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Integer primitive data types

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Outline

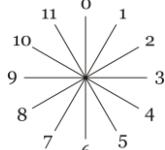
- In this lesson, we will:
 - Learn the representation of unsigned integers
 - Describe how integer addition and subtraction is performed
 - This requires the 2's complement representation
 - Use 2's complement to store negative numbers for signed integers
 - Describe the ranges stored by the four integer types
 - Both unsigned and signed

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Clock arithmetic

- Suppose we have a clock face, but define 12 o'clock as “0” o'clock
 - The Europeans and military already do this...
- You know that:
 - 5 hours after 9 o'clock is 2 o'clock
 - 7 hours before 3 o'clock is 8 o'clock
 - Specifically:
 - 1 hour before 0 o'clock is 11 o'clock
 - 1 hour after 11 o'clock is 0 o'clock
- This is arithmetic modulo 12



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int and long

- We have seen integer data types up to this point:


```
int
unsigned int
long
unsigned long
```
- It has been suggested that
 - An unsigned integer stores only positive numbers (0, 1, 2, ...)
 - A long can store more information than an int
- We will now see how integers are stored in the computer

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Binary representations

- We have already described binary numbers
 - On the computer, all integers are stored in binary
 - Thus, to store each of these numbers, we must store the corresponding binary digits (bits):

3	11	2
42	101010	6
616	1001101000	10
299792458	10001110111100111100001001010	29

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- Do we store as many bits as are necessary?
 - You could, but this would be exceedingly difficult to manage
- Instead, each primitive data type has a fixed amount of storage
 - 8 bits are defined as 1 byte
 - All data types are an integral number of bytes
 - Usually 1, 2, 4, 8 or 16 bytes
 - Because we use binary, powers of 2 are very common:

Exponent	Decimal	Binary
2^0	1	1
2^1	2	10
2^2	4	100
2^3	8	1000
2^4	16	10000
2^5	32	100000
2^6	64	1000000

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- A variable is declared `unsigned int` is allocated four bytes
 - 4 bytes is $4 \times 8 = 32$ bits
 - 32 different 1s and 0s can be stored
 - The smallest and largest:
`00000000000000000000000000000000`
`11111111111111111111111111111111`
 - The smallest represents 0
 - The largest is one less than

- This equals 2^{32} , thus, the largest value that can be stored as an `unsigned int` is $2^{32} - 1 = 4294967295$
 - Approximately 4 billion

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- Sometimes, you don't need to store numbers this large
- Variables declared `unsigned short` are allocated two bytes
 - 2 bytes is $2 \times 8 = 16$ bits
 - 16 different 1s and 0s can be stored
 - The smallest and largest:
`0000000000000000`
`1111111111111111`
 - The smallest represents 0
 - The largest is one less than

1000000000000000
16 zeros

- This equals 2^{16} , thus, the largest value that can be stored as an `unsigned int` is $2^{16} - 1 = 65535$

Example

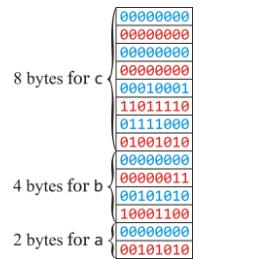
- Generally, however, we display the bytes in memory as a column of bytes, the values of which are concatenated

```
#include <iostream>
// Function declarations
int main();

// Function definitions
int main() {
    unsigned short a(42);
    unsigned int   b(207500);
    unsigned long  c(299792458);

    std::cout << (a + b + c) << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```



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Wasted space?

- If an integer does not use all the bytes, the remaining bits are nevertheless allocated until the variable goes out of scope
 - In general-purpose computing, this is often not a problem
 - This is a critical issue, however, in embedded systems
 - More memory:
 - Costs more
 - Uses more power
 - Produces more heat

Determining the size of a type

- We have said `short`, `int` and `long` are 2, 4 and 8 bytes
 - This is true on most every general-purpose computer
- Unfortunately, the C++ specification doesn't require this

```
#include <iostream>
int main();
int main() {
    std::cout << "An 'unsigned short' occupies "
           << sizeof ( unsigned short ) << " bytes" << std::endl;
    std::cout << "An 'unsigned int'   occupies "
           << sizeof ( unsigned int ) << " bytes" << std::endl;
    std::cout << "An 'unsigned long' occupies "
           << sizeof ( unsigned long ) << " bytes" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output on ecelinux:

```
An 'unsigned short' occupies 2 bytes
An 'unsigned int'   occupies 4 bytes
An 'unsigned long' occupies 8 bytes
```

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Memory and initial values

- Question:
 - What happens if the initial value cannot be stored?

```
#include <iostream>

int main();

int main() {
    unsigned short c{299792458};
    std::cout << "The speed of light is " << c
           << " m/s." << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

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Memory and initial values

- Fortunately, you get a warning:

```
example.cpp: In function 'int main()':
example.cpp:6:31: warning: narrowing conversion of '\u299792458' from 'int' to
'short unsigned int' inside { } [-Wnarrowing]
    unsigned short c{299792458};
    ^
example.cpp:6:31: warning: large integer implicitly truncated to unsigned
type [-Woverflow]
```

- It still compiles and executes:

The speed of light is 30794 m/s.

Memory and initial values

- Important:

All unsigned integers are stored:
modulo 2^{16} for unsigned short
modulo 2^{32} for unsigned int
modulo 2^{64} for unsigned long

Memory and initial values

- Where does 30794 come from?

00010001 11011110 01111000 01001010
c requires 29 bits

Only 16 bits are allocated

- The binary number `0b111100001001010` equals 30794 in base 10

Memory and arithmetic

- What happens if the sum, difference or product of two integers exceeds what can be stored?

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    unsigned short m1{40000}, m2{42000};
    int n1{40000}, n2{42000};
    unsigned short sum{m1 + m2}, diff{m1 - m2}, prod{m1*m2};

    std::cout << sum << "\t" << (n1 + n2) << std::endl;
    std::cout << diff << "\t" << (n1 - n2) << std::endl;
    std::cout << prod << "\t" << (n1*n2) << std::endl;
}

return 0;
```

Output:
16464 82000
63536 -2000
50176 1680000000

Memory and arithmetic

- Let's look at the actual values and the evaluated results:

16464	0100000001010000
82000	1010000001010000
63536	1111100000110000
-2000	-000001111010000
50176	1100010000000000
168000000	11001000010001011000100000000000

- For the sum and product, the result ignores the higher-order bits
 - The negative number is a little odd....



Memory and arithmetic

- What happens if the sum, difference or product of two integers exceeds what can be stored?

```
#include <iostream>
int main();
int main() {
    unsigned short smallest{0}, largest{65535};

    std::cout << "Smallest: " << smallest << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Largest: " << largest << std::endl;
    --smallest;
    ++largest;
    std::cout << "Smallest minus 1: " << smallest << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Largest plus 1: " << largest << std::endl;

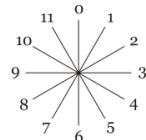
    return 0;
}
```

Output:
Smallest: 0
Largest: 65535
Smallest minus 1: 65535
Largest plus 1: 0



Memory and arithmetic

- Important:
All unsigned integers arithmetic is performed:
modulo 2^{16} for unsigned short
modulo 2^{32} for unsigned int
modulo 2^{64} for unsigned long
- This is similar to all clock arithmetic being performed modulo 12



Addition

- Addition is easy:
 - Like in elementary school, line them up and occasionally you require a carry in the next column:
 - The rules are:
 - $0 + 0 \rightarrow 0$
 - $0 + 1 \rightarrow 1$
 - $1 + 1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 0$ with a carry of 1
 - $1 + 1 + 1 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 1$ with a carry of 1
 - For example, adding two `unsigned short`:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
 & 0101000111010110 & & & & 20950 \\
 + & 1001101011000100 & & & & \\
 39620 & & & & & \\
 & 11101110010011010 & & & & 60570
 \end{array}$$


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Addition

- What if we go over? Adding these two `unsigned short`:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
 & 1101000111010110 & \xrightarrow{\quad 53718 \quad} \\
 39620 & + 1001101011000100 \\
 \hline
 & 10110110010011010 & \xrightarrow{\quad 93338 \quad}
 \end{array}$$

- The additional bit is discarded—addition is calculated modulo 2¹⁶
 - Thus, the answer is 110110010011010 which is 27802



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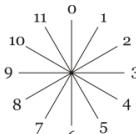
Subtraction

- Going back to the clock:
 - Subtracting 10 is the same as adding 2
 - Subtracting 4 is the same as adding 8
 - Subtracting 9 is the same as adding 3
- Thus, to subtract n , add $12 - n$
- In our case, to subtract n , add 65536 - n

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0100000001010000 \\
 - \underline{0001101011000101} \\
 \hline
 \text{?}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 0100000001010000 \\
 + \underline{1110010100111011} \\
 \hline
 \text{1 1 1}
 \end{array}$$

6853 16464 58683

– The answer is 0010010110001011 9611





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Subtraction

- Subtraction is more difficult:

- Like in elementary school, you learned
may require you to look way ahead:

0100000001010000
- 0001101011000101

- Our salvation: we are performing arithmetic modulo 65536

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Subtraction

- The million-dollar question:
How do you calculate $65536 - n$???
- Subtract any number from 999999999999, no borrows are needed
$$\begin{array}{r} 999999999999 \\ - \underline{5501496383498} \\ \hline 4498503616501 \end{array}$$
- Thus, to calculate $1000000000000 - n$, instead calculate
$$(1000000000000 - 1) - n + 1 = (999999999999 - n) + 1$$

This is called the base-10 complement or “10’s complement”

- this is how older adding machines performed subtraction

Subtraction

- In binary, the equivalent is base-2 complement or “2’s complement”
 - To calculate $65536 - 1970$, calculate $(65535 - 1970) + 1$:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1111111111111111 \\
 - \underline{000001110110010} \\
 1111100001001101 \\
 + \underline{1} \\
 1111100001001110
 \end{array}$$

- Thus, to calculate $2018 - 1970$, just add the 2’s complement of 1970 to 2018:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0000011111100010 \\
 + \underline{1111100001001110} \\
 \underline{1000000000110000}
 \end{array}$$

- This is the binary representation of $48 = 2^5 + 2^4 = 32 + 16$
 - Remember, we ignore the leading 1

2’s complement

- To calculate the 2’s complement:
 1. Complement all of the bits in the number
 - This includes leading zeros
 2. Add 1
- For example, the 2’s complement of the speed of light is stored as an `unsigned int` is

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00010001110111100111100001001010 \\
 111011100010000110000111101101010 \\
 + \underline{1} \\
 111011100010000110000111101101110
 \end{array}$$

2’s complement

- There is a faster way to compute it without the addition:
 - Scan from right-to-left
 - Find the first 1, and then flip each bit to the left of that
- The 2’s complement of each of the following is given below it

$$\begin{array}{r}
 101011111011111 \\
 0100100000100001
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 101011111100000 \\
 0101000000100000
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0000100100101100 \\
 1111011011010100
 \end{array}$$

2’s complement

- The 2’s complement of 0 stored as an `unsigned int` is

$$\begin{array}{r}
 00000000000000000000000000000000 \\
 11111111111111111111111111111111 \\
 + \underline{1} \\
 \underline{10000000000000000000000000000000}
 \end{array}$$
- This makes sense: any number minus zero is unchanged

2's complement

- The 2's complement algorithm is self-inverting:
 - If n is a number, then $2^{16} - (2^{16} - n) = n$
 - The 2's complement of the 2's complement of a number is the number itself

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1110110010111110 \\
 0001001101000001 \\
 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}1} \\
 0001001101000010 \\
 1110110010111101 \\
 + \underline{\hspace{2cm}1} \\
 1110110010111110
 \end{array}$$

- That is, $f^{-1} = f$ or $f(f(n)) = n$

Summary so far

- We have the following:
 - Unsigned integers are stored as either 1, 2, 4 or 8 bytes
 - The value is stored in the binary representation

Type	Bytes	Bits	Range	Approximate Range
unsigned char	1	8	0, ..., $2^8 - 1$	0, ..., 255
unsigned short	2	16	0, ..., $2^{16} - 1$	0, ..., 65535
unsigned int	4	32	0, ..., $2^{32} - 1$	0, ..., 4.3 billion
unsigned long	8	64	0, ..., $2^{64} - 1$	0, ..., 18 quintillion

- You should not memorize the exact ranges

Memory and arithmetic

- Try it yourself:



Useful tool...

- Note that $2^{10} = 1024$, so $2^{10} \approx 1000 = 10^3$
 - We can use this to estimate magnitudes:
 - $2^{12} = 2^2 2^{10} \approx 4 \times 1000 = 4000$
 - $2^{16} = 2^4 2^{10} \approx 16 \times 1000 = 16000$
 - $2^{24} = 2^6 2^{10} \approx 64 \times 1000 = 64 million$
 - $2^{32} = 2^8 2^{10} \approx 256 \times 1000 = 256 billion$
- This approximation will underestimate by approximately 2%

Signed types

- We've seen that `short`, `int` and `long` all allow you to store both positive and negative integers
 - How do we store such negative numbers?
- Because we have two choices (positive or negative), we could use one bit to represent the *sign*: 0 for positive, 1 for negative
 - For example:

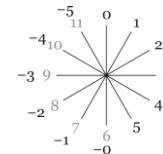
The sign bit

32767	<code>0111111111111111</code>
2	<code>0000000000000010</code>
1	<code>0000000000000001</code>
0	<code>0000000000000000</code>
-0 ?	<code>1000000000000000</code>
	$-0 = 0$, so do we have two zeros?
-1	<code>1000000000000001</code>
-2	<code>1000000000000010</code>
-32768	<code>1111111111111111</code>



Signed types

- This is similar to marking the hours of a clock as follows:



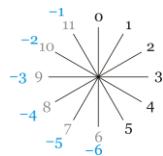
- Unfortunately, this leads to ugly arithmetic operations...

$$\begin{array}{ll} -1 + 1 = 0 \text{ or } -0, & \text{but } 7 + 1 = 8 \\ -5 + 2 = -3, & \text{but } 11 + 2 = 1 \end{array}$$



Signed types

- A better solution:



- Note that

$$\begin{array}{l} -1 + 1 = 0, \text{ but also } 11 + 1 = 0 \\ -5 + 2 = -3, \text{ but also } 7 + 2 = 9, \text{ which we are equating to } -3 \end{array}$$



Signed integers

- Here is a workable solution:

- If the leading bit is 0:

- Assume the remainder of the number is the integer represented
- For `short`, this includes

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0000000000000000 & 0 \\ 0111111111111111 & 2^{15} - 1 = 32767 \end{array}$$

- This includes 2^{15} different positive numbers

- If the leading bit is 1:

- Assume the number is negative and its magnitude can be found by applying the 2's complement algorithm
- Recall the 2's complement algorithm is self-inverting



Warning

- While common, the C++ standard does not require these sizes:
 - Each compiler may choose sizes so long as the following are true:


```
assert( sizeof( char ) == 1 );
assert( sizeof( short ) >= 2 );      // At least 16 bits
assert( sizeof( int ) >= sizeof( short ) );
// At least as large as 'short'
assert( sizeof( long ) >= 4 );      // At least 32 bits
assert( sizeof( long long ) >= 8 ); // At least 64 bits
```
- In GNU g++, the sizes are as we have described in this slide deck
- In Microsoft Visual Studio, however:
 - A long is only four bytes (same as int)
 - A long long is eight bytes
 - We do not use long long in this course
 - You may have to use it if you program in Visual Studio



Summary

- Following this lesson, you now
 - Understand the representation of unsigned integers
 - Know how to perform subtraction using 2's complement
 - Similar to 10's complement used a century ago
 - Understand that signed integers store negative numbers in their 2's complement representation
 - Know that char is actually just an integer type
 - It can be interpreted as a printable character if necessary
 - Understand the ranges stored by char, short, int and long



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