

3. Fundamentals of Java Programming

Lesson 4: Operators



3.7. Operators

- An operator is a function that has a special symbolic name and is invoked by using that symbol with an expression.
- Java has several kinds of operators:
 - Arithmetic Operators
 - These are used to perform standard arithmetic operations performed on numbers
 - Assignment Operator
 - This is used to assigns a variable with a value
 - Logical (Boolean) Operators
 - These are used to perform standard logical operations on Boolean values
 - Bitwise Operators
 - These perform operations on the individual bits of integers
 - Conditional Operator
 - This acts as a shorthand for if-then-else

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3.7.1. Arithmetic Operators

Symbol	Meaning	Example	
+	Addition	3+4	=7
-	Subtraction	15-7	=8
*	Multiplication	7*8	=56
/	Division	15/3	=5
%	Modulus	59%7	=3

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3.7.2. Assignment Operator

- Assignment Operator (=)

- For example:

```
int a;  
a = 5;
```

- Right side of Assignment operator is evaluated first and then this value is assigned to the Left side of the Assignment operator

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3.7.3. Logical (Boolean) Operators

Symbol	Meaning	Example	
&&	Logical AND	true && false	= false
	Logical OR	true false	= true
!	Logical NOT	!true	= false

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3.7.4. Bitwise Operator

Symbol	Meaning	Example	
&	Bitwise AND	0 & 1	= 0
	Bitwise OR	0 1	= 1
^	Bitwise XOR	^0	= 1
<<	Left Shift	1<<4	= 16
>>	Right Shift	256>>4	= 64
~	Bitwise Compliment		

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3.7.5. Assignment Shortcuts

- Often in programming, we have to apply some operator to some variable and then assign the resultant value back to the same variable. For example,
`a = a + 5;`
- Note, here we have two operations, one addition (`a + 5`) and one assignment (`a = ...`).
- Java provides shortcut operators that combine the two operations.
`a += 5;`
- Similarly we have, `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, `%=`, `&=`, `|=` etc.
- Very often we need to perform additions or subtractions by one (increments or decrements), that is expressions of the form `a = a + 1` or `a = a - 1`. These can be done by the Increment Operator and Decrement Operator `++` and `--`.
`a++;`
`a--;`

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3.7.6. Relational Operator

Symbol	Meaning	Example	
==	Equal to	2==3	= false
!=	not Equal to	2!=3	= true
>	Greater than	2>3	= false
<	Less than	2<3	= true
>=	Greater than or Equal	2>=3	= false
<=	Less than or Equal	2<=3	= true

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3.7.7. Conditional Operator

- Conditional Operator (?:)
- This operator has the form:
 - **(condition)?(value if true):(value if false)**
 - The condition is evaluated and if it is true **value if true** is returned, otherwise **value if false** is returned.
- For example, if **a** and **b** were integers, the following would return the maximum of **a** and **b**.
 - **(a>b)?a:b**
- This is a short hand for “if-then-else”

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3.7.8. Operator Precedence

- Consider the following expression

$$6+2*3$$

- This consists of two operations, one addition and one multiplication.
- The value of the expression depends on which of these operations is performed first.
 - If addition is performed first we get:
 $6+2*3 = (6+2)*3 = 8*3 = 24$
 - If multiplication is performed first we get:
 $6+2*3 = 6+(2*3) = 6+6 = 12$
- To avoid ambiguity and confusion, java defines a clear order in which operators are evaluated. This is known as **operator precedence**.
- According to operator precedence, the multiplication operator (*) has higher precedence than the addition operator (+). Hence, the correct evaluation of $6+2*3$ is **12**.

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- The complete operator precedence is as follows.
- Operators at the top have higher precedence.
- Operators at the same level have equal precedence

Highest



Lowest

. [] ()	
++ -- ! ~	Increment Operators
new	
* / %	Arithmetic Operators
+ -	
<< >> >>>	Bitwise Shift Operators
< > <= >=	Comparison Operators
== !=	
&	Bitwise Operators
^	
&&	Logical Operators
?:	Conditional Operator
= += -= etc.	Assignment Operators
&= = <<= etc.	