

Bitwise Operations in C

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Bit Manipulation Operations

- To perform operations on a SFR we need to **manipulate single bits**
- Set (to 1) a specific bit.
- Clear (set to 0) a specific bit.
- “Toggle” a specific bit.
- Test a specific bit.
- These operations are performed using bit-mask

Example: the GPIO MODER Register

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31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
MODER15[1:0]		MODER14[1:0]		MODER13[1:0]		MODER12[1:0]		MODER11[1:0]		MODER10[1:0]		MODER9[1:0]		MODER8[1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Setting a bit

- Make an **OR** operation with a constant bit pattern formed as follows:
 - The bit to be set is “1”
 - All the other bits are “0”
- Example: setting the bit 3 of the (8-bit) variable A:

A	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	OR
mask	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=
A	B7	B6	B5	B4	1	B2	B1	B0	

A = A | 0x08;

A |= 0x08;

Clearing a bit

- Make an **AND** operation with a constant bit pattern formed as follows:
 - The bit to be cleared is “0”
 - All the other bits are “1”
- Example: clearing the bit 6 of the (8-bit) variable A:

A	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	AND
mask	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	=
A	B7	0	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	

```
A = A & 0xbf;  
A &= 0xbf;
```

Clearing a bit (using negation)

- Make an **AND** operation with a constant bit pattern formed as follows:
 - The bit to be cleared is “0”
 - All the other bits are “1”
- Example: clearing the bit 6 of the (8-bit) variable A:

A = A & ~0x40;

A &= ~0x40;

	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	
~	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	

A	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	AND
mask	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	=
A	B7	0	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	

Toggleing a bit

- Make an **XOR** operation with a constant bit pattern formed as follows:
 - The bit to be set is “1”
 - All the other bits are “0”
- Example: toggling the bit 4 of the (8-bit) variable A:

A	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	XOR
mask	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	=
A	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	

```
A = A ^ 0x10;  
A ^= 0x10;
```

Testing a bit

- Make an **AND** operation with a constant bit pattern formed as follows:
 - The bit to be tested is “1”
 - All the other bits are “0”
- Check if the result is zero or non-zero
- Example: testing the bit 5 of the (8-bit) variable A:

A	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0	AND
mask	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	=
	0	0	B5	0	0	0	0	0	

```
if ((A & 0x20) != 0) ... // non-zero
```


An Example

Given A a 8-bit variables as $\{B7, B6, B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0\}$, determine the result of the following program:

```
A |= 0x30;  
A ^= 0x0c;  
A &= ~0x80;
```

Given A a 16-bit variables as $\{B15, B14, B13, B12, B11, B10, B9, B8, B7, B6, B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0\}$, determine the result of the following program:

```
A &= 0xf3ff;  
A ^= 0x0100;  
A |= 0x8000;
```

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- 1 Clear bits 24-25: **GPIOA->MODER &= 0xfcffffff;**
- 2 Set bit 24: **GPIOA->MODER |= 0x01000000;**

Setting a bit with bit-shift

- We can build bit pattern by using left-shift with a shift count **equal to the bit number to manipulate**
- Example: setting the bit 3 of the (8-bit) variable A:

$A = A \mid (1 \ll 3);$

$A \mid= (1 \ll 3);$

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$\ll 3 =$
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0x08

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mask	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=
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Clearing a bit with bit-shift

- Example: Clearing the bit 4 of the (8-bit) variable A:

A = A & ~(1 << 4);

A &= ~(1 << 4);

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<< 4 =
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	~ =
	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0xEF

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- 2 Set bit 24: `GPIO->MODER |= (1 << 24);`

Additional C Integer Types usefull from MCU Programs

- `int8_t` 8 bit signed integer
- `uint8_t` 8 bit unsigned integer
- `int16_t` 16 bit signed integer
- `uint16_t` 16 bit unsigned integer
- `int32_t` 32 bit signed integer
- `uint32_t` 32 bit unsigned integer

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