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Bitwise and bit-shift operators

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Outline

- In this presentation, we will:
 - Introduce bitwise logical operations
 - Contrast these with Boolean logical operations
 - Describe
 - The bitwise EXCLUSIVE OR operator in addition to bitwise AND and OR
 - The unary bitwise NOT or complement operator
 - Describe left and right shift operators

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Logical operators

- We have seen two logical operators:
 - The binary logical AND operator and the binary logical OR operator
 - Their behavior is defined by the values of the operands:

x	y	x && y	x y
false	false	false	false
false	true	false	true
true	true	true	true
true	false	false	true

- Recall that any zero value is `false`, while any non-zero value is `true`
 - `true` and `false` have the values 1 and 0, respectively



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Primitive types

- Recall that primitive types are a fixed number of bits
 - Given any two bits, we could define

b ₃	c ₃	b ₃ AND c ₃	b ₃ OR b ₃
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1



Bitwise AND operator

- There are three binary bitwise operators in C++
 - Given any two operands of the same type, the bitwise AND operator & compares the corresponding pairs of bits
 - Each result is 1 only if both bits are also 1

```

001001001010100101001010010100
& 01001010101011110100111101000001
000000001010100101001010000000

```



Bitwise AND operator

- Like arithmetic operations, the bitwise AND of any pair of bits does not affect the operands

```

#include <iostream>
int main();

int main() {
    unsigned int m{0b00100100101010010100101010100};
    unsigned int n{0b01001010101011110100111101000001};
    std::cout << " m = " << m << std::endl;
    std::cout << " n = " << n << std::endl;
    std::cout << "m & n = " << (m & n) << std::endl;

    return 0;
}

```

```

Output:
m = 615074388
n = 1253003073
m & n = 11094592

```



Bitwise OR operator

- The second is bitwise OR operator |
 - Given any two operands of the same type a logical OR to each corresponding pair of bits
 - Each result is 0 only if both bits are also 0

```

001001001010100101001010010100
| 01001010101011110100111101000001
01101110101011110100111101010101

```



Bitwise OR operator

- Like arithmetic operations, the bitwise OR of any pair of bits does not affect the operands

```

#include <iostream>
int main();

int main() {
    unsigned int m{0b00100100101010010100101010100};
    unsigned int n{0b01001010101011110100111101000001};
    std::cout << " m = " << m << std::endl;
    std::cout << " n = " << n << std::endl;
    std::cout << "m | n = " << (m | n) << std::endl;

    return 0;
}

```

```

Output:
m = 615074388
n = 1253003073
m | n = 1856982869

```



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Bitwise EXCLUSIVE-OR operator

- The third is bitwise XOR operator
 - This has no equivalent binary logical operator
 - For this result to be true, one but not both operands must be true

b_1	b_2	b_1 AND b_2	b_1 OR b_2	b_1 XOR b_2
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	1



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Bitwise XOR operator

- The third is bitwise XOR operator \wedge
 - This has no equivalent binary logical operator
 - If both bits have the same value, the result is 0, otherwise it is 1

```

0010010010101001010010100
^ 0100101010101111010011101000001
0110111000000110000010100010101
  
```



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Bitwise XOR operator

- Like arithmetic operations, the bitwise XOR of any pair of bits does not affect the operands

```

Output:
#include <iostream>
    m = 615074388
    n = 1253003073
    m ^ n = 1845888277
int main()
    0b01101110000001100000010100010101
int main() {
    unsigned int m{0b001001001010100101001010010100};
    unsigned int n{0b01001010101011110100111101000001};
    std::cout << " m = " << m << std::endl;
    std::cout << " n = " << n << std::endl;
    std::cout << "m ^ n = " << (m ^ n) << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
  
```



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Automatic bitwise assignment

- For each binary bitwise operator, there is an automatic assignment operator:

Assignment	Automatic assignment	Name
$a = a \& 32$	$a \&= 32$	auto bitwise AND
$b = b 41$	$b = 41$	auto bitwise OR
$c = 2 \wedge c$	$c \wedge= 2$	auto bitwise XOR

- Note: there are no Boolean automatic assignment operators
 - The operators $\&\&=$ and $||=$ do not exist in C++



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Unary bitwise NOT operator

- A unary bitwise operator is the NOT operator `~`
 - It is equivalent to applying the logical NOT operator `~` to each bit

```
~ 01001010101011110100111101000001
  101101010101000001011000010111110
```



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Bitwise AND operator

- Like arithmetic operations, the bitwise AND of any pair of bits does not affect the operands

```
#include <iostream>
int main();

int main() {
    unsigned int m(0b00100100101010010100101010100);
    std::cout << "m = " << m << std::endl;
    std::cout << "~m = " << (~m) << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Output:
m = 615074388
~m = 3679892907



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Application of bitwise operators

- Bitwise operators allow the manipulation of individual bits
 - Suppose this local variable has exactly one 1 bit


```
unsigned int MASK{256}; // 0b000000000000000000000000100000000
```
 - Suppose `n` is any unsigned integer value:


```
unsigned int n{};
std::cin >> n;
```

↑
Bit 0
 ↑
Bit 0
 - We can set the 8th bit of `n` to 1:


```
n |= MASK;
```
 - We can set the 8th bit of `n` to 0:


```
n &= ~MASK;
```
 - We can flip the 8th bit of `n` between 0 and 1:


```
n ^= MASK;
```
 - We can have a condition that is true if the 8th bit is 1:


```
if ( n & MASK ) {
    // Do something if the 8th bit is 1
}
```



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Application of bitwise operators

```
#include <iostream>
int main();

int main() {
    unsigned short MASK_0{1} // 0b0000000000000001
    unsigned short MASK_1{2} // 0b0000000000000010
    unsigned short MASK_2{4} // 0b0000000000000100
    unsigned short MASK_3{8} // 0b0000000000001000

    unsigned short n{};
    std::cout << "Enter a positive integer: ";
    std::cin >> n;

    n |= MASK_0; // Set bit 0 to 1
    n &= ~MASK_1; // Set bit 1 to 0
    n ^= MASK_2; // Flip the value of bit 2

    if ( n & MASK_3 ) {
        std::cout << "Bit 3 is '1'" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Bit 3 is '0'" << std::endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

000...0001000

Bit 3 is '1'





Bit-shift operators

- There are two operators that literally shift bits left or right:
 - The left-shift operator `<<` evaluates to the bits of the operand `op` shifted to the left by `n` bits


```
unsigned int op{17};
unsigned int q1{ op << n };
// n is any non-negative integer
```
 - The right-shift operator `>>` evaluates to the bits of the operand `op` shifted to the right by `n` bits


```
unsigned int q2{ op >> n };
// n is any non-negative integer
```
- Any bits shifted beyond the last position are lost



Bit-shift operators

- Examples:
 - If `op` is four bytes and has the value


```
001001001111100101001110010100
```
 - The result of `op >> 5` is


```
0000001001001111100101001110010
```
 - The result of `op >> 12` is


```
0000000000000100100111110010100
```
 - The result of `op << 8` is


```
111110010100111001010000000000
```
 - The result of `op << 13` is


```
001010011100101010000000000000
```



Automatic bit-shift assignment

- There are two automatic bit-shift operators
 - Shift the bits in the operand `op` to the left by `n` bits


```
op <<= n;
```
 - Shift the bits in the operand `op` to the right by `n` bits


```
op >>= n;
```



Application of bit-shift operators

- Bit-shift operators can be used to precisely read or place bits
 - In our next example, we will use bit shifting and bitwise AND to print a number to the screen in binary



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Application of bit-shift operators

```



#include <iostream>
int main();

int main() {
    unsigned int n;
    std::cout << "Enter a positive integer: ";
    std::cin >> n;

    for (unsigned int k(1 << 31); k > 0; k >>= 1) {
        if ( n & k ) {
            std::cout << "1";
        } else {
            std::cout << "0";
        }
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;

    return 0;
}

```



 

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Summary of operators

- To summarize our knowledge of operators



Operator	Binary	Unary
Arithmetic	+ - * / %	+ -
Comparison	< <= == != >= >	
Logical	&&	!
bitwise	& ^	~
Bit shift	<< >>	
Assignment	=	
Arithmetic auto-assignment	+= -= *= /= %=	++ --
Bitwise auto-assignment	&= = ^=	
Bit-shift auto-assignment	<<= >>=	

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Summary



- In this presentation, you now
 - Are aware of bitwise and bit-shifting operators
 - Understand the behavior of these operators
 - Understand the automatic operators corresponding to these
 - There are no &&= or |= operators

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References

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