

Programming Assignment #6

Learning objective : To gain experience with bitwise operations, used inside a class. Also will provide further practice with dynamic allocation.

Description:

You will implement a class called `BitArray`, which will simulate a list of bits of any size, which can be individually set, cleared, flipped, and queried. You will also implement a function that is to be used by a sample test program, which uses the Sieve of Eratosthenes technique (with the bit array) to find prime numbers.

Details

Download these starter files:

- [bitarray.h](#) -- Seen in Attachment A
- [main6.cpp](#) -- a sample program for finding prime numbers

The `BitArray` class

Implement the `BitArray` class, defining all specified public member functions, in the file `bitarray.cpp`. Here are some details about the `BitArray` class:

1. A bit array is to be implemented with an underlying array of type `unsigned char`. 'Unsigned' because we are only interested in bits, not in negatives, and type `char` because it is the smallest integer type. The concept of a `BitArray` object is that it will store an array of bits (in the smallest storage space needed), indexed starting at 0, just like with normal arrays.
2. The array of characters should be created dynamically. The primary constructor has one parameter, which indicates how many **bits** are needed. The constructor should allocate the *minimum* number of cells needed for this many bits.

Also, have the constructor initialize all bits to 0. Example:

```
3.
4.   BitArray xy(35);           // builds storage for at least 35 bits
5.                                   // if we assume 1 byte char, this takes 5
6.                                   // characters, for a total of 40 bits
```

7. The `Length()` function should return the total number of bits in the allocated array. In the example above (assuming 1 byte char), this is 40
8. While type `char` is commonly 8 bits on most machines today, you may *not* assume that this is always the case. Structure your class so that it is versatile enough to handle different platforms (where type `char` might differ in size). But always use the minimum number of `char` elements when creating the array. Hint: `sizeof()` is a function call that returns the exact number of bytes taken by a variable or type on a given machine:

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```
9.  int size = sizeof(int);          // tells how many bytes for an int
10.                                     // on current machine
```

Suggestion: Use a constant to store the size of an unsigned char in the program, for modifiable computations later. If using only inside the class, a static const is best.

11. Because dynamic allocation is used, the BitArray class should implement an appropriate destructor, copy constructor, and assignment operator (for deep copy and appropriate cleanup)
12. The functions `Set()`, `Unset()`, `Flip()`, and `Query()` represent the different things that can be done with one bit. Each function takes in an index number -- the index of the bit in question.
 - o `Set()` should set that bit to 1, without affecting any others
 - o `Unset()` should set that bit to 0, without affecting any others
 - o `Flip()` should change that bit to its opposite, without affecting any others
 - o `Query()` should return `true` if that bit is currently 1, and it should return `false` if that bit is currently 0
13. The operator overloads:
 - o `operator<<` -- the insertion operator should be written to do output of a BitArray object. Format is the entire array, printed as one continuous sequence of bits, inside parentheses. See example outputs from test program
 - o `operator==` and `operator!=` -- usual inequality operators. Entire arrays must match for them to be equal
14. General:
 - o You may add private functions to the class if you like, and you may add private constants. You may not change the public interface or the underlying storage (dynamic array of unsigned char).
 - o Note that NOT ALL features of the BitArray class are tested in the provided `main7.cpp` sample program. It is up to you to test all BitArray features.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

A common algorithm to find prime numbers is the [Sieve of Eratosthenes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve_of_Eratosthenes). A description of algorithm can be found at the following link: (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve_of_Eratosthenes) The `main6.cpp` program provided already sets up a BitArray object of desired size. Then it calls upon a function named `Sieve`.

Write the `Sieve()` function in a file called `sieve.h`. Do not change `main6.cpp` in any way. The `Sieve()` function should follow the Sieve of Eratosthenes pattern. The general algorithm is as follows:

1. Start by initializing all bits in the array to 1.
2. Each index of the bit array will represent one non-negative integer. Your algorithm should mark all **non-prime** numbers by setting these bits back to 0, proceeding as follows:
 - o 0 and 1 are never prime. Unset these bits to 0
 - o The next "uncleared" bit is prime. Leave this bit as a 1, but change all *multiples* of this value (not counting itself) to 0
 - o Move to the next "uncleared" bit and repeat
 - o This process only needs to repeat up to the square root of the array's length. (Example: If we are checking for the prime numbers from 0 through 500, then we can stop when we've reached $\sqrt{500}$, which is 22.36. Once we've reached an "uncleared" bit that is 23 or more, we know we've cleared all the non-primes
3. The remaining bits (which are still 1) indicate the primes.

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You can find the `sqrt()` (square root) function in the library `<cmath>`.

Submitting

Submit the files:

```
bitarray.h  
bitarray.cpp  
sieve.h
```

Grading Criteria:

- The program compiles. If the program does not compile no further grading can be accomplished. Programs that do not compile will receive a zero.
- (25 Points) The program executes without exception and produces output. The grading of the output cannot be accomplished unless the program executes.
- (25 Points) The program produces the correct output.
- (25 Points) The program specifications are followed.
- (10 Points) The program is documented (commented) properly.
- (5 Points) Use constants when values are not to be changed
- (5 Points) Use proper indentation
- (5 Points) Use good naming standards

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Primes less than 800:

2	3	5	7	11	13	17	19
23	29	31	37	41	43	47	53
59	61	67	71	73	79	83	89
97	101	103	107	109	113	127	131
137	139	149	151	157	163	167	173
179	181	191	193	197	199	211	223
227	229	233	239	241	251	257	263
269	271	277	281	283	293	307	311
313	317	331	337	347	349	353	359
367	373	379	383	389	397	401	409
419	421	431	433	439	443	449	457
461	463	467	479	487	491	499	503
509	521	523	541	547	557	563	569
571	577	587	593	599	601	607	613
617	619	631	641	643	647	653	659
661	673	677	683	691	701	709	719
727	733	739	743	751	757	761	769
773	787	797					

Goodbye!

Appendix A: bitarray.h

```
// bitarray.h
//
// BitArray class declaration

#ifndef _BITARRAY_H
#define _BITARRAY_H

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class BitArray
{
    friend ostream& operator<< (ostream& os, const BitArray& a);
    friend bool operator== (const BitArray&, const BitArray&);
    friend bool operator!= (const BitArray&, const BitArray&);

public:
    BitArray(unsigned int n);    // Construct an array that can handle n bits
    BitArray(const BitArray&);  // copy constructor
    ~BitArray();                // destructor

    BitArray& operator= (const BitArray& a); // assignment operator

    unsigned int Length() const;           // return number of bits in bitarray

    void Set (unsigned int index);         // set bit with given index to 1
    void Unset (unsigned int index);       // set bit with given index to 0
    void Flip (unsigned int index);        // change bit (with given index)
    bool Query (unsigned int index) const; // return true if the given bit
                                           // is set to 1, false otherwise

private:
    unsigned char* barray;                // pointer to the bit array
    int arraySize;

};

#endif
```

Appendix B: Main6.cpp

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

#include "sieve.h"
#include "bitarray.h"

int main()
{
    unsigned int i, max, counter = 0;

    cout << "\nEnter a positive integer for the maximum value: ";
    cin >> max;

    BitArray ba(max);

    Sieve(ba);           // find the primes (marking the bits)

    cout << "The bit array looks like this: \n"
         << ba
         << '\n';

    cout << "\nPrimes less than " << max << ':' << '\n';
    for (i = 0; i < max; i++)
    {
        if (ba.Query(i))
        {
            counter++;
            cout << i;
            if (counter % 8 == 0)
            {
                cout << '\n';
                counter = 0;
            }
            else
                cout << '\t';
        }
    }

    cout << "\nGoodbye!\n";
    return 0;
}
```