Introduction to Programming (CS 101) Spring 2024

Lecture 6: Internal representations of data types

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Reminder: Theory Quiz 1

- **Details**:
 - Date/ Time: Feb 5th, 2025, 8:30 am to 9:30 am •
 - Venues: LA001, LA002, LA201, LA202, LH101, LH102 •
- Syllabus:
 - All the content covered in lectures 1 to 5 •
- Mode:
 - Closed book / closed notes quiz •
 - No devices (phones, laptops, tablets, smart watches, etc.) allowed \bullet
 - No calculator needed
 - Seating chart will be shared next week ullet

Recap-I: To increment or not to increment (and continue)

What is the output of the following program?



main_program {
for(int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
 for(int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {
 if(i == j++)
 continue;
 cout << i << "," << j << endl;</pre>

Recap-II: Compute n choose 2

 $\binom{n}{2} = C(n,2) = \frac{n!}{2(n-2)!}$ (the well-known combination formula to choose 2 from n items)

main_program { unsigned int n, count = 0;cin >> n;

count += 1;}

Given a non-negative integer n, fill in all three boxes in the code template below to compute

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main_program { unsigned int n, count = 0;cin >> n;

for(int i = 1; i < n; i++) {</pre> for(int j = i + 1; j <= n; j++)</pre> count += 1;}

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cout << n << " choose 2 = " << count << endl;



Data types and their representations CS 101, 2025



bool type

- Simplest data type that takes two values true, false.
 - Internally occupies a byte of memory (equivalent to 8 bits)
- Other types can be converted to bool
 - Implicitly: By using it where a bool expression is expected. E.g., bool b = expr, if (expr), etc.
 - Explicitly: An expression expr
 can be explicitly cast to bool by writing bool (expr)
- Zero is treated as false, all other non-zero values are treated as true
 - Conversely, for bool to int, false converted to 0 and true to 1
 - Arithmetic on bool treats the underlying quantities like integers
- What is x here?

int x; bool y; x = y

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$$= 5; \quad x = 1$$

bool arithmetic

bool b1, b2; b1 = 1; b2 = -1; cout << b1 + b2 << endl; cout << (b1+=b2) << endl; cout << (b1+=-1) << endl;</pre>



Binary representation

- Using *n* bits, we can represent 2^n different numbers
 - b_{n-1} ... $b_1 b_0$ stands for the number $b_{n-1} * 2^{n-1} + ... + b_1 * 2^1 + b_0 * 2^0$
 - Numbers [0,7] uses 3 bits, [0,15] uses 4 bits
- We can use bits to represent negative numbers too
- Standard format: Two's complement
 - n bits to represent integers in the range $[-2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1} - 1]$



0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
-8	8	1000
-7	9	1001
-6	10	1010
-5	11	1011
-4	12	1100
-3	13	1101
-2	14	1110
-1	15	1111

0	000
1	001
2	010
3	011
4	100
5	101
6	110
7	111

0	00
1	01
2	10
3	11



char type

- In C++, char data type corresponds to a single byte, i.e., 8 bits
- unsigned char works like an integer in the range [0,255]
 - 00000000 is 0, and 111111111 is 255
- signed char works like an integer in the range [-128, 127]
 - 00000000 is 0, and 01111111 is 127
 - 10000000 is -128, and 11111111 is -1 ullet
- (can be converted back to char, if desired)
- Converting (implicitly or by casting) integers to char is done by mod 256 (i.e. % 256)

int x = 306; char y; y =



Operations like +, -, *, / work with char like for integers, and the result is an integer



Bitwise operations

- AND, OR, NOT, respectively
- These operators can be applied **bitwise** on bytes
 - 00001111 & 11110000 \rightarrow 00000000
 - 00001111 | 11110000 \rightarrow 1111111
 - $\sim 00110011 \rightarrow 11001100$
- XOR operator, ^:
 - $\bullet \quad 0 \quad \uparrow \quad 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad 0$
 - 1 ^ 0 \rightarrow 1
 - \cdot 0 ^ 1 \rightarrow 1
 - 1 ^ 1 \rightarrow 0

• We can carry out bit-level manipulations using δ , |, \sim bitwise operators: Same semantics as



Example: char operations

Demo in class of code to convert lowercase to uppercase and vice-versa lacksquare

• Note:

• ASCII code of the character 'A' is 01000001 (65) • ASCII code of the character 'a' is 01100001 (97)

int type

- int and unsigned int correspond to 4 bytes, i.e., 32 bits
- int takes values in the range $[-2^{31}, 2^{31}-1]$ (\approx [-2 billion, 2 billion])
- unsigned int takes values in the range $[0, 2^{32} 1]$ ($\approx [0, 4 \text{ billion}]$
- short int and unsigned short int correspond to 16 bits
- long long int and unsigned long long int correspond to 64 bits
- long int and unsigned long int correspond to 32 bits (same as int)

- 4 bytes int





Next class: More about data types CS 101, 2025

