CSC161 2011S *Imperative Problem Solving*

Class 15: Binary Representation, Continued

Held: Wednesday, 16 February 2011

Summary: We continue our exploration of binary representation.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: C's Bitwise Operations.
- Due: Exam 1: Linux and C Basics.

Notes:

- Exam 1 due tonight!
- Sorry for not updating the "current reading" link.
- Reading for Thursday night: Review K&R 2. *No questions!*.
- EC for CS Extra Thursday at 4:30. Aaron Todd on Multi-Agent Systems.
- EC for ReNew fundraiser Thursday at 7:00.
- EC for CS Table Friday at noonish.
- I encourage you to attend one or both of today's town hall meetings.
- Is anyone in Singers?
- Ms. Roy is moving office hours later tonight: 9-11 p.m.

Overview:

- Two's complement, continued.
- C's bitwise operations.
- Religious wars: Big-endian vs. Little endian representation>.

More on Integer Representations

Two's Complement

- Basic idea: To negate, flip bits and add 1.
- Exercises:
  - Represent 5
  - Represent -5
  - Determine what 00011011 represents
  - Determine what 10010010 represents
- Not very readable.
- Easy to implement in hardware.
- Why use it? It's the only one of the four versions that does not require special cases for adding

negative numbers.
- How to subtract: Negate and add.

Bitwise Operations in C

Logical

- & - bitwise "and"
  - 0 and 0 is 0
  - 0 and 1 is 0
  - 1 and 0 is 0
  - 1 and 1 is 1
- | - bitwise "or"
  - 0 or 0 is 0
  - 0 or 1 is 1
  - 1 or 0 is 1
  - 1 or 1 is 1
- ~ - bitwise "not"
  - not 0 is 1
  - not 1 is 0
  - Why is this different than negate?
- We can use these to extract bits from an integer.
  - To access the kth bit of i, compute 2^k and *and* it with i
  - If the result is 0, the bit was 0. If the result is non-zero (true, in C), the bit was 1.
- We can use these to change bits in an integers
  - To change the kth bit of i, compute 2^k and or it with i.
- We often use integers to store a variety of flags (settings)
  - One bit per flag
  - If the bit is on, the flag is set
  - If the bit is off, the flag is not set

Shifting

- << - left shift
- >> - right shift
- Lots of variants.
- Typically used for faster multiplication/division and for other clever operations.

Religious wars: Big-endian vs. Little endian representation

- If an integer is four bytes, how to we number the bytes?
- Two normal answers, both with extreme proponents.