

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

When an operand occurs between two operators with the same precedence, the associativity of the operator's 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`.