|

conditionally set bit

XOR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

^

conditionally flip bit

bitwise OR — |

1 | 1 == 1

1 | 0 == 1

0 | 0 == 0

2 | 4 == 6

10 | 7 == 15

$$\begin{array}{r} \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

bitwise xor — ^

1 ^ 1 == 0

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0 ^ 0 == 0

2 ^ 4 == 6

10 ^ 7 == 13

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negation / not — ~

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32 bits

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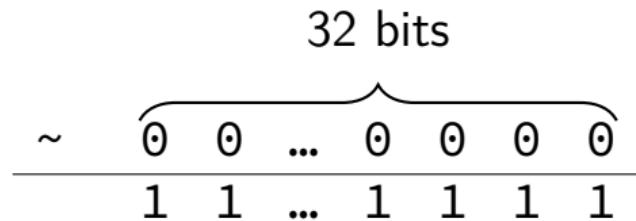
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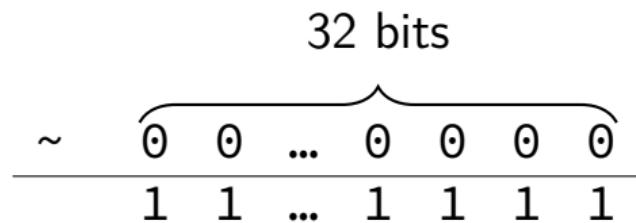
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`~((unsigned) 2) == 0xFFFFFFFFD`



bit-puzzles

future assignment

bit manipulation puzzles

solve some problem with bitwise ops

maybe that you could do with normal arithmetic, comparisons, etc.

why?

good for thinking about HW design

good for understanding bitwise ops

unreasonably common interview question type

note: ternary operator

```
w = (x ? y : z)
```

```
if (x) { w = y; } else { w = z; }
```

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$(x \ ? \ y : 0)$

	$y=0$	$y=1$
$x=0$	0	0
$x=1$	0	1

$\rightarrow (x \ \& \ y)$

one-bit ternary parts (2)

$$(x \ ? \ y : 0) = (x \ \& \ y)$$

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$(x \ ? \ 0 \ : \ z)$

opposite x : $\sim x$

$((\sim x) \ \& \ z)$

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$(x ? y : 0) \mid (x ? 0 : z)$

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mask: >~~X~~

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$((\neg x) \And y) \mid ((\neg(x \And 1)) \And z)$

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easy C way: $\text{!}x = 0 \text{ or } 1$, $\text{!}\text{!}x = 0 \text{ or } 1$

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add/subtract/compare are more complicated in hardware!

but *much* more important for **typical applications**

backup slides

switch to if-then

```
switch (a) {  
    case 1: ...; break;  
    case 2: ...; break;  
    ...  
    default: ...  
}
```

// same as if statement?

```
cmpq $1, %rax  
je code_for_1  
cmpq $2, %rax  
je code_for_2  
cmpq $3, %rax  
je code_for_3  
...  
jmp code_for_default
```

switch-to-binary-search

```
switch (a) {  
    case 1: ...; break;  
    case 2: ...; break;  
    ...  
    case 100: ...; break;  
    default: ...  
}  
  
// binary search  
cmpq $50, %rax  
jl code_for_less_than_50  
cmpq $75, %rax  
jl code_for_50_to_75  
...  
code_for_less_than_50:  
cmpq $25, %rax  
jl less_than_25_cases  
...
```

example: C that is not C++

valid C and invalid C++:

```
char *str = malloc(100);
```

valid C and valid C++:

```
char *str = (char *) malloc(100);
```

valid C and invalid C++:

```
int class = 1;
```

miscellaneous bit manipulation

common bit manipulation instructions are not in C:

rotate (x86: `ror`, `rol`) — like shift, but wrap around

first/last bit set (x86: `bsf`, `bsr`)

population count (some x86: `popcnt`) — number of bits set

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sometimes specific HW support

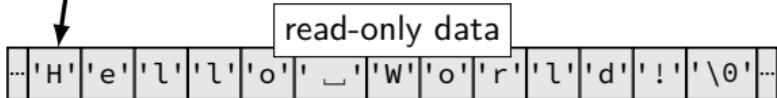
e.g. x86-64 has a “multiply four pairs of floats” instruction

strings in C

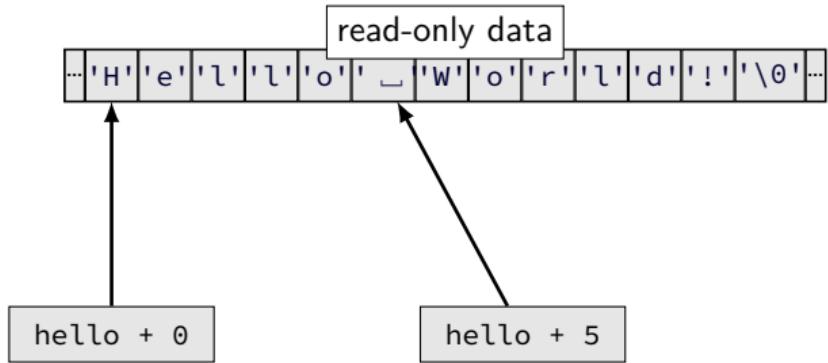
hello (on stack/register)

0x4005C0

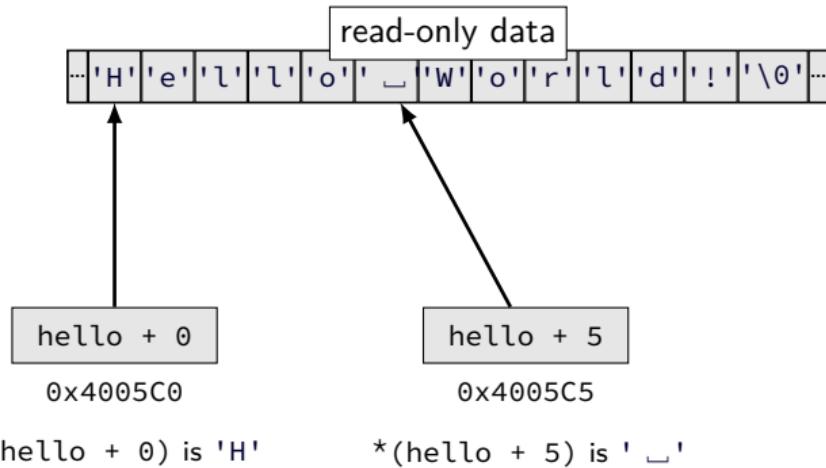
```
int main() {
    const char *hello = "Hello World!";
    ...
}
```



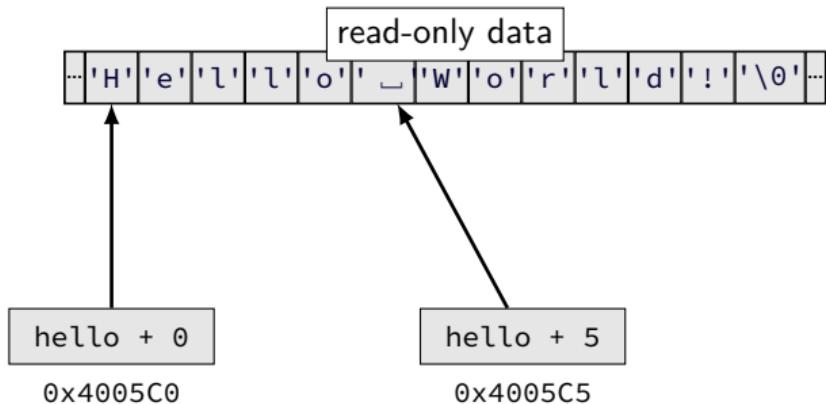
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`*(hello + 0) is 'H'`

`*(hello + 5) is ' '`

`hello[0] is 'H'`

`hello[5] is ' '`

arrays and pointers

`*(foo + bar)` exactly the same as `foo[bar]`

arrays 'decay' into pointers

arrays of non-bytes

array[2] and *(array + 2) still the same

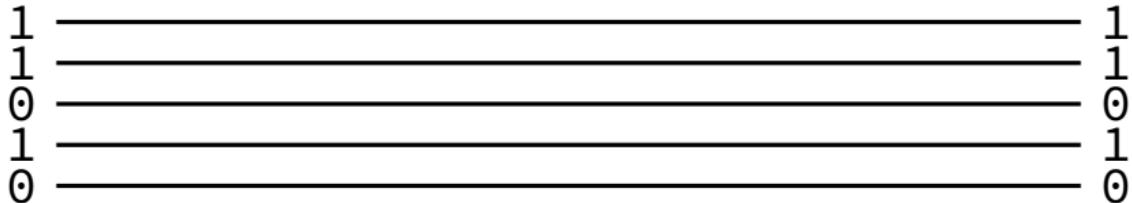
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2 int *pointer;  
3 pointer = numbers;  
4 *pointer = 20; // numbers[0] = 20;  
5 pointer = pointer + 2;  
6 /* adds 8 (2 ints) to address */  
7 *pointer = 30; // numbers[2] = 30;  
8 // numbers is 20, 11, 30, 13
```

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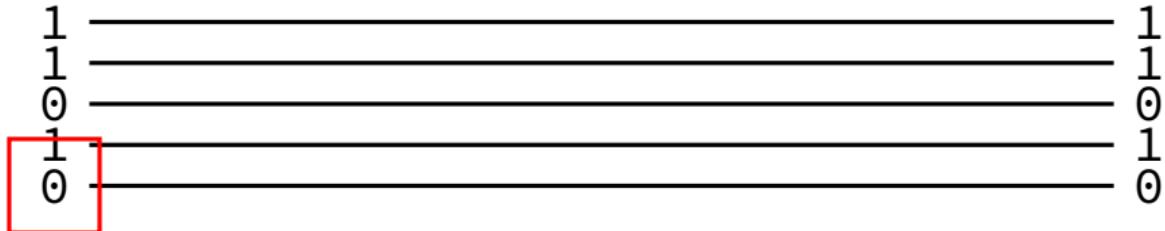
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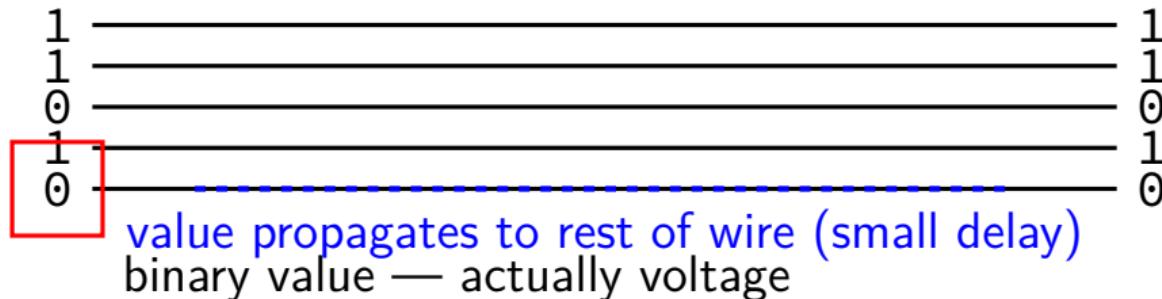


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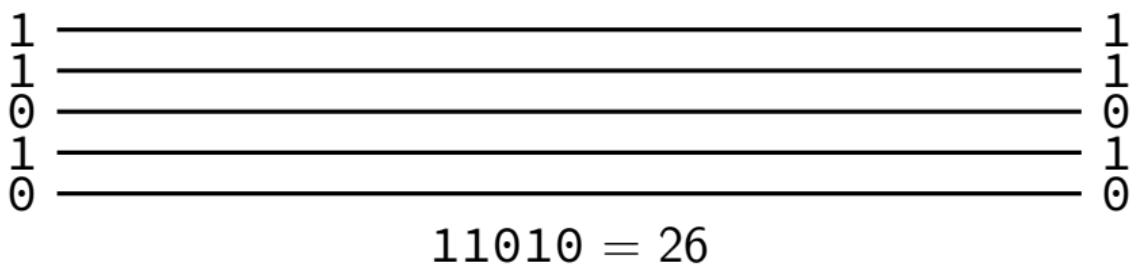


binary value — actually voltage

circuits: wires



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26  26

same as

1	
1	
0	
1	
0	

$$11010 = 26$$

circuits: wire bundles

26 ————— 26

same as

26 ||||| 26

same as

1	—	1
1	—	1
0	—	0
1	—	1
0	—	0

$$11010 = 26$$