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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0111 1000
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AND 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 1010
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Apply AND to  
pairs of bits.

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A | B evaluates to **122 0x0000007A**

~A evaluates to **-121 0xFFFFFFFF87**

A ^ B evaluates to **82 0x00000052**

## Left Shift by N Multiplies by $2^N$

Shifting left by N bits adds N 0s on right.

- It's like **multiplying by  $2^N$** .
- N bits lost on left! (**Shifts can overflow.**)

```
Declare: int A = 120; /* 0x00000078 */
unsigned int B = 0xFFFFFFFF0;
```

Then...

A << 2 evaluates to **480 0x000001E0**

B << 4 evaluates to (**<B!**) **0xFFFFFFFF00**

## Right Shift by N Divides by $2^N$

A question for you: **What bits appear on the left when shifting right?**

```
Declare: int A = 120; /* 0x00000078 */
```

A >> 2 evaluates to **30 0x0000001E**

What about **0xFFFFFFFF00 >> 4**?

Is **0xFFFFFFFF00** equal to

**-256** (/16 = -16, so insert 1s)? or equal to

**4,294,967,040** (/16 = 268,435,440, insert 0s)?