



The C# Language



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Take a look around Visual Studio



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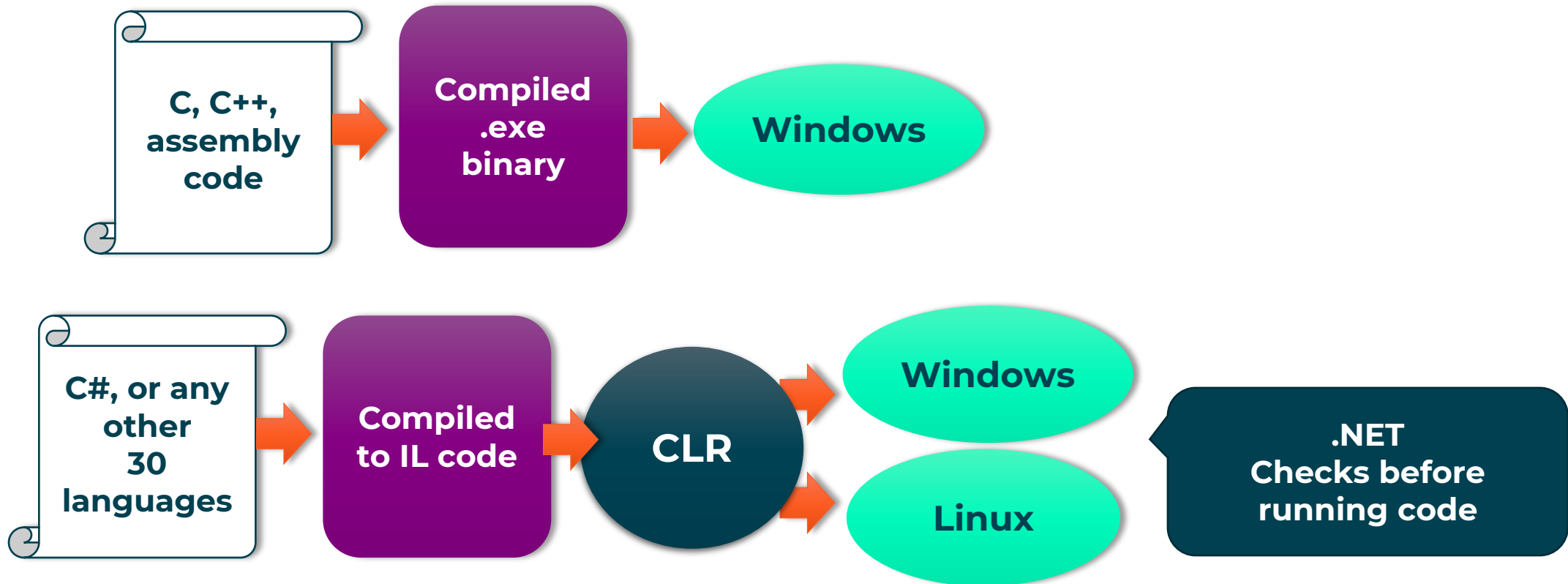
Your first application

What is the .NET framework?

- Developed in the late 1990s, and originally called **Next Generation Windows Services** (NGWS).
 - By 2001 the first beta versions of .NET 1.0 were released.
- .NET supports many languages (e.g. C#, F#, Visual Basic, and dozens more)
- Compiled to Common Intermediate Language (**CIL**)
- **CIL** code is compiled for the target OS before running
- .NET introduced the idea of *managed code*.
- Code is managed and executed by the Common Language Runtime (**CLR**)
- But what is managed code?

What is managed code?

- Before .NET, there was no way of knowing what the compiled binary code would do inside the Windows OS
- The code was compiled for Windows OS only





C# Language basics



Namespaces - Used to group types and avoid naming conflicts

```
namespace QA.hr
{
    public class Timesheet
    {
        // code
    }
}
```

```
namespace QA.apprentice
{
    public class Timesheet
    {
        // code
    }
}
```

```
namespace RA
{
    class Rsosang
    {
        void Nain()
        {
            RA hs Tinshet t, nex RA hs Tinshet
            RA arsinhet Tinshet t, nex RA arsinhet Tinshet
        }
    }
}
```

The using statement

```
using RA ăřrsênțîçê
```

```
ăņêșřăçê RA
```

```
řučlîç çlășș Rsôğsăņ
```

```
șțățîç wôîđ Năîņ șțsîņđ ășğș
```

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```

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File-scoped namespaces (C# 10+)

```
using RÃ rsenÃiÃe
```

```
namespace RÃ
```

```
public class RsÃsÃn
```

```
    static void NÃn stsing    Ãs
```

```
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        RÃ hs TÃnshÃt t,    Ãx RÃ hs TÃnshÃt
```

RÃ rsenÃiÃe TÃnshÃt

Variables (Symbolic name for an address in memory)

- Must be declared with a type before use
- Variables in a method must be initialised before use

```
public void Main(string[] args)
{
    int myAge;
    bool answer = true;
    string myName = "Samantha";
    int i = 0, j;

    myAge = 21;
    Console.WriteLine(i); ✓
    Console.WriteLine(j); ✗ // not initialised
}
```

Pre-defined in-built primitive data types

<code>byte</code>	<code>eightBit;</code>
<code>short</code>	<code>sixteenBit;</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>thirtyTwoBit;</code>
<code>long</code>	<code>sixtyFourBit;</code>

<code>float</code>	7 digits of precision
<code>double</code>	16 digits of precision
<code>decimal</code>	128-bit floating-point number with a higher precision

```
char    initial;    // Unicode character (16 bits)
bool     isActive;   // can be set to true/false

initial = 'M';
isActive = true;
```

Standard mathematical operators

```
int x = 4;  
x = x + 5;           // x is 9  
  
double d = 9.0;  
d = d / 2;           // d is 4.5  
  
int y = ( x % 3 );   // y is 1
```

```
int x = 9;  
x = x / 2;           // x is 4!  
  
double d = 9.0;  
d = d / 2;           // d is 4.5
```

+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
%	modulus division

Compound operators

- Each mathematical operator can be combined with “=”

```
int x = 4, y = 6;  
x = x + y;           // x = 10
```

```
// Can be written as  
x += y;
```

```
int x = 8;  
x *= 2;              // x = 16
```

```
int x = 8;  
Console.WriteLine(x % 5); // displays 3 but x = 8  
  
x %= 5;               // x = 3
```

Pre & post-fix ++ and -- operators

```
int x = 0;  
x++;           // x = 1  
++x;          // x = 2
```

```
int x = 0;  
int y = ++x;   // x=1, y=1
```

```
int x = 0;  
int y = x++;   // x=1, y=0
```

```
int x = 1;  
Console.WriteLine(x++); // displays 1 and then x=2  
Console.WriteLine(x);   // displays 2
```

Casting – implicit casting

```
int x = 4;
```

```
long no = x;
```



```
double d = x;
```

```
char c = 'A';
```



```
int x = c;
```

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Casting - Explicitly cast any numeric type to another type

```
double d = 4.5;  
int x = d; ❌
```

```
double d = 4.5;  
int x = (int) d;
```

```
long lng = 5;  
int x = lng; ❌
```

```
long lng = 5;  
int x = (int) lng;
```

```
float f = 4.5; ❌
```

```
float f = (float) 4.5;  
f = 6.75f;
```

```
bool b = 1; ❌
```

```
bool b = true;
```

Casting strings using the Parse and TryParse methods

```
string no = "123";  
int x = (int)no;
```

```
string no = "123.45";  
double d = (double)no;
```



```
int x = int.Parse(no);  
  
double d = double.Parse(no);  
  
float f = float.Parse(no);
```



```
using System; Console.WriteLine  
int n
```

```
if (int.TryParse(n, out i))  
    Console.WriteLine(i);
```

If the cast is valid



Conditionals



Introducing 'if'

```
int age = GetAge();  
  
if ( age > 18 )  
{  
    // code for when over 18 years old  
}
```

```
int age = GetAge();  
  
if ( age < 18 )  
{  
    // code for when under 18 years old  
}  
else  
{  
    // code for when 18 or over  
}
```

>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
==	equal to
!=	not equal to

Introducing 'else if'

```
int mark; . . .  
  
if ( mark > 80 )  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Distinction");  
}  
else if( mark > 70 )  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Merit");  
}  
else if( mark > 60 )  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Pass");  
}  
else  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Try again!");  
}
```

'if' must come first

as many 'else if'(s) as needed

'else'
(if needed) comes last

The ternary conditional operator (? :)

- Produces less code for simple if statements resulting in a value
- These two examples produce the same result.

```
double salary = GetSalary();  
double rate = (salary < 21000) ? 0.2 : 0.4;
```

```
double salary = GetSalary();  
if(salary < 21000)  
{  
    rate = 0.2;  
}  
else  
{  
    rate = 0.4;  
}
```

Logical operators AND and OR

```
int var1 = 4, var2 = 2, var3 = 0;
if ((var1 > var2) && (var3 == 0))
{
    Console.WriteLine( "will we see this?" );
}
```

A

&&

AND

||

OR

!

NOT

```
int var1 = 4, var2 = 6, var3 = 0;
if ((var1 > var2) || (var3 == 0))
{
    Console.WriteLine( "will we see this?" );
}
```

B

```
int var1 = 1, var2 = 2, var3 = 3;
if ((var1 == 1) || (var2 == 2) && (var3 == 1))
{
    Console.WriteLine( "will we see this?" );
}
```

C

The switch statement

- Tests an integer, enum, char or String
- Statements may be in any order
- Often elegant alternative to if...else if... else
- Each case part must have a break

```
int no = 1, res;  
  
switch ( no )  
{  
    case 0:  
        res = 23;  
        break;  
  
    case 2:  
        res = 8;  
        break;  
  
    case 1: case 2:  
        res = 51;  
        break;  
  
    default:  
        res = -1;  
        break;  
}
```



Methods



Example of a method with **no parameters and no return value**

```
public class Program
{
    public static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        UpdateAllSalaries();
    }

    private static void UpdateAllSalaries()
    {
        // Code to update all salaries
    }
}
```

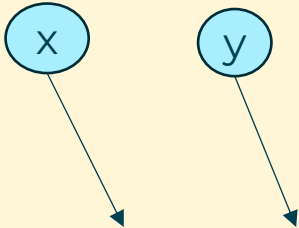
The caller just calls the method and let it do its work!

Example of a **void** method with two parameters

```
public class Program
{
    public static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        int x = 1, y = 2;

        Add(x, y);
        Add(3, 7);
    }

    private static void Add(int a, int b)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(a + b);
    }
}
```

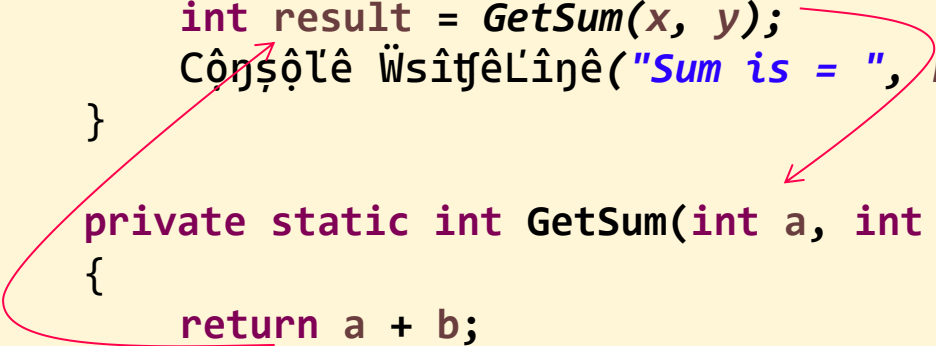


The diagram illustrates the parameter passing mechanism. Two light blue circles, labeled 'x' and 'y', are positioned above the `Add` method. Arrows point from these circles to the parameters `a` and `b` in the `Add(int a, int b)` signature, indicating that the values of `x` and `y` are passed to the method's parameters.

Example of method returning a value

```
public class Program
{
    public static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        int x = 1, y = 2;
        int result = GetSum(x, y);
        Console.WriteLine("Sum is = ", result);
    }

    private static int GetSum(int a, int b)
    {
        return a + b;
    }
}
```

A red curved arrow originates from the 'return a + b;' statement in the GetSum method and points to the 'int result = GetSum(x, y);' line in the Main method, illustrating the flow of the returned value.

A method can only return one thing
The caller decides what to do with the returned value

Method overloading

Same name
different parameters

```
public class Program
{
    public static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        double result1 = GetTax(2000);
        Console.WriteLine(result1);

        double result2 = GetTax(2000, 0.4);
        Console.WriteLine(result2);
    }

    private static double GetTax(double salary)
    {
        return salary * 0.25;
    }

    private static double GetTax(double salary, double rate)
    {
        return salary * rate;
    }
}
```

500

800



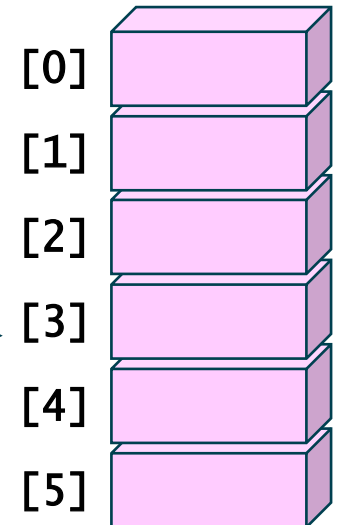
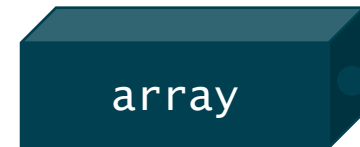
Arrays and Loops



WHAT IS AN ARRAY?

- **An array can store a collection of variables all of the same type**
 - Each array element can hold a single item (value/reference type)
 - Array elements are accessed by index number, e.g. `names[3]`
- **Arrays are objects**
 - Must be created before they can be used
 - An array variable (of any type) is a reference type

*An array of
six values*



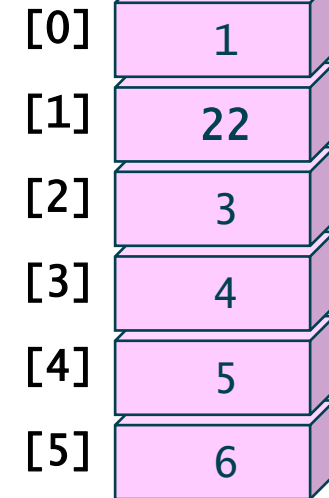
Introduction to arrays

- You can change array elements
- Appending, inserting and removing elements is hard

```
int[] numbers = {1,2,3,4,5};  
  
numbers[1] = 22;  
  
Console.WriteLine(numbers[2]);
```

22

numbers



Create an empty array

```
int[] numbers = new int[5];
```

0
0
0
0
0

Initialised to
default values
for int

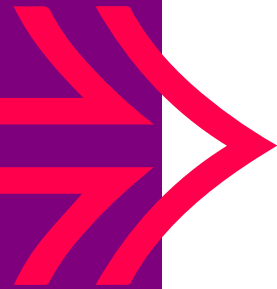
```
string[] names = new string[5];
```

null
null
null
null
null

Initialised to
default values
for String

LOOPS

- **Objectives**
 - To cover C#'s looping constructs



Iteration using while and for statements

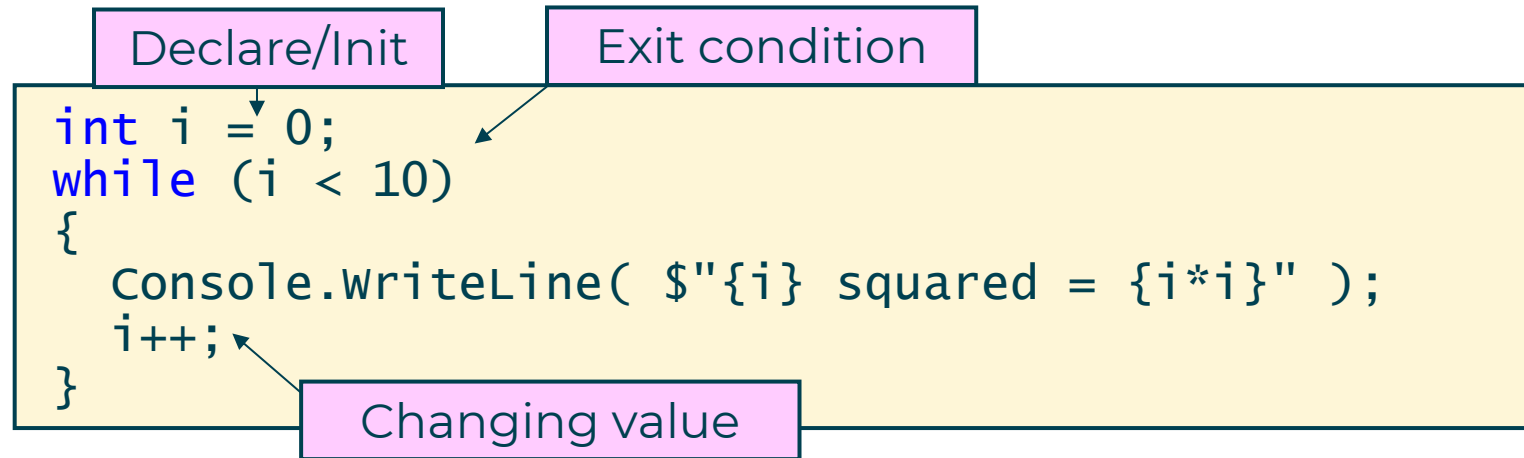
```
while ( boolean_expression )  
{  
    statement(s);  
}
```

```
do  
{  
    statement(s);  
} while ( boolean_expression );
```

```
for ( init_expr; boolean_expr; update_expr )  
{  
    statement(s);  
}
```

We'll see iteration using foreach loops later

Iteration using while loops



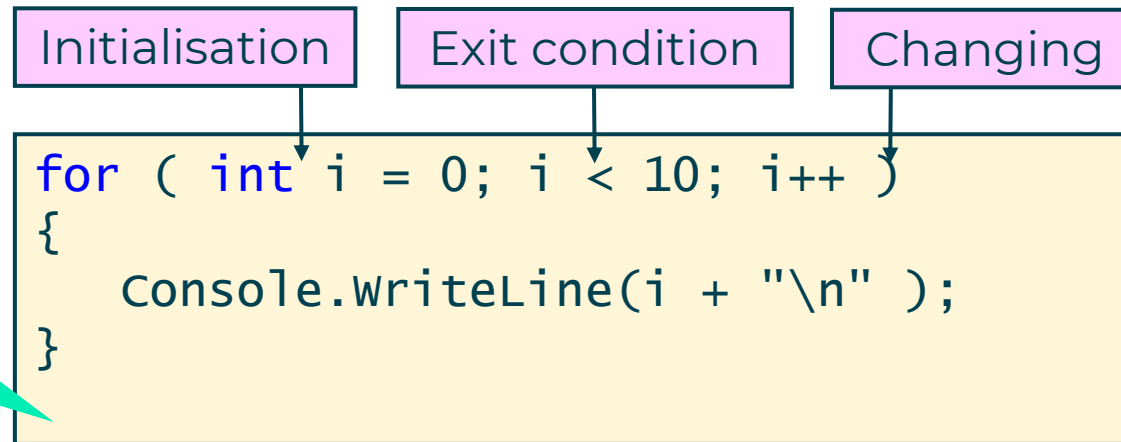
- or put the test condition at the end of the loop

```
int i = 0;
do
{
    Console.WriteLine( $"{i} squared = {i*i}" );
    i++;
} while (i < 10);
```

The for loop

Initialisation can include a declaration

- Declared variable is in scope only inside the loop



Initialisation, exit condition, and update are a list of ';' separated expressions

```
for( int i = 0, j = 10; i < j; i++, j-- )  
{  
    Console.WriteLine( i * j + "\n");  
}
```

Using break to exit any loop

```
double money = 50;           // £ pounds

for (int years = 1; money < 1000; years++)
{
    money += 100;

    Console.WriteLine($"Year {years}:\t {money}");

    double tax = money * 0.40;

    if (tax > 100)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Tax is > 100");
        break;
    }
}
```

Break out of the current loop

Year 1: 150
Year 2: 250
Year 3: 350
Tax is > 100

continue

```
for ( ; ; )  
{  
    ...  
    ...  
    continue;  
    ...  
}  
...
```

```
for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )  
{  
    if ( i % 4 == 0 )  
    {  
        // few statements  
        continue;  
    }  
    // many statements  
}
```

```
for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ )  
{  
    if ( i % 4 == 0 )  
    {  
        // few statements  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        // many statements  
    }  
    // no code here!!  
}
```

Equivalent

foreach loop - iterates over a collection or an array

```
public void ProcessNames( string[] names )  
{  
    foreach (string name in names )  
    {  
        Console.WriteLine( name );  
    }  
}
```

Read as: foreach String
'name' in the 'names'
collection

```
string[] names = { "Bob", "Sasha" };  
  
foreach(string name in names)  
{  
    name += "x";  
}
```

Compile time error

The elements are
considered
read-only



In this chapter we reviewed

Creating variables

Selection statements

if, else, else if and switch

Creating and using methods

Iteration statements

while, do while, for and foreach loops

LAB



Practice the basics of the C# language



Duration 1.5 hours

Operator Precedence

Order	Operators	Comments
1	() . f(x) [] x++ x- new	Primary
2	+ - ! ~ ++x --x (T)x	Unary
3	* / %	Multiplicative
4	+ -	Additive
5	<< >>	Bit Shift
6	< > <= >= instanceof	Relational
7	== !=	Equality
8	&	Bitwise AND
9	^	Bitwise exclusive OR
10		Bitwise inclusive OR
11	&&	Logical AND
12	 	Logical OR
13	?:	Conditional
14	= op=	Assignment

```
vehicle v = ...;  
((Car)v).OpenSunRoof();
```

Much more later ..

```
int p = x + (y * z);  
int q = (x + y) * z;  
bool b1, b2, b3;  
if (b1 && b2 || b3) {  
    //does this if b3 true  
    //b1 and/or b2 might be  
}
```

```
while((b = GetNextByte()) != -1) {...}
```