

CSCE 212H, Spring 2008, Matthews  
Lab Assignment 1: Representation of Integers  
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## 1 Overview

The purpose of this assignment is to become more familiar with bit-level representations of integers and bitwise operators. We will begin by doing a few “unix calastenics” on the Linux workstations. Then you will be asked to answer a series of questions and solve a series of programming “exercises.” The portions of this assignment are:

1. Unix Calastenics
  - ssh
  - changing your password
  - making a subdirectory
  - changing permissions
  - copying files
  - submitting assignments
2. Unsigned integer representations
3. Two’s complement representation
4. Bitwise operations in C
5. IEEE floating Point representation
6. Implementations

## Logistics

All labs will be submitted electronically using “dropbox.” If there are any corrections or modifications to assignments these will be sent out via email and posted to the website.

## 1.1 CSE Secure Website

The Department Website has information on the Department academic programs, faculty etc. For this lab we are interested in the secure web site <https://www.cse.sc.edu> that contains information that we would like to make available to students but not to the rest of the world. To get access to this site you must supply your "Unix" login-name and password. Usually the name is the same as your name in the "engr" domain, but your password will be different. Go to this site (<https://www.cse.sc.edu> **Note carefully the "s" in https!**) and login.

### Passwords

Your initial password is set to a function of your student ID. This is not secure at all and you should change your password when you first login. A good password:

- is long enough to make it difficult to guess by brute force,
- is not an english word (This would be susceptible to dictionary attacks.), and
- contains a mixture of uppercase, lowercase and special characters.

For detailed instructions on changing your password see <https://www.cse.sc.edu>.

## 1.2 Important Links on CSE Secure Site

There are a large number of important links on the secure site and I encourage you to explore for your self. However, there are a few that I would like to point to for help in our labs.

- Dropbox/Center - for assignments
- Password
- CSE Computing: Lab policy, Workstations, Host Usage
- GradeBook Center - our version of "blackboard for assignments/grades"
- Remote Access
- Networked Resources

## 2 Start Up Instructions

Start by signing on to your engineering domain account. You then need to run the program SSH, Secure SHell, (Start  $\Rightarrow$  Programs  $\Rightarrow$  CSE\_Apps?). This program allows for secure connections to remote computers. All transmissions including the initial username and password are encrypted for security. This particular

program is already available in the labs but it is also available for downloading and installing on your personal machines from The secure CSE site FTP (upper right menu)  $\Rightarrow$  Windows. More details on SSH may be found using google.

As part of making a connection your need to specify the remote computer. This can be done by giving an IP address or a domain qualified name. For our purposes we will be connecting to the Linux machines in 1D41 or 1D43. The machine names are are given below.

You will also need to give your Unix “login name.”

During our labs it will be a good idea for us to logon to different machines. To simplify this I have listed a collection of SUN workstation names.

IP ADDRESS	HOSTNAME	MACHINE TYPE
Lab 1D39		
129.252.130.165	apollon.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.166	demeter.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.167	eos.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.168	moira.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.169	clotho.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.170	gorgon.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.171	pluto.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.172	helios.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.173	hera.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.174	herakles.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.175	kronos.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
...	...	# Sun Machines are older
Lab 1D45		
129.252.130.147	cerberus.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Optiplex 270
129.252.130.148	hermes.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Optiplex 270
129.252.130.149	hebe.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Optiplex 270
129.252.130.153	minerva.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 650
129.252.130.154	thetis.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 650
129.252.130.155	erida.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 650
129.252.130.156	embedded.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 650
129.252.130.157	tartarus.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 370
129.252.130.158	circe.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 370
129.252.130.159	metis.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 370
129.252.130.160	kalypso.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 370
129.252.130.161	hestia.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 370
129.252.130.162	chimera.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.163	hades.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380
129.252.130.164	skylla.cse.sc.edu	# Linux lab Precision 380

Your may save this session so that future connections to this machine are easy.

## 2.1 Basic Unix Commands

### Basic Commands Dealing with the Hierarchy

ls	list the contents of the current working directory
cd dir	change working directory to the directory dir, .. means parent
pwd	prints the current working directory
mkdir file	creates a new directory
date	prints the date

### Simple File Commands

mv file1 file2	renames file1 with name file2 (old file2 destroyed)
rm file	removes file
cp file1 file2	makes a copy of file1 and names it file2
cat file	catenate file, writes file to the standard output (equivalent of MS-DOS type)
vim file	invokes the vim editor on "file" (vi)
pico file	invokes the pico editor on "file"
gcc prog.c	invokes the c compiler on the program prog.c creates a.out(cc)
less file	page through the file one screen at a time(more)
sort file	sorts the file
grep pattern files	print the lines that match the pattern from the files
wc file	wordcount counts the characters, words and lines in file
find path options actions	search subdirectory path for files
e.g. find . -name "*.c" -print	search current subtree print filenames ending in ".c"

### Printer Commands

lpr file	prints file
lpr -Pln	print file on the printer named 'ln'
a2ps file	**converts an ascii text file to Postscript for printing on laser printers

### Assistance Commands

man cmd	prints on-line manual entry for the command cmd
man -k subject	gives list of manual entries related to the keyword subject

### Process Manipulating Commands

ps	print list of current processes
kill -sig pid	send the signal sig to the process with id pid
history	prints the history list of commands
alias newname=oldCommand	gives an oldCommand a new name (usually shorter)
exit	terminate shell

### Communication Commands

mail [user]	read mail [send mail to user]
ssh machine	create a secure connection to another machine
sftp machine	secure file transfer to/from another machine

### Environmental Commands

passwd	allows the user to change his password
quota	display disk usage and quotas
du	disk usage for a specific subtree
df	print the amount of free disk space
env	print the environment variables
set	print the values of the shell variables

### Who is Who Commands

who	who is logged in currently
w	who is logged in and what are they doing
finger name	who is this person

### 3 Permissions

Each file in the UNIX system has a set of permissions associated with it describing how and by whom it may be accessed. There are three types of access to files (1) read access, (2) write access and (3) execute access. For instance a user could have read permission, but not write or execute permission. To encode these 3 bits of information requires a 3-bit binary string or an octal digit. In this encoding the READ permission bit is the highest bit, the WRITE permission bit is the next highest, and the execute permission bit is the lowest. For instance read and execute but not write permission would be represented by 101 = 5 octal.

For each file there are 3 sets of permissions each represented as an octal digit. These are the permissions for the owner, the permission for the other users in the owner's group, and the permission for all other users. To see the permission information associated with a file one can use the command "ls -l" as in the example below. The output of the ls -l translates the permissions into a symbolic representation of 10 characters. The leading character tells what kind of file this is. Here 'd' means a directory and '-' means an ordinary file. There are other possible types and the reader can see the ls manual page for details.

There is a leading character and then 3 groups of 3 characters. The first group is for the owner and the next for the owner's group and finally for all other users. Using regular expression notation each of the groups is "(r | -) (w | -) (x | -)" which of course means the first character is 'r' or '-', the second 'w' or '-' and finally the third 'x' or '-'. If there is an 'r' then there is read permission, and conversely if there is a dash where the 'r' would be then there is not read permission.

To set permissions explicitly one can use the 'chmod' command. Chmod can use a 3-digit octal number.

```
% cd sample
% ls -l testfile
-rw-rw-rw- 1 matthews 37 Dec 9 18:49 testfile
% chmod 750 testfile
% ls -l testfile
-rwxr-x— 1 matthews 37 Dec 9 18:49 testfile
```

#### Setting up your 212 Directory

To create a subdirectory for your CSCE 212 files use the command "mkdir 212" and then use "chmod 0700 212" to protect this subdirectory. Then use the command "cd 212" to move into this subdirectory and "mkdir Lab1" to create a subdirectory for the files of Laboratory 1. Finally move into the Lab1 directory with "cd Lab1."

#### Copying the set up Files

There is a directory "/class/csce212-501" that contains files for the various labs during the course. There are several subdirectories for files, most notably Examples and Lab1. To get started copy the file showBytes.c using the command

```
cp /class/csce212-501/Labs/Lab01/show_bytes.c .
```

The “.” in the previous command refers to the current working directory. After copying the file you can use “ls” to show the files in the current directory and verify that the copy command worked.

## 4 Unsigned Integers

The representation of unsigned integers is essentially binary with no sign bit. So if there are  $w$  bits then the range is from 0 to  $2^w - 1$ . The unsigned integers form a ring, actually the ring  $Z_{2^w}$ , i.e., the integers mod  $2^w$ . Both multiplication and addition are associative and commutative. Also multiplication distributes over addition. However, normal ordering operations are not always satisfied. In the integers if  $x < y$  and  $k > 0$  then  $kx < ky$ . There are cases when  $ky$  overflows for which this does not hold.

*Question 1* Give an example of unsigned integers  $x, y$  and  $k$  for which  $x < y$ ,  $k > 0$  and  $kx > ky$ .

*Question EC<sub>1</sub>* Give an example of unsigned integers  $x, y$  and  $k$  for which  $x < y$ ,  $k > 0$  and  $kx = ky$  or show that no such unsigned integers exist.

### Limits.h

The file `/usr/include/limits.h` contains constants that give limits on values.

*Question 2* What is the value of `UINT_MAX`?

### Unsigned Int Program

Develop a program `u.c` that uses the function `show_bytes` and an unsigned integer to convert your student ID to hex.

*Question 3* What is the value of your student ID in binary?

*Question 4* Is the value of your student ID such that you could have done the previous program with two's complement integers?

## 5 Two's Complement Representation of Integers

Two's complement is the prime method for representing signed integers. For a  $w$ -bit representation if the highest order bit is zero then number is positive and the remaining bits are the binary representation of the integer. If the highest order bit is 1 then the number is negative and its value is  $-2^{w-1} +$  the value of the unsigned int in the remaining 31 bits.

Multiplying by  $-1$  changes the sign, from two's complement integers you can take the two's complement by complementing each bit (1's complement) and incrementing the result by 1. So

```
twos_comp(x) = (~x) + 1;
```

## Int C Puzzles

For these puzzles assume a machine with 32 bit word size. Assuming the following initialization

```
int x = foo();  
int y = bar();    // x and y can be any 32 bit two's complement int's  
unsigned ux = x;  
unsigned uy = y;
```

*Question 5* Determine which of these conditions is true?

For each of the following C expressions, either: Argue that is true for all argument values Give example where not true.

Precondition		Question
P1 $x < 0$	???	$((x * 2) < 0)$
P2	???	$ux \geq 0$
P3 $x \& 7 == 7$	???	$(x << 30) < 0$
P4	???	$ux > -1$
P5 $x > y$	???	$-x < -y$
P6	???	$x * x \geq 0$
P7 $x > 0 \&\& y > 0$	???	$x + y > 0$
P8 $x \geq 0$	???	$-x \leq 0$
P9 $x \leq 0$	???	$-x \geq 0$

## 6 IEEE Floating Point Representation

The 32 bit IEEE floating point representation has three components:

1. the sign bit (1 bit)
2. the exponent (8 bits)
3. the mantissa (23 bits with implied leading 1 for 24 bits)

For the answers to questions 6-9 in addition to your answer give the program that lead you to the answer.

*Question 6* Using showBytes and many examples of floats determine which bit is the sign bit?

*Question 7* Using showBytes and many examples of floats determine which bits are the exponent?



*Question 8* Using `showBytes` and many examples of floats determine which bits are the mantissa?

*Question 9* Find the smallest float  $x$  such that  $x + 1 == x$ .