



Bitwise Operators

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Java Bitwise Operators

- Java has six bitwise operators:

Symbol	Operator
&	Bitwise AND
	Bitwise OR
^	Bitwise XOR
~	Bitwise NOT
<<	LEFT SHIFT
>>	RIGHT SHIFT

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Java AND and OR

AND operator (&)

OR operator (|)

A	B	A & B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	B	A B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

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Java XOR and NOT

XOR operator (^)

NOT operator (~)

A	B	A ^ B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

A	~A
0	1
1	0

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Binary to Decimal

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

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Binary to Decimal

- 0-9 are used for decimal numbers (base-10):
 - $149 = 1 \cdot 10^2 + 4 \cdot 10^1 + 9 \cdot 10^0$
- 0-1 are used for binary numbers (base-2):
 - $1010b = 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0 = 8 + 2 = 10$
- Example:
 - 10111b in decimal?
 - $1 \cdot 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 16 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 23$
 - What is 14 in binary?
 - $8 + 4 + 2 = 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0 = 1110b$

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Bitwise Operator Examples

- 4-bit numbers:
 - $6 \& 5 = 0110b \& 0101b = 0100b = 4$
 - $6 | 5 = 0110b | 0101b = 0111b = 7$
 - $6 \wedge 5 = 0110b \wedge 0101b = 0011b = 3$
 - $\sim 6 = \sim 0110b = 1001b = 9$
- 8-bit numbers:
 - $6 \ll 3 = 00000110b \ll 3 = 00110000b = 48 (6 * 8)$
 - $48 \gg 4 = 00110000b \gg 4 = 0000011b = 3 (48 / 16)$

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Masking Operations

- Clearing bits:
 - $x = 00101001b = 41$
 - want to clear top 4-bits
 - $x = x \& 00001111b = x \& 15 = 00001001b = 9$
- Setting bits:
 - $x = 00101001b = 41$
 - want to set bottom 4-bits
 - $x = x | 00001111b = x | 15 = 00101111b = 47$

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