

## C# 7.2.1 Operator precedence and associativity

When an expression contains multiple operators, the precedence of the operators controls the order in which the individual operators are evaluated. For example, the expression  $x + y * z$  is evaluated as  $x + (y * z)$  because the  $*$  operator has higher precedence than the binary  $+$  operator. The precedence of an operator is established by the definition of its associated grammar production. For example, an additive-expression consists of a sequence of multiplicative-expressions separated by  $+$  or  $-$  operators, thus giving the  $+$  and  $-$  operators lower precedence than the  $*$ ,  $/$ , and  $\%$  operators.

The following table summarizes all operators in order of precedence from highest to lowest:

| Section              | Category                    | Operators   | Associativity |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------|
| <a href="#">7.5</a>  | Primary                     | <code>x.y f(x) a[x] x++ x-- new<br/>typeof checked unchecked</code> | Right to left |
| <a href="#">7.6</a>  | Unary                       | <code>+ - ! ~ ++x --x (T)x</code>                                   | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.7</a>  | Multiplicative              | <code>* / %</code>  | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.7</a>  | Additive                    | <code>+ -</code>  | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.8</a>  | Shift                       | <code>&lt;&lt; &gt;&gt;</code>                                      | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.9</a>  | Relational and type testing | <code>&lt; &gt; &lt;= &gt;= is as</code>                            | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.9</a>  | Equality                    | <code>== !=</code>  | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.10</a> | Logical AND                 | <code>&amp;</code>  | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.10</a> | Logical XOR                 | <code>^</code>  | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.10</a> | Logical OR                  | <code> </code>  | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.11</a> | Conditional AND             | <code>&amp;&amp;</code>   | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.11</a> | Conditional OR              | <code>  </code>   | Left to right |
| <a href="#">7.12</a> | Conditional                 | <code>? :</code>  | Right to left |
| <a href="#">7.13</a> | Assignment                  | <code>= *= /= %= += -= &lt;&lt;= &gt;&gt;=<br/>&amp;= ^=  =</code>  | Right to left |

When an operand occurs between two operators with the same precedence, the associativity of the operators controls the order in which the operations are performed:

Precedence and associativity can be controlled using parentheses. For example,  $x + y * z$  first multiplies  $y$  by  $z$  and then adds the result to  $x$ , but  $(x + y) * z$  first adds  $x$  and  $y$  and then multiplies the result by  $z$ .