



# All the Operators

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# Precedence

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- An operator with higher precedence is done earlier (precedes) one with lower precedence
  - A *higher* precedence is indicated with a *lower* number; zero is the highest precedence
- Most of the time, operators with equal precedence are done left to right
  - Examples:
    - $3 + 4 * 5$  gives 23
    - $10 - 5 - 2$  gives 3
- Exceptions: unary operators, casts, assignment operators, the ternary operator: all done right to left



# Postfix operators

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- Postfix operators have the highest precedence

*(parameters)* Parameter lists

[ ] Brackets indicate indexing into an array

- Accesses methods and variables

*expr++*, *expr--* Postincrement, postdecrement



# Unary prefix operators

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- Unary prefix operators have the next highest precedence:

**++***expr*    Preincrement

**--***expr*    Predecrement

**+**    **-**    Unary plus and unary minus

**!**    Logical negation (not)

**~**    Bitwise complement (invert every bit)



# Object creation and casting

**new** Create a new instance of a class

**(*type*)** Cast (convert) to the given *type*

- Slides are in order of decreasing precedence
  - Higher precedence means “more tightly bound”
  - The lowest precedence operator is the “main” operator in an expression
  - Frequently the lowest precedence operator is *assignment*, for example **x = y + z;**



# Multiplicative operators

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\* Multiply

/ Divide

% Modulus

- These all have the same precedence



# Additive operators

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+ Add

- Subtract



# Shift operators

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## << Left shift, end off

- For small integers, this is equivalent to multiplying by a power of two
- Example:  $100 \ll 3$  gives  $800$

## >> Right shift with sign extension

- For small integers, this is equivalent to an integer divide by a power of two
- Example:  $100 \gg 2$  gives  $25$

## >>> Right shift with zero fill

- Does not make sense for numbers





# Relational operators

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< Less than

<= Less than or equal to

> Greater than

>= Greater than or equal to

**instanceof** Determines whether its left operand is an object whose type (class or interface) is the right operand

Example: `if (myPet instanceof Dog) {...}`

- These all have the same precedence, and it is *higher* than equality/inequality tests



# A beginner's error

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- `if (0 <= i < a.length) { ... }`
- Operations are done left to right
- `0 <= i` will be either `true` or `false`
- Neither `true < a.length` nor `false < a.length` is legal
- The correct expression should be  
`if (0 <= i && i < a.length) { ... }`



# Equality and inequality

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## == Test if equal

- For primitive types, tests if the values are equal
- For objects, tests if both sides refer to the same object

## != Test if not equal

- For primitive types, tests if the values are unequal
  - For objects, tests if the sides refer to different objects
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- Reminder: these tests should not be used on floating-point numbers (**float** or **double**)



# AND

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## & AND

- For integral types, ANDs each corresponding pair of bits
  - $0 \& 0 == 0$
  - $0 \& 1 == 0$
  - $1 \& 0 == 0$
  - $1 \& 1 == 1$
- For booleans, performs the logical AND operation
- Boolean `&` is like `&&`, but both operands are evaluated, even if it is possible to decide the result from the left operand alone



# Exclusive OR

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## ^ XOR

- For integral types, XORs each corresponding pair of bits
  - $0 \wedge 0 == 0$
  - $0 \wedge 1 == 1$
  - $1 \wedge 0 == 1$
  - $1 \wedge 1 == 0$
- For booleans, performs the logical XOR operation
  - $a \wedge b$  is true if either  $a$  is true or  $b$  is true, but not both
- There is no  $\wedge \wedge$  operation



# OR

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## OR

- For integral types, ORs each corresponding pair of bits
  - $0 \mid 0 == 0$
  - $0 \mid 1 == 1$
  - $1 \mid 0 == 1$
  - $1 \mid 1 == 1$
- For booleans, performs the logical OR operation
- Boolean `|` is like `||`, but both operands are evaluated, even if it is possible to decide the result from the left operand alone



# The ternary operator

- *boolean-expr ? expression-1 : expression-2*
- This is like **if-then-else** for values rather than for statements
- If the *boolean-expr* evaluates to **true**, the result is *expression-1*, else it is *expression-2*
- Example: **max = a > b ? a : b ;** sets the variable **max** to the larger of **a** and **b**
- *expression-1* and *expression-2* need not be the same type, but either result must be useable
- *The ternary operator is right associative!*
  - To avoid confusion, use parentheses if your expression has more than one ternary operator



# The assignment operators I

- The assignment operators have the lowest precedence
  - Assignment *is* an operation
  - Assignment is right associative
    - $a = b = c = 7.5 * w;$ 
      - assigns  $7.5*w$  to  $c$ , then assigns  $c$  to  $b$ , then assigns  $b$  to  $a$  – if all these assignments are legal
- Example:
  - `if ((line = reader.newLine()) == null) { ... }`





# The assignment operators II

- There are a *lot* of assignment operations besides  $=$
- $\mathit{variable} += \mathit{expression}$  means the same as  
 $\mathit{variable} = \mathit{variable} + \mathit{expression}$
- $\mathit{variable} -= \mathit{expression}$  means the same as  
 $\mathit{variable} = \mathit{variable} - \mathit{expression}$
- $\mathit{variable} *= \mathit{expression}$  means the same as  
 $\mathit{variable} = \mathit{variable} * \mathit{expression}$
- $\mathit{variable} /= \mathit{expression}$  means the same as  
 $\mathit{variable} = \mathit{variable} / \mathit{expression}$



# The assignment operators III

- *variable %= expression* means the same as  
*variable = variable % expression*
- *variable <<= expression* means the same as  
*variable = variable << expression*
- *variable >>= expression* means the same as  
*variable = variable >> expression*
- *variable >>>= expression* means the same as  
*variable = variable >>> expression*



# The assignment operators IV

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- *variable*  $\&=$  *expression* means the same as  
*variable* = *variable*  $\&$  *expression*
- *variable*  $|=$  *expression* means the same as  
*variable* = *variable* | *expression*
- *variable*  $\wedge=$  *expression* means the same as  
*variable* = *variable*  $\wedge$  *expression*



# What you need to know

- You should understand what each operator does
- Parameter lists, array indexing, casting, postfix `++` and `--`, and the dot operator are done first
  - In particular, a cast refers to the *one* following entity, so to cast the result of an expression you need extra parentheses
  - Example 1: `variable = (type)(expression);`
  - Example 2: `variable = ((type)variable).method();`
- In arithmetic, the unary operators `+` and `-` are done first, then multiplication and division, then addition and subtraction
- All assignment operators are done last
- For anything else, it's a good idea to use parentheses anyway (even if you remember the order of precedence, other people won't)



The End