

C Operators

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Recall

- Data Types
- Constants



Topic for today

C Operators



Arithmetic Operators

Assume variable **A** holds 10 and variable **B** holds 20 then:

| Operato | or Description | Example |
|---------|---|---------------------|
| + | Adds two operands | A + B will give 30 |
| - | Subtracts second operand from the first | A - B will give -10 |
| * | Multiplies both operands | A * B will give 200 |
| / | Divides numerator by de-numerator | B / A will give 2 |



Arithmetic Operators

Assume variable **A** holds 10 and variable **B** holds 20 then:

| Operator Description | | Example |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| % | Modulus Operator and remainder | B % A will give 0 |
| | of after an integer division | |
| ++ | Increments operator increases integer | A++ will give 11 |
| | value by one | |
| | Decrements operator decreases integer | A will give 9 |
| | value by one | |
| | | |

A++, post-increment, first using the current value of variable A in the expression, then increment A for use in the next statement.

++A, pre-increment, first increment value of A, then use the new value of A in the current expression.



Relational Operators

- ==
- <u>|</u>=
- >
- >=
- <
- <=



Relational Operators

Demo of Relational Operators relationOpDemo.c



Logical Operators

- Assume variable A holds 1 and variable B holds 0, then:
- &&→Logical AND operator.
 - If both the operands are non-zero, then condition becomes true. E.g. (A && B) is false.
- | → Logical OR Operator.
 - If any of the two operands is non-zero, then condition becomes true. E.g. (A | B) is true.



Logical Operators

- Assume variable A holds 1 and variable B holds 0, then:
- ! → Logical NOT Operator.
 - Use to reverses the logical state of its operand.
 - If a condition is true then Logical NOT operator
 will make false.
 !(A && B) is true.



- &
- Binary AND Operator copies a 1-bit to the result if it exists in **both** operands.
- E.g.

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- Assume if A = 60; and B = 13;
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A = 0011 1100 \rightarrow in 2's complement

B = 0000 1101

 $A\&B = 0000 \ 1100$, which is 12_{10}



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- Binary OR Operator copies a 1-bit to the result if it exists in either operands.
- E.g.

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- Assume if A = 60; and B = 13;
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A = 0011 1100 \rightarrow in 2's complement

B = 0000 1101

 $A \mid B = 0011 \ 1101$, which is 61_{10}



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- Binary XOR Operator copies the 1-bit if it is set in one operand but **not both**.
- E.g.

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- Assume if A = 60; and B = 13;
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A = 0011 1100 \rightarrow in 2's complement

B = 0000 1101

 $A^B = 0011\ 0001$, which is 49_{10}



- ~
- Binary NOT Operator has the effect of 'flipping' bits. (Unary operator)
- E.g.
 - Assume if A = 60;
 - -A = 0011 1100 \rightarrow in 2's complement
 - $^{\sim}$ A = 1100 0011, which is -61₁₀



- <<
- Binary Left Shift Operator. The left operands value is moved left by the number of bits specified by the right operand.
- E.g.
 - Assume if A = 30;

A = 0001,1110 \rightarrow in 2's complement

A<<2 = 01111000, which is 120_{10}



- <<
- If you shift left on an unsigned int by K bits, this is equivalent to multiplying by 2^K.
- Why?
- Thinking about changes in the contribution of each bit after the shift.



- >>
- Binary Right Shift Operator. The left operands value is moved right by the number of bits specified by the right operand.
- E.g.
 - Assume if A = 60;

A = 0011 1100 \rightarrow in 2's complement

A>>2 = 0000 1111, which is 15_{10}



- >>
- When shifting to the right for unsigned int, bits fall off the least significant end, and 0's are shifted in from the most significant end. This is also known as logical right shift.
 - equivalent to dividing by 2^{K} .
- However, with signed int, the story is different.
 - What right shifting does depends on the compiler.



- Note that
- a << 2 will not change value of a,
 - instead we should use a = a << 2;
- The same is with a >> 2;



Assignment Operators

Same as in Java

Bitwise Assignment in C



Other Operators

- sizeof()
 - Returns the size of an variable or a type.
- &
 - Get the address of a variable, E.g (&age)
- *
 - dereference a pointer variable,
 - int *p, (assume p is of type int *)
 - *p retrieves the value at the memory location that
 p points to (i.e. p holds a mem address)



Operator Precedence

- Operator precedence determines the grouping of terms in an expression.
- This affects how an expression is evaluated.
 - Which term is first evaluated, which is next?
 - E.g. x = y = z = 3; → x = (y = (z = 3)); → value of the whole expression is 3.
 - How about this?
 - a = 2;
 - c = a ++ + 1; $\rightarrow c = (a++) + 1$
 - d = ++a + 1;



| Category | Operator | Associativity | start something b i |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Postfix | () [] -> . | Left to right | |
| Unary | +-!~++(type)* & sizeof | Right to left | |
| Multiplicative | * / % | Left to right | |
| Additive | +- | Left to right | |
| Shift | << >> | Left to right | |
| Relational | <<=>>= | Left to right | |
| Equality | == != | Left to right | |
| Bitwise AND | & | Left to right | |
| Bitwise XOR | Λ | Left to right | |
| Bitwise OR | 1 | Left to right | |
| Logical AND | && | Left to right | |
| Logical OR | II | Left to right | |
| Conditional | ?: | Right to left | |
| Assignment | = += -= *= /= %=>>= <<= &= ^= = | Right to left | |
| Comma | , | Left to right | |

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Operator Precedence

- Associativity defines the order of evaluating a expression when operators have a same precedence.
- E.g.
 int a = 2;
 int b= 3;
 int c = a ++ + ++ b;
 int d = sizeof + ++a;
 c? =6
 d? =4



Operator Precedence

- Associativity defines the order of evaluating a expression when operators have a same precedence.
- It does NOT hurt to use parens to change precedence in your expected way when you are not sure.



Summary

- Operators
- Bitwise Operators
- Operator Precedence