

# Lecture 3: Binary wrap-up & strings

CSE 29: Systems Programming and Software Tools

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# Announcements

- Exams
  - Only 1 makeup exam
  - Sign up for a practice session at the CBTF on [prairietest.com](https://prairietest.com)
- Discussion is optional
- Problem set 1 will be released today
- Go to lab today in CSE B250!

# Review: Two's complement

- **Signed** values in C are represented as **two's complement**

- Lets us represent both positive and negative values

- Example data types: char, int, int8\_t

↳ 4 bytes signed  
1-byte signed      1-byte signed

- **Unsigned** values in C only represent values  $\geq 0$

- Example data types: unsigned char, unsigned int, uint8\_t

1-byte unsigned

char:  $[-128, 127]$

unsigned char:  $[0, 255]$

} = 256 values

$$\underbrace{6}_{\text{6}} + \underbrace{10}_{\text{10}} = 16$$

## Review: Hexadecimal

- Long binary representations is hard for humans to read
- Hexadecimal helps humans read binary
  - Hexadecimal = base 16 ~ 16 values: [0-15]
  - Decimal = base 10 ~ 10 values: [0-9]
  - Binary = base 2 ~ 2 values: [0,1]

$$00000000 = 0x00$$

prefix  
||  
I am hex

# Intro to Hexadecimal

- Hexadecimal = 16 values

Decimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Hex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
Binary	0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111

What is this hexadecimal number in binary?

• 0xB3 = 1011 0011

*(Handwritten: 'B' above '1011', '3' above '0011', and an arrow pointing from 'B' to '11')*

• 0x5A = 0101 1010

*(Handwritten: '5' below '0101', 'A' below '1010', and brackets under each 4-bit group)*

What is this binary number in hexadecimal?

- $\begin{array}{cccc} 11 & 0 & 11 & 10 \\ \hline 1011 & 0000 & 1011 & 1010 \end{array}$  : binary

$0x B0BA$  : Hex

```
printf("%x", 0);
```

# Strings in C

## What is a string in C?

No special String type in C

char str[]

- String is an array of characters
- String is terminated when it encounters a null character

'\0' == 0

A string is an **array** of characters

char hello[7] = "Hello";

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A diagram showing a character array with 7 elements. The first six elements contain the characters 'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', and '\0'. The seventh element contains '\0' and is crossed out with blue diagonal lines. A blue bracket above the array spans from index 0 to index 6. A blue arrow points from the text 'NULL terminator= 0' to the seventh element.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\0'	'\0'

NULL terminator= 0

# What if there is no NULL char?

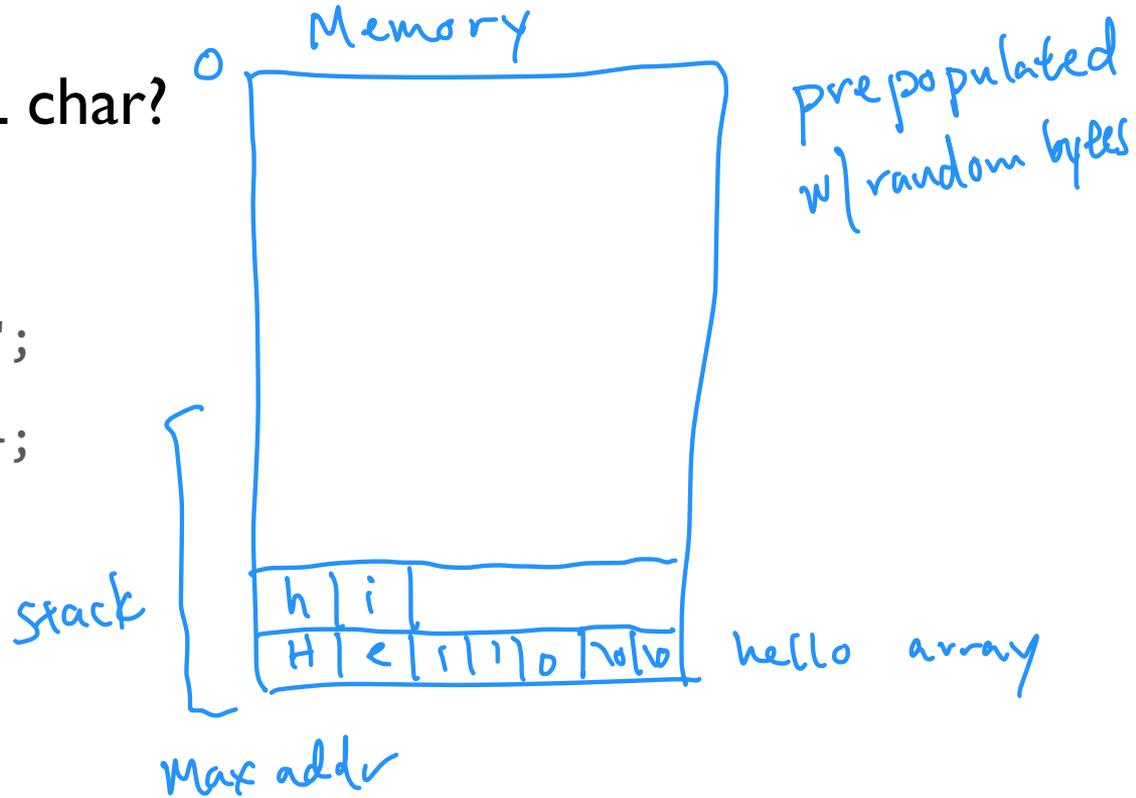
- What will be printed?

```
char hello[7] = "Hello";
```

```
char hi[2] = {'h', 'i'};
```

```
puts(hello);
```

```
puts(hi);
```



# What if there is no NULL char?

- C will do exactly what you tell it to do

```
char hello[7] = "Hello";
```

```
char hi[2] = {'h', 'i'};
```

0	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
'h'	'i'	'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	'\0'	'\0'

- All variables share the same linear memory space!!

# char array vs String

- You can still declare an array of char
- A C string is specifically a char array that ends in a **NULL terminator**
  - When printed with `%s`, the elements of the array will be interpreted as ASCII

```
// stores array of type char - signed 1-byte values  
char numbers[3] = {1, 2, 3}; ←
```

```
char letters[3] = {'h', 'i', '\0'};  
char letters2[3] = {104, 105, 0}; // '\0' == 0
```

```
printf("%s\n", letters);  
printf("%s\n", letters2);
```

# How to get the length of a string?

- Use `strlen()`!

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
char letters[3] = {'h', 'i', '\0'};
```

```
char letters2[3] = {104, 105, 0}; // '\0' == 0
```

```
printf("%s len = %d\n", letters, strlen(letters));
```

```
printf("%s len = %d\n", letters2, strlen(letters2));
```

# char datatype

- char = 1 byte
  - equivalent to int8\_t
- Store human readable English characters in char
- ASCII: The English characters have number equivalents
  - 0-127 encodes English characters

# How can we go from uppercase to lowercase?

- Demo:

```
char to_lower(char c);
```

Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
64	40	100	&#64;	@	96	60	140	&#96;	`
65	41	101	&#65;	A	97	61	141	&#97;	a
66	42	102	&#66;	B	98	62	142	&#98;	b
67	43	103	&#67;	C	99	63	143	&#99;	c
68	44	104	&#68;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
69	45	105	&#69;	E	101	65	145	&#101;	e
70	46	106	&#70;	F	102	66	146	&#102;	f
71	47	107	&#71;	G	103	67	147	&#103;	g
72	48	110	&#72;	H	104	68	150	&#104;	h
73	49	111	&#73;	I	105	69	151	&#105;	i
74	4A	112	&#74;	J	106	6A	152	&#106;	j
75	4B	113	&#75;	K	107	6B	153	&#107;	k
76	4C	114	&#76;	L	108	6C	154	&#108;	l

$$\begin{array}{r} 'A' = 65 \\ + 32 \\ \hline 97 = 'a' \end{array}$$

# ASCII Table

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	<b>NUL</b> (null)	32	20	040	&#32;	Space	64	40	100	&#64;	@	96	60	140	&#96;	`
1	1	001	<b>SOH</b> (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33;	!	65	41	101	&#65;	A	97	61	141	&#97;	a
2	2	002	<b>STX</b> (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34;	"	66	42	102	&#66;	B	98	62	142	&#98;	b
3	3	003	<b>ETX</b> (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35;	#	67	43	103	&#67;	C	99	63	143	&#99;	c
4	4	004	<b>EOT</b> (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36;	\$	68	44	104	&#68;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
5	5	005	<b>ENQ</b> (enquiry)	37	25	045	&#37;	%	69	45	105	&#69;	E	101	65	145	&#101;	e
6	6	006	<b>ACK</b> (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&#38;	&	70	46	106	&#70;	F	102	66	146	&#102;	f
7	7	007	<b>BEL</b> (bell)	39	27	047	&#39;	'	71	47	107	&#71;	G	103	67	147	&#103;	g
8	8	010	<b>BS</b> (backspace)	40	28	050	&#40;	(	72	48	110	&#72;	H	104	68	150	&#104;	h
9	9	011	<b>TAB</b> (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	&#41;	)	73	49	111	&#73;	I	105	69	151	&#105;	i
10	A	012	<b>LF</b> (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	&#42;	*	74	4A	112	&#74;	J	106	6A	152	&#106;	j
11	B	013	<b>VT</b> (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	&#43;	+	75	4B	113	&#75;	K	107	6B	153	&#107;	k
12	C	014	<b>FF</b> (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	&#44;	,	76	4C	114	&#76;	L	108	6C	154	&#108;	l
13	D	015	<b>CR</b> (carriage return)	45	2D	055	&#45;	-	77	4D	115	&#77;	M	109	6D	155	&#109;	m
14	E	016	<b>SO</b> (shift out)	46	2E	056	&#46;	.	78	4E	116	&#78;	N	110	6E	156	&#110;	n
15	F	017	<b>SI</b> (shift in)	47	2F	057	&#47;	/	79	4F	117	&#79;	O	111	6F	157	&#111;	o
16	10	020	<b>DLE</b> (data link escape)	48	30	060	&#48;	0	80	50	120	&#80;	P	112	70	160	&#112;	p
17	11	021	<b>DC1</b> (device control 1)	49	31	061	&#49;	1	81	51	121	&#81;	Q	113	71	161	&#113;	q
18	12	022	<b>DC2</b> (device control 2)	50	32	062	&#50;	2	82	52	122	&#82;	R	114	72	162	&#114;	r
19	13	023	<b>DC3</b> (device control 3)	51	33	063	&#51;	3	83	53	123	&#83;	S	115	73	163	&#115;	s
20	14	024	<b>DC4</b> (device control 4)	52	34	064	&#52;	4	84	54	124	&#84;	T	116	74	164	&#116;	t
21	15	025	<b>NAK</b> (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	&#53;	5	85	55	125	&#85;	U	117	75	165	&#117;	u
22	16	026	<b>SYN</b> (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	&#54;	6	86	56	126	&#86;	V	118	76	166	&#118;	v
23	17	027	<b>ETB</b> (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	&#55;	7	87	57	127	&#87;	W	119	77	167	&#119;	w
24	18	030	<b>CAN</b> (cancel)	56	38	070	&#56;	8	88	58	130	&#88;	X	120	78	170	&#120;	x
25	19	031	<b>EM</b> (end of medium)	57	39	071	&#57;	9	89	59	131	&#89;	Y	121	79	171	&#121;	y
26	1A	032	<b>SUB</b> (substitute)	58	3A	072	&#58;	:	90	5A	132	&#90;	Z	122	7A	172	&#122;	z
27	1B	033	<b>ESC</b> (escape)	59	3B	073	&#59;	;	91	5B	133	&#91;	[	123	7B	173	&#123;	{
28	1C	034	<b>FS</b> (file separator)	60	3C	074	&#60;	<	92	5C	134	&#92;	\	124	7C	174	&#124;	
29	1D	035	<b>GS</b> (group separator)	61	3D	075	&#61;	=	93	5D	135	&#93;	]	125	7D	175	&#125;	}
30	1E	036	<b>RS</b> (record separator)	62	3E	076	&#62;	>	94	5E	136	&#94;	^	126	7E	176	&#126;	~
31	1F	037	<b>US</b> (unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63;	?	95	5F	137	&#95;	_	127	7F	177	&#127;	DEL

# Demo

```
is_ascii();
```

```
int32_t capitalize_ascii(char str[]);
```

```
// Returns the number of characters capitalized and capitalizes  
the lowercase
```

```
// a-z ASCII characters of str in-place.
```

"Hello" → "HELLO"  
return 4

What about **non-English** characters?

# What about non-English characters?

- Thousands more characters used in languages around the world
- ASCII does not define:
  - Spanish: é
  - Chinese: 中
  - Emoji: 🐪
- char datatype of 1 byte only encodes 256 possible bit patterns
- **Challenge:** Millions of lines of code written that assumed 1 byte ASCII chars

# UTF-8: Unicode encoding

- Use **more bits** to encode **more characters!**
- **Code point**: an integer representing a character (e.g., 'A' == 65)
  
- Normal **ASCII** code point: Highest order bit of byte is **0xxxxxxx**
  - UTF-8 is backwards compatible with ASCII!
- **Multi-byte** code point: Highest order bit of byte is **1xxxxxxx**