

bitwise operators

last time

object files

- contain machine code + data from assembly files
- placeholders called “relocations” for labels used
- symbol table of labels declared

linkers

- combine code+data from multiple object files into exe
- fill in relocations based on symbol table
- compute actual memory addresses based on where code+data placed

dynamic linking — linking at executable start instead

C pointer arithmetic: $\text{ptr} + N$ — advance by N of what pointer points to

- arrays decay into pointers + use pointer arith.

undef. behavior

on the quiz

```
loop:  
    mov $percent_d, %rdi
```

possible symbol table entry for `loop`
pointer for filling placeholders elsewhere

placeholder created for `percent_d`
not enough information to write complete `mov` machine code

relocation table for `percent_d`
reminder to fill in placeholder later

on `.global`, `.L???`

the assembler typically used on Linux:

internally tracks a symbol table of all labels

but usually on writes marked with `.global` or similar to object file

what if label is used in relocation?

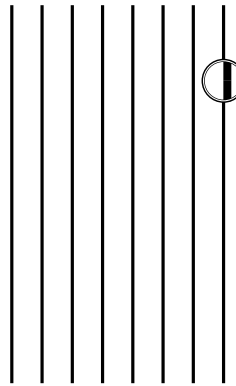
assembler can write “X bytes into this file” instead of “label foo” in
relocation table entry

`.L???` symbols (where `???` is anything):

local to current file only

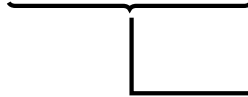
moving bits in hardware (one way)

0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0



wire: high voltage = 1, low voltage = 0

0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0



'bundle' of 8 wires: 1 byte

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;  
}
```

aside: division

division is really slow

Intel “Skylake” microarchitecture:

- about **six cycles** per division

- ...and much worse for eight-byte division

- versus: **four additions per cycle**

aside: division

division is really slow

Intel “Skylake” microarchitecture:

- about **six cycles** per division

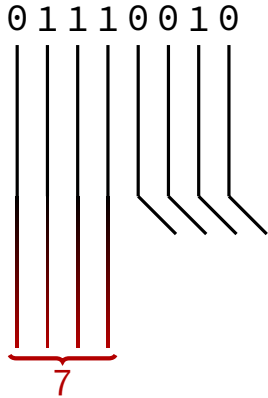
- ...and much worse for eight-byte division

- versus: **four additions per cycle**

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

extracting bits in hardware

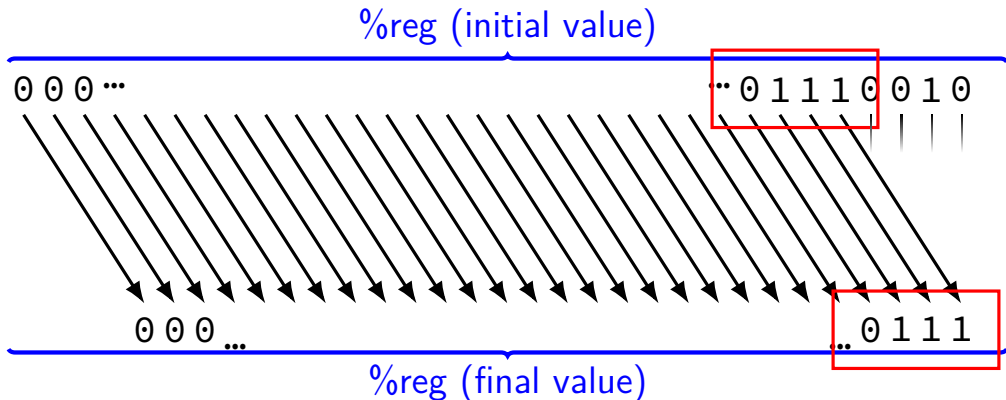
0111 0010 = 0x72



exposing wire selection

x86 instruction: **shr** — shift right

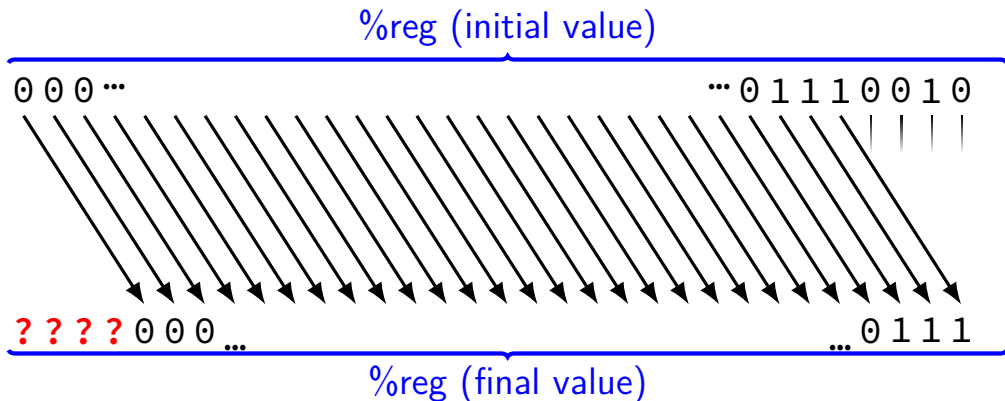
shr *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **shr** %cl, %reg)



exposing wire selection

x86 instruction: **shr** — shift right

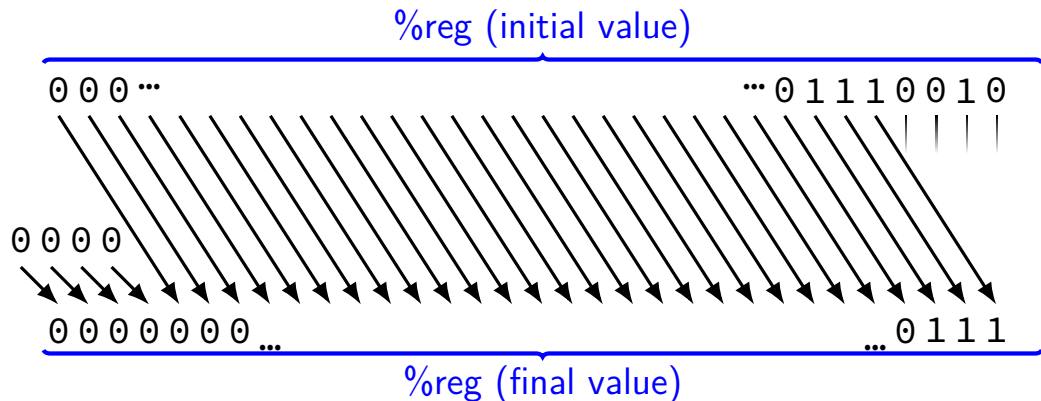
shr *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **shr** %cl, %reg)



exposing wire selection

x86 instruction: **shr** — shift right

shr *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **shr** %cl, %reg)



shift right

x86 instruction: **shr** — shift right

shr *\$amount*, %reg

(or variable: **shr** %cl, %reg)

get_top_nibble:

// eax ← dil (low byte of rdi) w/ zero padding

movzbl %dil, %eax

shrl \$4, %eax

ret

shift right

x86 instruction: **shr** — shift right

shr *\$amount*, %reg

(or variable: **shr** %cl, %reg)

get_top_nibble:

// eax ← dil (low byte of rdi) w/ zero padding

movzbl %dil, %eax

shrl \$4, %eax

ret

shift right

x86 instruction: **shr** — shift right

shr *\$amount*, %reg

(or variable: **shr** %cl, %reg)

get_top_nibble:

// eax ← dil (low byte of rdi) w/ zero padding

movzbl %dil, %eax

shrl \$4, %eax

ret

right shift in C

get_top_nibble:

// eax ← dil (low byte of rdi) w/ zero padding

movzbl %dil, %eax

shrl \$4, %eax

ret

typedef unsigned char byte;

int get_top_nibble(byte value) {

return value >> 4;

}

right shift in C

```
typedef unsigned char byte;  
int get_top_nibble1(byte value) { return value >> 4; }  
int get_top_nibble2(byte value) { return value / 16; }
```

right shift in C

```
typedef unsigned char byte;  
int get_top_nibble1(byte value) { return value >> 4; }  
int get_top_nibble2(byte value) { return value / 16; }
```

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:
```

```
    movl %edi, %eax  
    shrl $1, %eax  
    ret
```

what is the value of `foo(-2)`?

A. -4 B. -2 C. -1 D. 0

E. a small positive number F. a large positive number

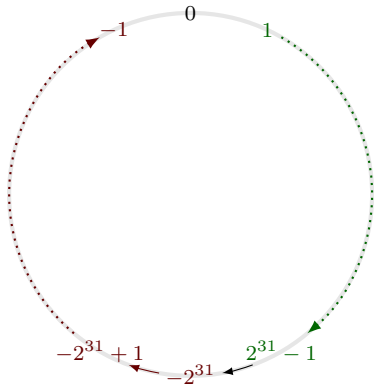
G. a large negative number H. something else

two's complement refresher

$$-1 = \begin{matrix} & -2^{31} & +2^{30} & +2^{29} & & +2^2 & +2^1 & +2^0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

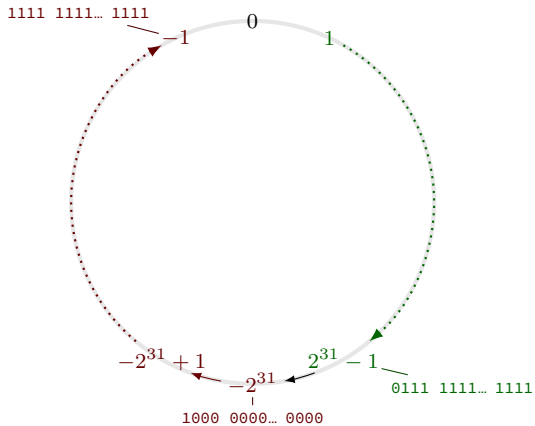
two's complement refresher

$$-1 = \begin{matrix} & -2^{31} & +2^{30} & +2^{29} & & +2^2 & +2^1 & +2^0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



two's complement refresher

$$-1 = \begin{matrix} & -2^{31} & +2^{30} & +2^{29} & & +2^2 & +2^1 & +2^0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



dividing negative by two

start with $-x$

flip all bits and add one to get x

right shift by one to get $x/2$

flip all bits and add one to get $-x/2$

dividing negative by two

start with $-x$

flip all bits and add one to get x

right shift by one to get $x/2$

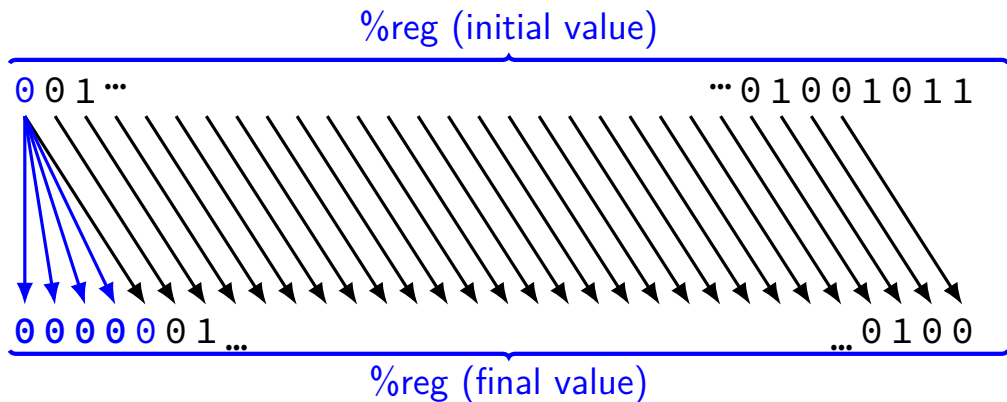
flip all bits and add one to get $-x/2$

same as right shift by one, adding 1s instead of 0s
(except for rounding)

arithmetic right shift

x86 instruction: **sar** — arithmetic shift right

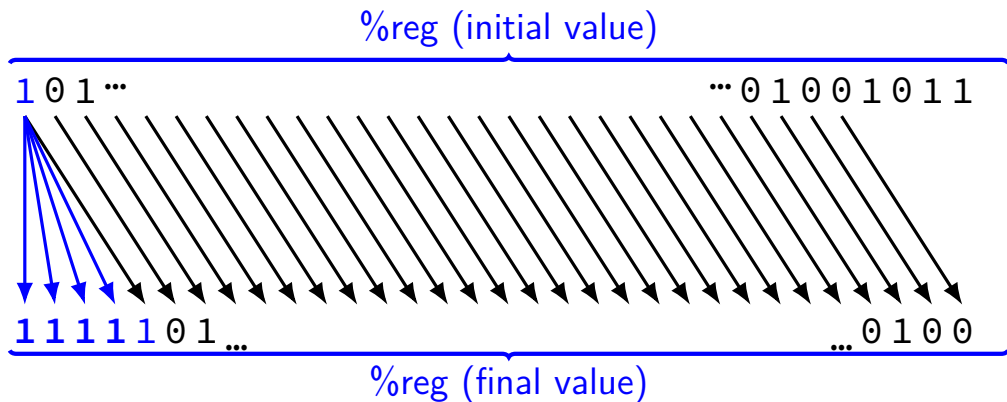
sar *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **sar** %cl, %reg)



arithmetic right shift

x86 instruction: **sar** — arithmetic shift right

sar *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **sar** %cl, %reg)

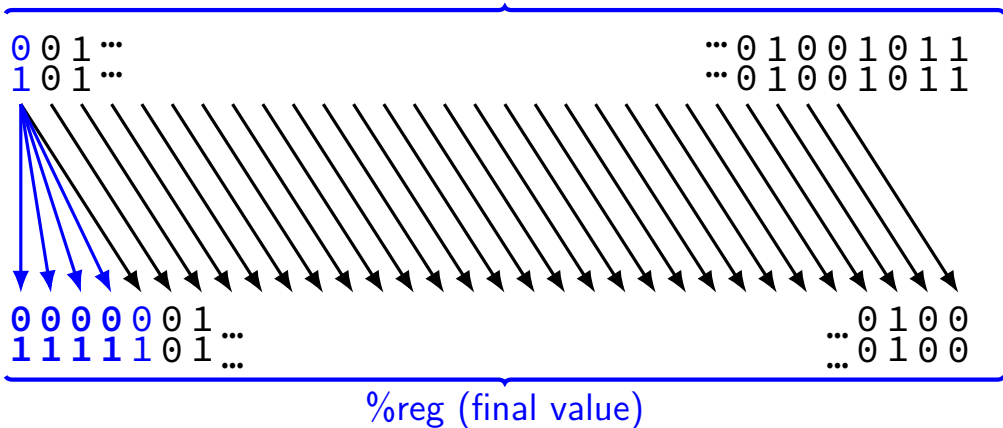


arithmetic right shift

x86 instruction: **sar** — arithmetic shift right

sar *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **sar** %cl, %reg)

%reg (initial value)



right shift in C

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

shift_signed:

```
    movl %edi, %eax  
    sarl $5, %eax  
    ret
```

shift_unsigned:

```
    movl %edi, %eax  
    shrl $5, %eax  
    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

we'll assume compiler decides arithmetic in this class

shift amount \geq width of type: undefined

x86 assembly: only uses lower bits of shift amount

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

we'll assume compiler decides arithmetic in this class

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) = ???

A. -4 B. -3 C. -2 D. -1 E. 0

F. some positive number G. something else

explanation

6 =	000...000000110
flip bits	111...11111001
add one	

-6 =	111...11111010
------	----------------

arithmetic shift by 2	11111...1111111010
	111...111110 (-2)

dividing negative by two

start with $-x$

flip all bits and add one to get x

right shift by one to get $x/2$

flip all bits and add one to get $-x/2$

same as right shift by one, adding 1s instead of 0s
(except for rounding)

divide with proper rounding

C division: rounds towards zero (truncate)

arithmetic shift: rounds towards negative infinity

solution: “bias” adjustments — described in textbook

divide with proper rounding

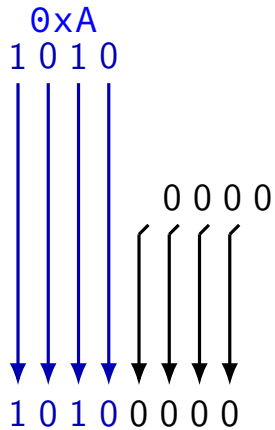
C division: rounds towards zero (truncate)

arithmetic shift: rounds towards negative infinity

solution: “bias” adjustments — described in textbook

```
// %eax = int divideBy8(int %edi)  
divideBy8: // GCC generated code  
    leal    7(%rdi), %eax // %eax ← %edi + 7  
    testl   %edi, %edi    // set cond. codes based on %edi  
    cmovns  %edi, %eax    // if (SF == 0) %eax ← %edi  
    sarl    $3, %eax      // arithmetic shift  
    ret
```

multiplying by 16



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

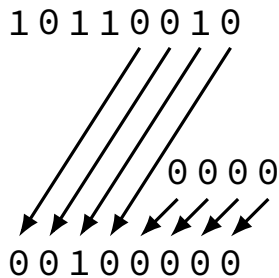
shift left

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

instead: **shl** \$4, %reg (“**shift left**”)

~~value >> (-4)~~

instead: value << 4



shift left

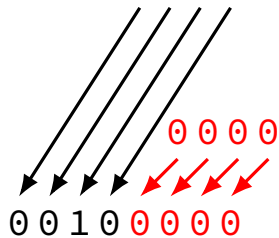
~~shr \$-4, %reg~~

instead: **shl** \$4, %reg (“**shift left**”)

~~value >> (-4)~~

instead: value << 4

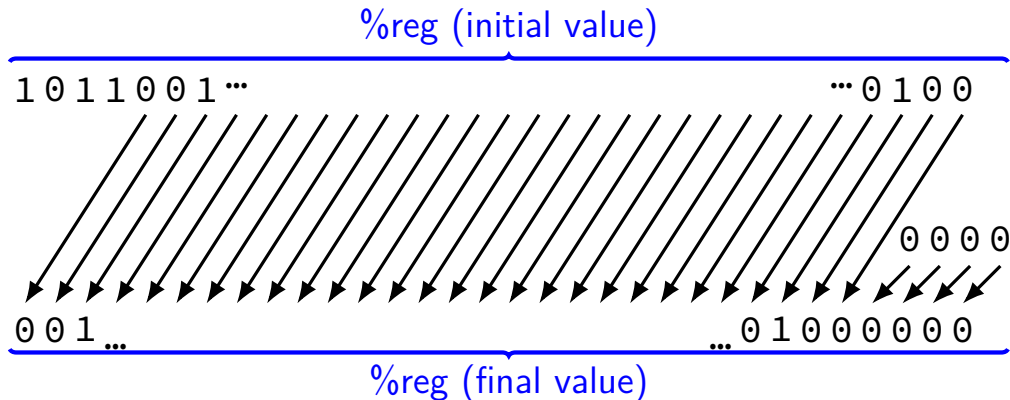
1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0



shift left

x86 instruction: **shl** — shift left

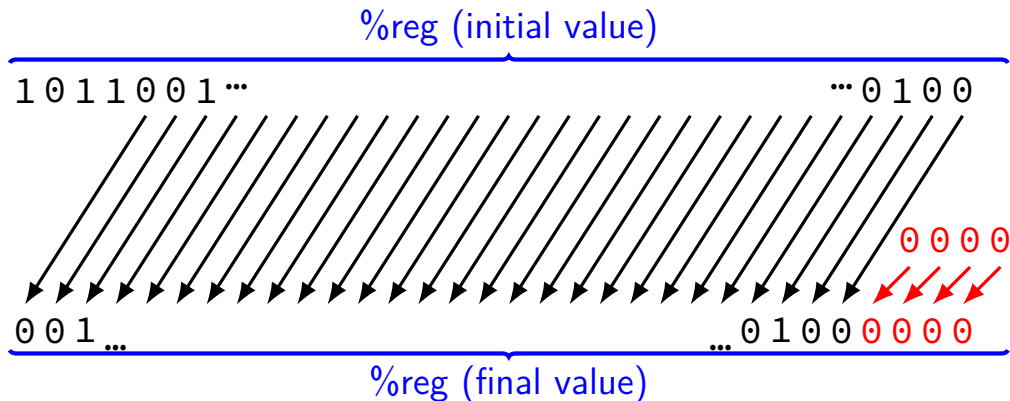
shl *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **shl** %cl, %reg)



shift left

x86 instruction: **shl** — shift left

shl *\$amount*, %reg (or variable: **shl** %cl, %reg)



left shift in math

$$1 \ll 0 == 1$$

$$1 \ll 1 == 2$$

$$1 \ll 2 == 4$$

$$0000 \ 0001$$

$$0000 \ 001\textcolor{red}{0}$$

$$0000 \ 01\textcolor{red}{0}\textcolor{red}{0}$$

$$10 \ll 0 == 10$$

$$10 \ll 1 == 20$$

$$10 \ll 2 == 40$$

$$0000 \ 1010$$

$$0001 \ 010\textcolor{red}{0}$$

$$0010 \ 10\textcolor{red}{0}\textcolor{red}{0}$$

$$-10 \ll 0 == -10$$

$$-10 \ll 1 == -20$$

$$-10 \ll 2 == -40$$

$$1111 \ 0110$$

$$1110 \ 110\textcolor{red}{0}$$

$$1101 \ 10\textcolor{red}{0}\textcolor{red}{0}$$

left shift in math

1 << 0 == 1

1 << 1 == 2

1 << 2 == 4

0000 0001

0000 0010

0000 0100

10 << 0 == 10

10 << 1 == 20

10 << 2 == 40

0000 1010

0001 0100

0010 1000

-10 << 0 == -10

-10 << 1 == -20

-10 << 2 == -40

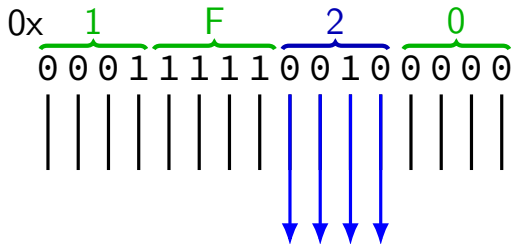
1111 0110

1110 1100

1101 1000

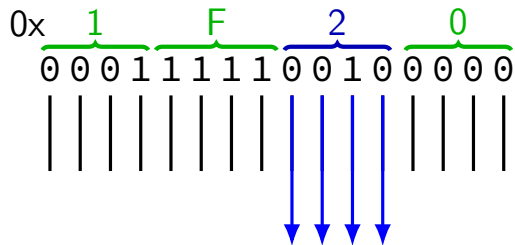
$$x \ll y = x \times 2^y$$

extracting nibble from more



```
unsigned
extract_2nd(unsigned value) {
    return ???;
}
```

exercise



```
unsigned
extract_2nd(unsigned value) {
    return ???;
}
```

One idea: $0x1F20 \rightarrow 0x1F2 \rightarrow 0x2$.

How can we do each step?

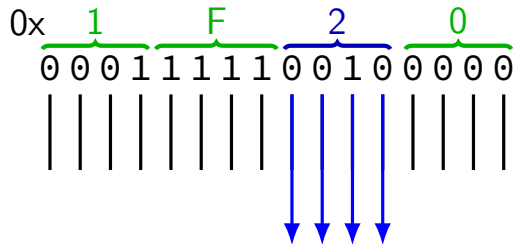
value = $0x1F20 \rightarrow 0x1F2$

A. value >> 16 B. value >> 4 C. value << 2 D. value << 4

result = $0x1F2 \rightarrow 0x2$

A. result / 256 B. result % 256 C. result / 16
D. result % 16 E. result << 4 F. result % 4 G. result / 4

extracting nibble from more



```
unsigned  
extract_2nd(unsigned value) {  
    return ???;  
}
```

// % -- remainder

```
unsigned extract_second_nibble(unsigned value) {  
    return (value >> 4) % 16;  
}
```

```
unsigned extract_second_nibble(unsigned value) {  
    return (value % 256) >> 4;  
}
```

manipulating bits?

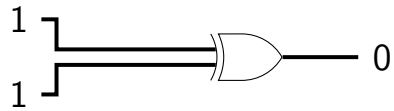
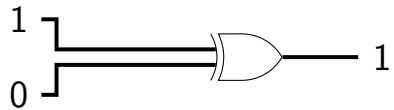
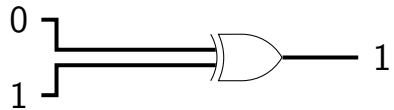
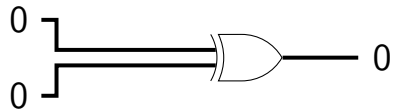
easy to manipulate individual bits in HW

- separate wire for each bit

- just ignore/select wires you care about

how do we expose that to software?

circuits: gates



interlude: a truth table

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

interlude: a truth table

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

AND with 1: keep a bit the same

interlude: a truth table

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

AND with 1: keep a bit the same

AND with 0: clear a bit

interlude: a truth table

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

AND with 1: keep a bit the same

AND with 0: clear a bit

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

bitwise AND — &

Treat value as **array of bits**

$$1 \ \& \ 1 \ == \ 1$$

$$1 \ \& \ 0 \ == \ 0$$

$$0 \ \& \ 0 \ == \ 0$$

$$2 \ \& \ 4 \ == \ 0$$

$$10 \ \& \ 7 \ == \ 2$$

bitwise AND — &

Treat value as **array of bits**

$$1 \ \& \ 1 \ == \ 1$$

$$1 \ \& \ 0 \ == \ 0$$

$$0 \ \& \ 0 \ == \ 0$$

$$2 \ \& \ 4 \ == \ 0$$

$$10 \ \& \ 7 \ == \ 2$$

	...	0	0	1	0
&	...	0	1	0	0
<hr/>					
	...	0	0	0	0

bitwise AND — &

Treat value as **array of bits**

$$1 \ \& \ 1 \ == \ 1$$

$$1 \ \& \ 0 \ == \ 0$$

$$0 \ \& \ 0 \ == \ 0$$

$$2 \ \& \ 4 \ == \ 0$$

$$10 \ \& \ 7 \ == \ 2$$

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

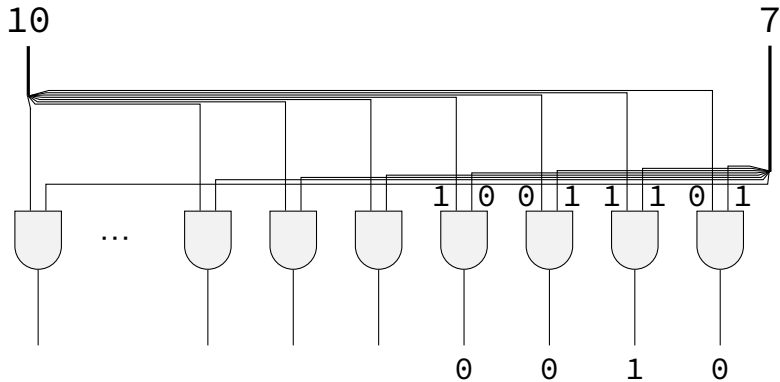
$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} & & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \& & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

bitwise AND — C/assembly

x86: `and %reg, %reg`

C: `foo & bar`

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



extract 0x3 from 0x1234

```
unsigned get_second_nibble1(unsigned value) {  
    return (value >> 4) & 0xF; // 0xF: 00001111  
    // like (value / 16) % 16  
}
```

aaaabbbbccccdddd → aaaabbbbcccc → 00000000cccc

```
unsigned get_second_nibble2(unsigned value) {  
    return (value & 0xF0) >> 4; // 0xF0: 11110000  
    //      "mask and shift"  
    // like (value % 256) / 16;  
}
```

aaaabbbbccccdddd → 0000000000cccc0000 → 00000000cccc

extract 0x3 from 0x1234

get_second_nibble1_bitwise:

```
movl %edi, %eax  
shrl $4, %eax  
andl $0xF, %eax  
ret
```

get_second_nibble2_bitwise:

```
movl %edi, %eax  
andl $0xF0, %eax  
shrl $4, %eax  
ret
```

and/or/xor

AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

&

conditionally clear bit
conditionally keep bit

mask: 0s = clear; 1s = keep
e.g. 101010101...=
clear every other bit

OR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

|

conditionally set bit

mask: 1s = set; 0s = keep same
e.g. 101010101...=
set every other bit

XOR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

^

conditionally flip bit

mask: 1s = flip; 0s = keep same

bitwise OR — |

$$1 \mid 1 == 1$$

$$1 \mid 0 == 1$$

$$0 \mid 0 == 0$$

$$2 \mid 4 == 6$$

$$10 \mid 7 == 15$$

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

bitwise xor — ^

$$1 \wedge 1 == 0$$

$$1 \wedge 0 == 1$$

$$0 \wedge 0 == 0$$

$$2 \wedge 4 == 6$$

$$10 \wedge 7 == 13$$

	...	1	0	1	0
^	...	0	1	1	1
	...	1	1	0	1

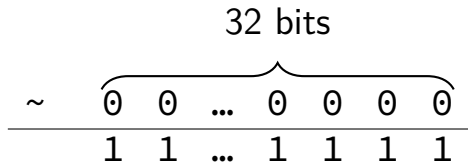
negation / not — ~

~ ('complement') is bitwise version of !:

!0 == 1

!notZero == 0

~0 == (int) 0xFFFFFFFF (aka -1)



negation / not — ~

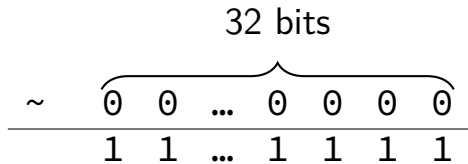
~ ('complement') is bitwise version of !:

`!0 == 1`

`!notZero == 0`

`~0 == (int) 0xFFFFFFFF (aka -1)`

`~2 == (int) 0xFFFFFFFDD (aka -3)`



negation / not — ~

~ ('complement') is bitwise version of !:

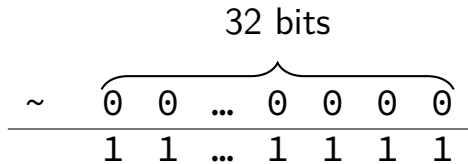
!0 == 1

!notZero == 0

~0 == (int) 0xFFFFFFFF (aka -1)

~2 == (int) 0xFFFFFFFFD (aka -3)

~((unsigned) 2) == 0xFFFFFFFFD



bit-puzzles

assignments: 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; }
```

ternary as bitwise: simplifying

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$ if (x) return y; else return z;

task: turn into non-if/else/etc. operators

assembly: no jumps probably

strategy today: build a solution from simpler subproblems

(1) with x, y, z 1 bit: $(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } 0)$ and $(x \text{ ? } 0 \text{ : } z)$

(2) with x, y, z 1 bit: $(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$

(3) with x 1 bit: $(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$

(4) $(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$

one-bit ternary

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

constraint: x , y , and z are 0 or 1

now: reimplement in C without if/else/||/etc.
(assembly: no jumps probably)

one-bit ternary

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

constraint: x , y , and z are 0 or 1

now: reimplement in C without if/else/||/etc.
(assembly: no jumps probably)

divide-and-conquer:

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

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

one-bit ternary parts (1)

constraint: x , y , and z are 0 or 1

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

one-bit ternary parts (1)

constraint: x , y , and z are 0 or 1

$(x \text{ ? } y : 0)$

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

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

one-bit ternary parts (2)

$$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } 0) = (x \text{ \& } y)$$

one-bit ternary parts (2)

$$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } 0) = (x \text{ \& } y)$$

$$(x \text{ ? } 0 \text{ : } z)$$

opposite x: $\sim x$

$$((\sim x) \text{ \& } z)$$

one-bit ternary

constraint: x , y , and z are 0 or 1

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } 0) \mid (x \text{ ? } 0 \text{ : } z)$

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

multibit ternary

constraint: x is 0 or 1

old solution $((x \ \& \ y) \mid (\sim x) \ \& \ z)$ only gets least sig. bit

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

multibit ternary

constraint: x is 0 or 1

old solution $((x \ \& \ y) \mid (\sim x) \ \& \ z)$ only gets least sig. bit

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

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

constructing masks

constraint: x is 0 or 1

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

turn into $y \ \& \ \text{MASK}$, where $\text{MASK} = ???$

“keep certain bits”

constructing masks

constraint: x is 0 or 1

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } 0)$

turn into $y \ \& \ \text{MASK}$, where $\text{MASK} = ???$
“keep certain bits”

if $x = 1$: want 1111111111...1 (keep y)

if $x = 0$: want 0000000000...0 (want 0)

constructing masks

constraint: x is 0 or 1

$(x \text{ ? } y : 0)$

turn into $y \ \& \ \text{MASK}$, where $\text{MASK} = ???$
“keep certain bits”

if $x = 1$: want 1111111111...1 (keep y)

if $x = 0$: want 0000000000...0 (want 0)

a trick: $-x$ (-1 is 1111...1)

constructing other masks

constraint: x is 0 or 1

$(x \text{ ? } 0 \text{ : } z)$

if $x = \cancel{0}$: want 1111111111...1

if $x = \cancel{1}$: want 0000000000...0

mask: $\cancel{>x}$

constructing other masks

constraint: x is 0 or 1

$(x \text{ ? } 0 : z)$

if $x = \cancel{x}$ 0: want 1111111111...1

if $x = \cancel{0}$ 1: want 0000000000...0

mask: $\cancel{x} - (x \wedge 1)$

multibit ternary

constraint: x is 0 or 1

old solution $((x \ \& \ y) \mid (\sim x) \ \& \ z)$ only gets least sig. bit

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

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

$((-x) \ \& \ y) \mid ((-(x \ ^ \ 1)) \ \& \ z)$

fully multibit

~~constraint: x is 0 or 1~~

$(x \text{ ? } y : z)$

fully multibit

~~constraint: x is 0 or 1~~

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$

easy C way: $!x = 1$ (if $x = 0$) or 0, $!(!x) = 0$ or 1

x86 assembly: `testq %rax, %rax` then `sete/setne`
(copy from ZF)

fully multibit

~~constraint: x is 0 or 1~~

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } z)$

easy C way: $!x = 1$ (if $x = 0$) or 0, $!(!x) = 0$ or 1

x86 assembly: `testq %rax, %rax` then `sete/setne`
(copy from ZF)

$(x \text{ ? } y \text{ : } 0) \mid (x \text{ ? } 0 \text{ : } z)$

$((-!!x) \& y) \mid ((-!x) \& z)$

simple operation performance

typical modern desktop processor:

- bitwise and/or/xor, shift, add, subtract, compare — ~ 1 cycle

- integer multiply — ~ 1 -3 cycles

- integer divide — ~ 10 -150 cycles

(smaller/simpler/lower-power processors are different)

simple operation performance

typical modern desktop processor:

- bitwise and/or/xor, shift, add, subtract, compare — ~ 1 cycle

- integer multiply — ~ 1 -3 cycles

- integer divide — ~ 10 -150 cycles

(smaller/simpler/lower-power processors are different)

add/subtract/compare are more complicated in hardware!

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

backup slides

parallel operations

key observation: bitwise and, or, etc. do many things in parallel

can have single instruction do work of a loop

more than just bitwise operations:

e.g. “add four pairs of values together”

later: single-instruction, multiple data (SIMD)

base-10 parallelism

compute $14 + 23$ and $13 + 99$ in parallel?

$$\begin{array}{r} 000014000013 \\ + 000023000099 \\ \hline 000037000114 \end{array}$$

$14+23 = 37$ and $13 + 99 = 114$ — one add!

apply same principle in binary?

base-2 parallelism

compute $110_{\text{TWO}} + 011_{\text{TWO}}$ and $010_{\text{TWO}} + 101_{\text{TWO}}$ in parallel?

$$\begin{array}{r} 000110000010 \text{ (base 2)} \\ + 000011000101 \\ \hline 001001000111 \end{array}$$

$$110_{\text{TWO}} + 011_{\text{TWO}} = 1001_{\text{TWO}}; 010_{\text{TWO}} + 101_{\text{TWO}} = 111_{\text{TWO}}$$

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

byte swap: (x86: `bswap`)