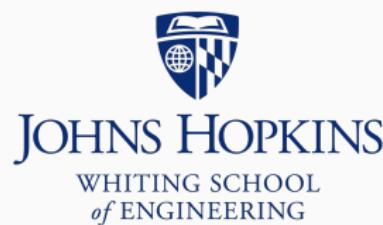


# Bitwise operators

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# Bitwise operators

We saw that integers can be used as *boolean* values with  $0 = \text{false}$  and  $\text{non-}0 = \text{true}$

Also saw logical operators for combining booleans

Operator	Function	Example	Result
<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	Both true ( <i>AND</i> )	<code>1 &amp;&amp; 0</code>	false (0)
<code>  </code>	Either true ( <i>OR</i> )	<code>1    0</code>	true (non-0)
<code>!</code>	Opposite ( <i>NOT</i> )	<code>!(1    0)</code>	false (0)

## Bitwise operators

Saw that integer types consist of bits

*Each* bit could be considered a boolean true/false value

Binary:	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Place value:	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$

$$2^5 + 2^4 + 2^2 + 2^0 = 32 + 16 + 4 + 1 = 53$$

## Bitwise operators

Bitwise operators performs a function across all bits in integer operands, treating them as boolean true/false values

Bitwise AND (&) performs logical AND (&&) across all bits:

12 = 00001100 (In Binary)

25 = 00011001 (In Binary)

Bit Operation of 12 and 25

00001100  
& 00011001

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00001000 = 8 (In decimal)

## Bitwise operators

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 12;
    int b = 25;
    printf("%d & %d = %d\n", a, b, a & b);
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc bitwise_and.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./a.out
12 & 25 = 8
```

## Bitwise operators

Since ints are 32-bit (4-byte) values, this is a more accurate picture:

00000000000000000000000000001100 = 12

& 000000000000000000000000000011001 = 25

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00000000000000000000000000001000 = 8 (In decimal)

## Bitwise operators

Bitwise OR (|) performs logical OR (||):

12 = 00001100 (In Binary)

25 = 00011001 (In Binary)

Bitwise OR Operation of 12 and 25

00001100	
00011001	
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00011101	= 29 (In decimal)

## Bitwise operators

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 12;
    int b = 25;
    printf("%d | %d = %d\n", a, b, a | b);
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc bitwise_or.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./a.out
12 | 25 = 29
```

## Bitwise operators

$x \ll n$  shifts bits of  $x$  the left  $N$  positions

$N$  0s are “shifted in” at right-hand side

$N$  bits “fall off” left-hand side

$25 = 00011001$  (In Binary)

Bitwise left-shift of 25 by 5 positions ( $25 \ll 5$ )

11001

$\ll 5$

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1100100000 = 800 (In decimal)

# Bitwise operators

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 25;
    int b = 5;
    printf("%d << %d = %d\n", a, b, a << b);
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc bitwise_lshift.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./a.out
25 << 5 = 800
```

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Similar for bitwise right shift (`>>`)

`25 = 00011001` (In Binary)

Bitwise right-shift of 25 by 4 positions (`25 >> 4`)

`00011001`

`>> 4`

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`00000001 = 1`

# Bitwise operators

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a = 25;
    int b = 4;
    printf("%d >> %d = %d\n", a, b, a >> b);
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc bitwise_rshift.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra
$ ./a.out
25 >> 4 = 1
```

# Bitwise operators

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int num = 53;
    char bin_str[33] = {'\0'};
    int tmp = num;
    for(int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
        if((tmp & 1) != 0) {      // least significant bit set?
            bin_str[31-i] = '1'; // prepend 1
        } else {
            bin_str[31-i] = '0'; // prepend 0
        }
        tmp >>= 1;             // shift right by 1
    }
    printf("%d in binary: %s\n", num, bin_str);
    return 0;
}
```

## Bitwise operators

```
$ gcc bitwise_convert.c -std=c99 -pedantic -Wall -Wextra  
$ ./a.out  
53 in binary: 0000000000000000000000000000110101
```