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# 6.S077: Introduction to Low-level Programming in C and Assembly Spring 2023, Quarter 1

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Exam content is on **both sides** of the exam sheets.

Enter your answers in the boxes designated for each problem. Show your work for potential partial credit.

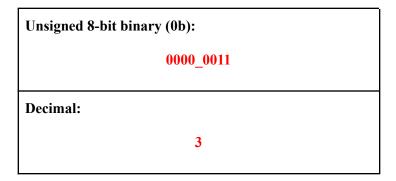
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#### **Problem 1. Give a Little Bit (15 points)**

**A.** (2 points) Consider this code:

```
uint8_t a = 0x56;
uint8_t b = 0b10101010;
uint8_t c = 3;
```

Given the variable initializations above, evaluate (a && b) | c. Provide your answer in both unsigned 8-bit binary and decimal encodings.



**B.** (2 points) Convert 16 to 8-bit two's complement binary and hexadecimal encoding:

8 bit two's complement binary (0b):

0001\_0000

8 bit two's complement hexadecimal (0x):

10

C. (2 points) Convert -16 to 8-bit two's complement binary and hexadecimal encoding:

8 bit two's complement binary (0b):

1111\_0000

8 bit two's complement hexadecimal (0x):

F0

**D.** (2 points): An 8-bit C variable contains the value 0xE0. What would the decimal value be if the variable was a uint8\_t? An int8\_t?

uint8\_t decimal value:

224

int8\_t decimal value:

-32

**E.** (2 points): Consider this code:

```
int8_t y = 0x7;
int8_t z = 0b10000001;
```

Evaluate the two operations and provide the resulting value in **decimal** form:

y << 2 (in decimal):

28

z >> 1 (in decimal):

-64

#### F. (2 Points) Consider this code:

```
int8_t x = 0xEF;
int8_t y = 0x1A;
int8_t z = x+y;

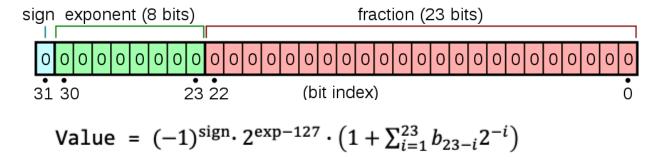
uint8_t a = 250;
uint8_t b = 7;
uint8_t c = a+b;
```

After this code executes, what are the decimal values of z and c?

```
Value of z (in decimal): 9

Value of c (in decimal): 1
```

**G.** (3 Points) What is the 32-bit floating point representation of the number -128.0? The format of 32-bit floating point encoding is shown below. Show your work for full credit. *Note that the number shown in the figure is not -128.0*.



32 bit floating point representation of -128.0. Provide your answer in hexadecimal:

0xC3000000

#### **Problem 2. Who Loves the Sum (6 points)**

You are writing a function that computes the sum of the given array. Here is what you have so far.

```
// Computes the sum in the given array
// x: address of the first int in the array
// n: array length
int compute_sum(int* x, const unsigned int n) {
    int* y = x;
    int sum = 0;
    while ( BLANK 1 ) {
        sum += _BLANK 2_;
        y += _BLANK 3 ;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

Fill in the blanks (using the table below) to complete the implementation.

Please note that you may not alter n because the variable is declared with the const (constant) keyword.

BLANK 1:	BLANK 2:	BLANK 3:
y - x < n	*у	1

#### Problem 3: Hex's & Oh's (10 points)

The nth hexagonal number can be calculated via the following formula:

$$h_n = \frac{2n \times (2n-1)}{2}$$

Please write an assembly procedure, hexagonal, that calculates the nth hexagonal number using the formula above. Its C declaration is: int hexagonal(int n); It should obey the RISC-V calling convention and return to its caller once it's done. Solutions that make unnecessary memory accesses will not be given full credit.

You have access to an additional **instruction**, mul, that performs integer multiplication. However, it is very slow so **you may only use it once.** The RISC-V ISA describes mul as:

Inst.	Syntax	Description	Execution						
MUL	mul rd, rs1, rs2	Integer multiplication	reg[rd] ← (reg[rs1] * reg[rs2])[31:0]						

In other words, it performs 32 bit \* 32 bit multiplication and places the lower 32 bits of the product in rd. For this problem, we do not need to handle the case where the product is more than 32 bits. The encoding of mul is as follows:

A. (8 points) Please write your implementation of hexagonal in the box below.

```
Hexagonal:

slli a0, a0, 1
addi a1, a0, -1
mul a0, a0, a1
srai a0, a0, 1
ret

OR

slli a1, a0, 1
addi a1, a1, -1
mul a0, a0, a1
ret
```

**B.** (2 points) How much space in memory (in bytes) does your implementation of hexagonal take up?

Number of bytes occupied by your hexagonal instructions: 4 \* number of instructions

#### Problem 4. Money, Money, Money (24 points)

A procedure is written in RISC-V assembly that calculates the composition of quarters (25 cents), dimes (10 cents), nickels (5 cents), and pennies (1 cent) needed to represent a certain amount of money specified in cents. The C definition is:

void makeChange(int amount, int\* change\_array);

- int amount: The amount of money (in US cents) to analyze
- int\* change\_array: An array used as the function's output. It lists the number of quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, at indices 0, 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

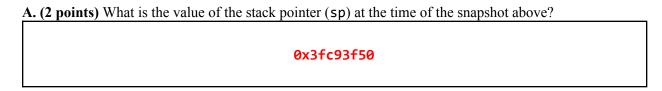
```
makeChange:
2
      addi sp, sp, -4
3
      sw ra, 0(sp)
 quarter:
5
      addi t0, zero, 25
6
      bgt t0, a0, dime
7
      lw t1, 0(a1)
8
      addi t1, t1, 1
9
      sw t1, 0(a1)
10
      addi a0, a0, -25
      call makeChange
11
12
      j done
13 dime:
      addi t0, zero, 10
14
15
      bgt t0, a0, nickel
16
      lw t1, 4(a1)
17
      addi t1, t1, 1
18
      sw t1, 4(a1)
19
      addi a0, a0, -10
20
      call makeChange
21
      j done
22 nickel:
      addi t0, zero, 5
23
24
      bgt t0, a0, penny
25
      lw t1, 8(a1)
26
      addi t1, t1, 1
27
      sw t1, 8(a1)
28
      addi a0, a0, -5
29
      call makeChange
30
      j done
31 penny:
      addi t0, zero, 1
32
33
      bgt t0, a0, done
34
      lw t1, 12(a1)
35
      addi t1, t1, 1
36
      sw t1, 12(a1)
37
      addi a0, a0, -1
38
      call makeChange
39
      j done
40 done:
41
      lw ra, 0(sp)
42
      addi sp, sp, 4
43
      ret
```

The procedure is run. You are not given the value for amount, and change\_array is an array that starts with zeroed-out elements. <u>Eight coins are dispensed.</u>

You obtain a stack trace from *immediately after the procedure is run*:

Address:	Value:	
0x3fc93ef4:	0x420000e8	
0x3fc93ef8:	0x3c020184	
0x3fc93efc:	0x3fc93ef8	
0x3fc93f00:	0x3fc93ef8	
0x3fc93f04:	0x0000001	
0x3fc93f08:	0x3fc91000	
0x3fc93f0c:	0x0000000	
0x3fc93f10:	0x42004e2c	
0x3fc93f14:	0x00000002	
0x3fc93f18:	0x000000a3	
0x3fc93f1c:	0x420000a7	
0x3fc93f20:	0x4200002c	
0x3fc93f24:	0x4200002c	
0x3fc93f28:	0x420000ec	
0x3fc93f2c:	0x420000a8	
0x3fc93f30:	0x420000a8	
0x3fc93f34:	0x420000a8	
0x3fc93f38:	0x42000068	
0x3fc93f3c:	0x42000068	
0x3fc93f40:	0x42000048	
0x3fc93f44:	0x42000048	
0x3fc93f48:	0x42000048	
0x3fc93f4c:	0x4200012c	
0x3fc93f50:	0x00000003	
0x3fc93f54:	0x00000002	
0x3fc93f58:	0x0000000	
0x3fc93f5c:	0x00000003	

Answer the following questions:



**B.** (2 points) What is the address of the instruction that makes the initial call to makeChange?

0x42000128

C. (4 points) What are the final values in change array after the call to makeChange?

```
{3, 2, 0, 3}
```

**D.** (1 point) What is the value of input variable amount in the call to makeChange?

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**E.** (5 points) What is the 32 bit value in memory address 0x42000080? Specify in binary or in hexadecimal.

**F.** (10 points) Next, the following code is run (sp starts at 0x3fc93f40):

```
//int arrays coins_1 and coins_2 previously declared
for (int i=0; i<4; i++){
   coins_1[i] = 0;
   coins_2[i] = 0;
}
//time point 1
makeChange(52,coins_1); //corresponding call executed when pc=0x42004e18
//time point 2
makeChange(16,coins_2); //corresponding call executed when pc=0x42004e24
//time point 3</pre>
```

The values in a certain portion of memory are shown at time point 1. On the next page, fill in the values at time point 2 and time point 3.

Leave the cell blank if the values are unchanged from the values at time point 1.

Address	time point 1	time point 2	time point 3
0x3fc93f04	0x00000001		
0x3fc93f08	0x3fc91000		
0x3fc93f0c	0×00000000		
0x3fc93f10	0x42004e2c		
0x3fc93f14	0×00000000		
0x3fc93f18	0×00000000		
0x3fc93f1c	0×00000000		
0x3fc93f20	0×00000000		
0x3fc93f24	0x0000002a		
0x3fc93f28	0x00000111		
0x3fc93f2c	0xa0a0a0a0	0x420000a8	0x420000a8
0x3fc93f30	0x0000008a	0x420000a8	0x420000a8
0x3fc93f34	0x0000008a	0x42000048	0x42000088
0x3fc93f38	0x42004e6a	0x42000048	0x42000068
0x3fc93f3c	0x42004e6a	0x42004e1c	0x42004e28
0x3fc93f40	0×00000000		
0x3fc93f44	0×00000001		
0x3fc93f48	0x00000004		
0x3fc93f4c	0×00000003		
0x3fc93f50	0x420165ac		
0x3fc93f54	0x420165b0		
0x3fc93f58	0x12004e2c		
0x3fc93f5c	0×00000000		

#### **Problem 5: COPYCAT (12 points)**

Belly Eyelash is writing an assembly program that she can use to retrieve information from different sources.

Part of this program is a procedure, arr\_copy, that copies the values of an input array into an output array. It uses one other procedure, copy. Belly does not have access to the C or assembly implementations of copy, but she can assume that it works as expected and follows the RISC-V calling convention.

arr_copy	сору							
Arguments:  1. int *src - pointer to input array 2. int *dest - pointer to destination array 3. int length - length of source array  Copies all length elements in the input array (src) into another array (dest).	Arguments:  1. int *src - pointer to input array 2. int *dest - pointer to destination array 3. int idx - index of element to copy  Copies src[idx] into dest[idx]							
Returns nothing	Returns nothing							

She uses a working C implementation of arr\_copy for reference.

Working C Implementation	Belly's Assembly Implementation					
<pre>1 void arr_copy(int *src, int *dest, 2</pre>	<pre>1 arr_copy: 2  li s0, 0 3  mv s1, a2 4  j compare 5 loop: 6  mv a2, s0 7  call copy 8  addi s0, s0, 1 9 compare: 10  blt s0, s1, loop 11  ret</pre>					

The code compiles, however, it runs into some issues at run-time. Please answer the questions on the following page.

Please provide a short explanation for the following run-time behaviors. The entire assembly program works as expected when she uses the C implementation of arr\_copy rather than her assembly version, so she has narrowed down the root cause to her assembly implementation of arr copy.

A. (4 points) Belly's processor crashes due to an instruction accessing a memory address that it is not allowed to. This occurs at the instruction lw s0, 0(a0) within the copy procedure. She already used a debugger to verify that the correct arguments were passed into arr\_copy.

Explanation: arr\_copy does not save a0 before calling copy (or restore it after returning from copy). So, copy could have overwritten the value of a0 to be some value that, when used as a memory address, would result in an illegal memory access.

**B.** (4 points) Belly observes that her program gets trapped in an infinite loop within arr\_copy. She already used a debugger to verify that the correct arguments were passed into arr\_copy.

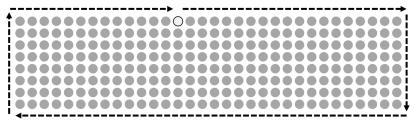
Explanation: arr\_copy does not save ra before calling copy (or restore it after returning from copy). However, ra gets overwritten by the call copy instruction. Since the old value of ra (which would refer to an instruction outside of arr\_copy; specifically the instruction after the one that called arr\_copy) was not saved to the stack, there is no way to recover it and return to the proper instruction in the program. So, when arr\_copy encounters the ret instruction, it will jump to the addi s0, s0, 1 instruction within arr\_copy.

C. (4 points) Belly's processor crashes (again) due to an instruction accessing a memory address that it is not allowed to. This time, it occurs *after* arr\_copy returns back to its caller procedure, at the instruction lw t1, 0(s1). She already used a debugger to verify that arr\_copy wrote to the destination array as expected.

Explanation: arr\_copy uses s0, which is a callee-saved register, without saving its initial value to the stack and restoring it before returning. However, the procedure that called arr\_copy was expecting s0 to be a particular value. Because arr\_copy overwrites the value of s0 without restoring it to its initial value, the value in s0 may no longer be a valid memory address.

#### Problem 6. Lights on Broadway (10 points)

As you remember from the labs and postlabs, our lab kit's display is an  $8 \times 32$  array of LEDs that we control through a length-8 uint32\_t array. You can assume the zeroth bit of the zeroth array element corresponds with the upper right corner of the display. We'd like to make a border-scrolling LED pattern where a single illuminated LED traces the entire border in a clockwise fashion, like shown below:



Your friend started implementing a function, chasingBorder, that takes in a pointer to the screen array, sb, and based on the array's state, updates it to the next appropriate value in the border animation. Complete the function so that each call to the function chasingBorder moves the illuminated LED one spot in the clockwise direction. You can assume the LEDs are already following this border-scrolling pattern when chasingBorder is called. *You should not use any helper functions from lab*.

Unfortunately, you spilled boba on your keyboard, disabling the '[' and ']' keys, so you can't use them in your code. Fill in the ten blanks in the code below using the table on the next page.

```
void chasingBorder(uint32_t* sb){
 if(______){
   //move right
        _____BLANK 2_____;
   return;
 } else {
   //move down
   for(int i = 0; i < 7; i++){
     if (_____BLANK 3_____){
____BLANK 4____;
___BLANK 5____;
       return;
   }
   //move left
              BLANK 7_____;
   return;
 } else {
   //move up
   for(int i = 0; i < 7; i++){
     if (______){
        BLANK 9_____;
BLANK 10____;
       return;
```

Blank #:	Line of Code:
BLANK 1	*sb && !(*sb == 1) OR *sb>1
BLANK 2	*sb >>= 1 or *sb = *sb>>1
BLANK 3	*(sb + i) == 1
BLANK 4	*(sb + i) = 0 or 3 and 4 can be interchanged
BLANK 5	*(sb + i + 1) = 1
BLANK 6	*(sb + 7) && !(*(sb + 7) == (1 << 31))
BLANK 7	*(sb + 7) <<= 1
BLANK 8	*(sb + 7 - i ) == (1 << 31)
BLANK 9	*(sb + 7 - i) = 0 or 8 and 9 can be interchanged
BLANK 10	*(sb + 6 - i) = (1 << 31)

## Could also do. (going down on left side instead of up)

BLANK 8	*(sb + i + 1 ) != 0
BLANK 9	*(sb + i) = *(sb + i + 1)
BLANK 10	*(sb + i + 1) = 0

#### Problem 7. MM..FOOD (15 Points)

We're in charge of managing a BurgerTime franchise which serves meals that look like this:

```
struct Meal{
  uint16_t burger;
  uint8_t fries;
};
```

We are going to focus on the burgers. Each burger contains only four possible ingredients: patties, cheese, tomatoes, and pickles. A burger is represented by a uint16\_t that uses four bits to represent the count of each ingredient, so each burger can contain up to 15 units of each ingredient.

Ingredient	Pickles				Tomatoes			Cheese Slices				Patties				
Burger bits	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

**A.** (7 **points**) Due to popular demand, corporate has requested a function that can quickly remove pickles from a meal's burger. Write a function **removePickles** that takes in a pointer to a Meal struct, removes the pickles in the burger, and returns how many pickles were removed.

```
uint8_t removePickles(struct Meal *m){
    uint16_t burger = m->burger;
    uint16_t mask = 0xF << 12;
    m->burger &= ~mask;
    return (uint8_t)(burger >> 12);
```

}

**B.** (8 points) Someone called in sick, and now it's on you to manage one of the stations.

Write a function called **stationOne** that adds patty\_num patties, and tomato\_num tomato slices to a meal's burger. *You can assume the meal has no patties or tomato slices before the function is called.* 

```
void stationOne(struct Meal *m, uint8_t patty_num, uint8_t tomato_num){
   uint16_t mask = (patty_num & 0xF) | ((tomato_num & 0xF) << 8);</pre>
   m->burger |= mask;
```

#### Problem 8. The End (8 points)

Read through the following functions so that you understand what they do. An ASCII table is provided to you for reference in the exam Appendix. Assume that a char acts like an unsigned 8 bit integer.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void mystery1(char input) {
    for(int i=7; i>=0; i--) {
        printf("%d", (input >> i) & 1);
    }
    printf("\n");
}

char mystery2(char input) {
    input = ((0b11110000 & input) >> 4) | ((0b00001111 & input) << 4);
    input = ((0b11001100 & input) >> 2) | ((0b00110011 & input) << 2);
    input = ((0b10101010 & input) >> 1) | ((0b01010101 & input) << 1);
    return input & 0b11111111;
}</pre>
```

**A.** (4 points) Consider the test code below:

```
char input1 = 0b11001100;

mystery1(input1); // PRINT A
```

What will be printed by the line indicated by PRINT A?

```
11001100
```

**B.** (4 points) Consider the test code below:

```
char input2 = 'G';
mystery1(mystery2(input2)); // PRINT B
```

What will be printed by the line indicated by PRINT B?

```
11100010
```

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#### **Appendix 1: String functions**

**char \*strcat(char \*dest, const char \*src)** - appends the string pointed to by **src** to the end of the string pointed to by **dest**. This function returns a pointer to the resulting string **dest**.

char \*strncat(char \*dest, const char \*src, size\_t n) - appends the string pointed to by src to the end of the string pointed to by dest up to n characters long. This function returns a pointer to the resulting string dest.

char \*strcpy(char \*dest, const char \*src) - copies the string pointed to, by src to dest.
This returns a pointer to the destination string dest.

char \*strncpy(char \*dest, const char \*src, size\_t n) - copies up to n characters from the string pointed to, by src to dest. In a case where the length of src is less than that of n, the remainder of dest will be padded with null bytes. This function returns the pointer to the copied string.

int strcmp(const char \*str1, const char \*str2) - compares the string pointed to, by str1 to the string pointed to by str2. This function return values that are as follows —

- if Return value < 0 then it indicates str1 is less than str2.
- if Return value > 0 then it indicates str2 is less than str1.
- if Return value = 0 then it indicates str1 is equal to str2.

int strncmp(const char \*str1, const char \*str2, size\_t n) - compares at most the first
n bytes of str1 and str2. This function return values that are as follows -

- if Return value < 0 then it indicates str1 is less than str2.
- if Return value > 0 then it indicates str2 is less than str1.
- if Return value = 0 then it indicates str1 is equal to str2.

char \*strchr(const char \*str, int c) - searches for the first occurrence of the character c (an unsigned char) in the string pointed to by the argument str. This returns a pointer to the first occurrence of the character c in the string str, or NULL if the character is not found.

char \*strrchr(const char \*str, int c) - searches for the last occurrence of the character c (an unsigned char) in the string pointed to, by the argument str. This function returns a pointer to the last occurrence of character in str. If the value is not found, the function returns a null pointer.

char \*strstr(const char \*haystack, const char \*needle) - function finds the first occurrence of the substring needle in the string haystack. The terminating '\0' characters are not compared. This function returns a pointer to the first occurrence in haystack of any of the entire sequence of characters specified in needle, or a null pointer if the sequence is not present in haystack.

**char \*strtok(char \*str, const char \*delim)** - breaks string **str** into a series of tokens using the delimiter **delim**. This function returns a pointer to the first token found in the string. A null pointer is returned if there are no tokens left to retrieve.

## **Appendix 2: ASCII Table**

# **ASCII Table**

Dec	Hex	0ct	Char	Dec	Hex	0ct	Char	Dec	Hex	0ct	Char	Dec	Hex	0ct	Char
0	0	0		32	20	40	[space]	64	40	100	@	96	60	140	`
1	1	1		33	21	41	1	65	41	101	A	97	61	141	a
2	2	2		34	22	42		66	42	102	В	98	62	142	b
3	3	3		35	23	43	#	67	43	103	С	99	63	143	С
4	4	4		36	24	44	\$	68	44	104	D	100	64	144	d
5	5	5		37	25	45	%	69	45	105	E	101	65	145	е
6	6	6		38	26	46	&	70	46	106	F	102	66	146	f
7	7	7		39	27	47		71	47	107	G	103	67	147	g
8	8	10		40	28	50	(	72	48	110	Н	104	68	150	h
9	9	11		41	29	51	)	73	49	111	I	105	69	151	i
10	Α	12		42	2A	52	*	74	4A	112	J	106	6A	152	j
11	В	13		43	2B	53	+	75	4B	113	K	107	6B	153	k
12	С	14		44	2C	54	,	76	4C	114	L	108	6C	154	1
13	D	15		45	2D	55	-	77	4D	115	М	109	6D	155	m
14	E	16		46	2E	56		78	4E	116	N	110	6E	156	n
15	F	17		47	2F	57	/	79	4F	117	0	111	6F	157	0
16	10	20		48	30	60	0	80	50	120	Р	112	70	160	р
17	11	21		49	31	61	1	81	51	121	Q	113	71	161	q
18	12	22		50	32	62	2	82	52	122	R	114	72	162	r
19	13	23		51	33	63	3	83	53	123	S	115	73	163	S
20	14	24		52	34	64	4	84	54	124	Т	116	74	164	t
21	15	25		53	35	65	5	85	55	125	U	117	75	165	u
22	16	26		54	36	66	6	86	56	126	V	118	76	166	V
23	17	27		55	37	67	7	87	57	127	W	119	77	167	W
24	18	30		56	38	70	8	88	58	130	X	120	78	170	X
25	19	31		57	39	71	9	89	59	131	Υ	121	79	171	У
26	1A	32		58	3A	72	:	90	5A	132	Z	122	7A	172	Z
27	1B	33		59	3B	73	;	91	5B	133	[	123	7B	173	{
28	1C	34		60	3C	74	<	92	5C	134	\	124	7C	174	
29	1D	35		61	3D	75	=	93	5D	135	]	125	7D	175	}
30	1E	36		62	3E	76	>	94	5E	136	^	126	7E	176	~
31	1F	37		63	3F	77	?	95	5F	137	_	127	7F	177	

**Appendix 3: C Operator Precedence** 

Precedence	Operator	Description	Associativity
1	++	Suffix/postfix increment and decrement	Left-to-right
	()	Function call	
	[]	Array subscripting	
	•	Structure and union member access	
	->	Structure and union member access through pointer	
2	++	Prefix increment and decrement	Right-to-left
	+ -	Unary plus and minus	
	! ~	Logical NOT and bitwise NOT	
	(type)	Cast	
	*	Indirection (dereference)	
	&	Address-of	
3	* / %	Multiplication, division, and remainder	Left-to-right
4	+ -	Addition and subtraction	
5	<< >>	Bitwise left shift and right shift	
6	< <=	For relational operators < and ≤ respectively	
	> >=	For relational operators > and ≥ respectively	
7	== !=	For relational = and $\neq$ respectively	]
8	&	Bitwise AND	]
9	^	Bitwise XOR (exclusive or)	
10		Bitwise OR (inclusive or)	
11	&&	Logical AND	
12		Logical OR	
13	?:	Ternary conditional	Right-to-left
14	=	Simple assignment	
	+= -=	Assignment by sum and difference	
	*= /= %=	Assignment by product, quotient, and remainder	
	<<= >>=	Assignment by bitwise left shift and right shift	
	&= ^=  =	Assignment by bitwise AND, XOR, and OR	