

# TOPIC-6 Operators

## Definition of operators

operator is a symbol which tells the computer to perform certain mathematical and logical operations.

operators are used in C language program to operate on data and variables. It is used to combine various constants, variables and functions.

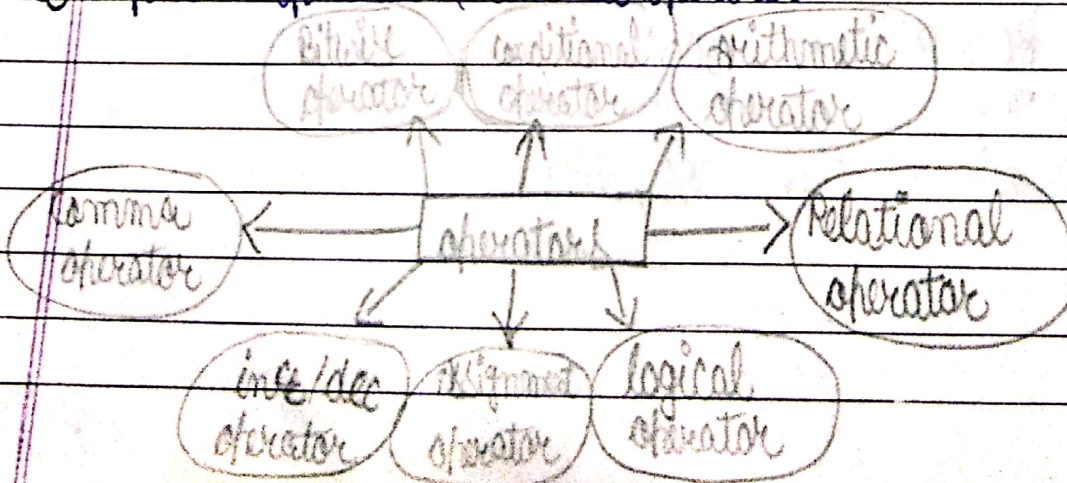
An operator is performed on operands.

eg:  $A+B$ ;

In this example A, B are operands and + is operator.

## Types of operators

- 1.) Arithmetic operators
- 2.) Relational operators
- 3.) Logical operators
- 4.) Assignment operators
- 5.) Inc/dec operator / unary operator
- 6.) Conditional operators
- 7.) Bitwise operators
- 8.) Special operators (comma operator)



1.) Arithmetic operators: An Arithmetic operator perform mathematical operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division. Arithmetic operator is a binary operator which requires atleast two operands to perform. These act upon numeric values.

eg: let a and b are two operands.

$$a = 10$$

$$b = 3$$

| operators | Description    | example             |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------|
| +         | Addition       | $a+b = 10+3 = 13$   |
| -         | Subtraction    | $a-b = 10-3 = 7$    |
| *         | Multiplication | $a*b = 10*3 = 30$   |
| /         | Division       | $a/b = 10/3 = 10/3$ |

2.) Relational operators: Relational operator checks the relationship between the operands.

If the relation is true it returns 1.

If the relation is false it returns 0.

| operator | description           |
|----------|-----------------------|
| >        | greater than          |
| >=       | greater than equal to |
| <        | less than             |
| <=       | less than equal to    |
| ==       | equal to              |
| !=       | not equal to          |

3.) logical operators: logical operators are used in decision making in C programming.

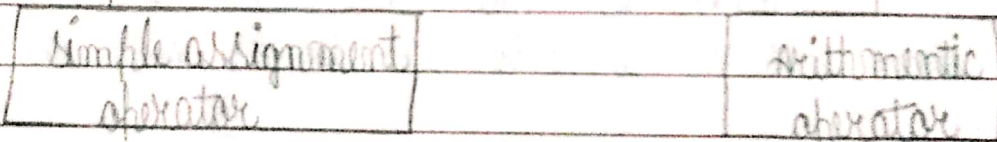
It is also used to compare two or more logical expressions.

The result of such operations is always logical: i.e. either True (1) or false (0).

| operator | Meaning     |
|----------|-------------|
| &&       | logical and |
|          | logical or  |
| !        | logical not |

4.3.3 Assignment operators: The assignment operator assign new values to variables. The equal sign (=) is the fundamental assignment operator in C. Assignment operators are of two types.

Assignment operators



Simple assignment operator

Arithmetic operator expression

eg: Assignment operator's use of this operator is written in the general form as:  
 identifier = expression

a = 10;

10 is stored in value a

5) unary operators: unary operators are the operators that act upon a single operand to produce a new value.

These operators are also called increment / decrement operator.

⇒ increment operator: These operators are used for incrementing value one by one. The symbol used for increment operator is (++).

⇒ decrement operator: These operators are used for decrementing value one by one. The symbol used for decrement operator is (--).

There are two ways of representing increment or decrement operator.

- ① postfix eg:  $y++$      $y--$
- ② prefix eg:  $++y$      $--y$

① postfix increment/decrement: Here first the value of variable is taken for operation then value of variable is increment / decrement.

eg: ①  $x = y++$  where  $y = 10$ ;

②  $a = b--$  where  $b = 10$ ;

after execution:  $x = 10$ ;

$y = 11$ ;

after execution:  $a = 10$ ;

$b = 9$ ;

② prefix increment/decrement: Here, first the value of variable is increment or decrement then the value of variable is taken for operation:

eg:  $x = ++y;$  where  $y = 10;$   
 $a = --b;$  where  $b = 10;$

after execution:  $x = 10;$   
 $y = 11;$

after execution:  $a = 10;$   
 $b = 9;$

6.) conditional operator / ternary operator & conditional operator ( $?:$ ) is ternary operator and is used in certain operation situation. It is represented by 2 symbols.

eg:  $?:$

It is worked on 3 operands, so it is called ternary operator.

Syntax: The general form of the conditional expression is

$exp 1 ? exp 2 : exp 3$

where  $exp 1, exp 2, exp 3$  are expressions.

7.) Bitwise operator: Bitwise operators are used for manipulating data at bit level. These operator used for testing the bits and shifting them from right to left.

C supports the 6 bit operators.

operators

Description

$\gg$

Shift Right

$\ll$

Shift left

$\sim$

1's complement

$\&$

Bitwise and

$|$

Bitwise or

$\wedge$

Bitwise exclusive (X) or

① Right shift operator  $\&$  let  $y = x \gg 2$

eg  $x = 000011001$

$y = 100000110$

In right shift operator when we are shifted the values in left side then values are changed

eg  $\&$  0, 1 change into 1, 0

② left shift operator  $\&$  let  $y = x \ll 2$

eg  $x = 000011$

$y = 001100$

In left shift operator when we are shifted the values to right side then values are not changed

eg  $\&$  1, 0 then result is 1, 0

③ ones complement operator  $\&$  In this operator change 1 bit to 0 and each 0 bit to 1.

eg  $x = 1100100$

$y = 0011011$

④ Bitwise and operator  $\&$

eg  $\&$  if  $x = 2$   $y = 3$

$z = x \& y$  can be written as  $z = 2 \& 3$

$x = 2 = 000011$

$y = 3 = 0000110$

| x | y | x & y |
|---|---|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 1 | 1 | 1     |
| 1 | 1 | 1     |
| 1 | 0 | 0     |

## ⑤ Bitwise OR Operator

egs Let  $x=2$   $y=3$   $z=x|y$

$$x=2 = 00010$$

$$y=3 = 00011$$

| x | y | $x y$ |
|---|---|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 1 | 1 | 1     |
| 0 | 1 | 1     |

## ⑥ Bitwise XOR Operator

egs Let  $x=2$   $y=3$   $z=x^y$

$$x=2 = 000011$$

$$y=3 = 0000110$$

| x | y | $x^y$ |
|---|---|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 0 | 0 | 0     |
| 1 | 1 | 0     |
| 1 | 1 | 0     |
| 1 | 0 | 1     |

In this operator

$$|x| = 0$$

when both are same it produce 0 when both are different it produce 1

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