

# Unit-3

# Operators and Expressions

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# 1. Operators, Operands, Operation, Expression

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## ❖ **Operator**

- An operator is a symbol that performs a specific operation on one or more operands.
- Example: +, -, \*, /, =.
- In the expression  $a + b$ , + is the operator.

## ❖ **Operand**

- An operand is the data or variable on which the operator acts.
- Example: In  $a + b$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are operands.

## ❖ **Operation**

- An operation is the process performed by the operator on operands.
- Example: Addition in  $a + b$ .

## ❖ **Expression**

- An expression is a combination of operators and operands that computes a value.
- Example:  $a + b - c$  is an expression.

## 2. Types of Operators

# 1. Unary Operators

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**Definition: Operate on a single operand.**

Examples:

- ❖ Unary minus: `-a` (negates the value of `a`).
- ❖ Increment: `++a` (pre-increment), `a++` (post-increment).
- ❖ Decrement: `--a`, `a--`.
- ❖ Logical NOT: `!a` (negates a Boolean value).]
- ❖ Use Cases: Toggle values, adjust counters in loops

Example:

```
int a = 5;  
printf("%d", -a); // Output: -5
```

## 2. Binary Operators

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Operate on two operands.

Types:

### ❖ Arithmetic Operators:

- Addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (\*), division (/), modulus (%).
- Example:
- `int a = 10, b = 3;`
- `printf("%d", a % b); // Output: 1`

## ❖ Relational Operators:

➤ Compare two values and return a Boolean.

➤ Examples: >, <, >=, <=, ==, !=.

```
int a = 5, b = 10;
```

```
printf("%d", a < b); // Output: 1 (true)
```

## ❖ Logical Operators:

➤ Combine multiple conditions.

➤ Examples: && (AND), || (OR).

```
int a = 5, b = 10;
```

```
printf("%d", (a < b) && (b > 0)); // Output: 1
```

## ❖ Bitwise Operators:

➤ Work at the bit level.

➤ Examples: &, |, ^, ~, <<, >>.

```
int a = 5; // Binary: 0101
```

```
int b = 3; // Binary: 0011
```

```
printf("%d", a & b); // Output: 1 (Binary: 0001)
```

# 3. Ternary Operator

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- ❖ A conditional operator that chooses between two values based on a condition.
- ❖ Syntax: `condition ? value_if_true : value_if_false.`
- ❖ Example:

```
int a = 5, b = 10;
```

```
int max = (a > b) ? a : b;
```

```
printf("%d", max); // Output: 10
```

## 4. Assignment Operators

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- ❖ Used to assign or update values.
- ❖ Examples:
  - `=`: Assigns a value.
  - `+=`, `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, `%=`: Shorthand for updating a variable.
- ❖ Code Example:

```
int a = 10;
```

```
a += 5; // Equivalent to a = a + 5
```

```
printf("%d", a); // Output: 15
```



# 5. Increment/Decrement Operators

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- ❖ Pre-increment/Pre-decrement: Value changes before use (`++a`, `--a`).
- ❖ Post-increment/Post-decrement: Value changes after use (`a++`, `a--`).

❖ Example:

```
int a = 5;  
printf("%d", a++); // Output: 5  
printf("%d", a);   // Output: 6
```

## 6. Conditional Operator

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- ❖ Simplifies if-else statements.
- ❖ Syntax: `condition ? value_if_true : value_if_false.`
- ❖ Example:

```
int age = 18;
```

```
printf("%s", (age >= 18) ? "Adult" : "Minor");
```

# 7. Bitwise Operators

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- ❖ Work on the binary representation of numbers.

- ❖ Examples:

AND (&), OR (|), XOR (^), NOT (~).

Left shift (<<), right shift (>>).

- ❖ Example:

```
int a = 5; // Binary: 0101
```

```
printf("%d", a << 1); // Output: 10 (Binary: 1010)
```

## 8. Sizeof Operator

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- ❖ Determines the size of a data type or variable in bytes.

- ❖ Example:

```
printf("%lu", sizeof(int)); // Output: 4 (typically, but  
may vary by system)
```



C operators.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int a = 10, b = 5, result;

    // Arithmetic operators
    result = a + b;
    printf("Addition: %d\n", result);

    // Relational operator
    printf("Is a greater than b? %d\n", a > b);

    // Logical operator
    printf("Is a > 0 AND b > 0? %d\n", (a > 0) && (b > 0));

    // Assignment operator
    a += 5; // a = a + 5
    printf("New value of a: %d\n", a);

    // Increment and decrement
    printf("Post-increment of a: %d\n", a++); // Outputs original value
    printf("Pre-increment of a: %d\n", ++a); // Outputs incremented value

    // Conditional operator
    int max = (a > b) ? a : b;
    printf("Maximum value: %d\n", max);

    return 0;
}
```

## Output:

Addition: 15

Is a greater than b? 1

Is a > 0 AND b > 0? 1

New value of a: 15

Post-increment of a: 15

Pre-increment of a: 17

Maximum value: 17