Logical and bitwise operators are both used to perform different operations in programming, but they operate at different levels and have different use cases.

### 1. \*\*Logical Operators:\*\*

Logical operators are used to perform operations on boolean values, i.e., `true` or `false`. The common logical operators are `AND` (`&&`), `OR` (`||`), and `NOT` (`!`). They are used to evaluate boolean expressions, typically in control structures like `if` statements, `while` loops, etc.

- \*\*AND (`&&`)\*\*: Returns `true` if both operands are true.

- \*\*OR (`||`)\*\*: Returns `true` if at least one operand is true.

- \*\*NOT (`!`)\*\*: Returns `true` if the operand is false, and `false` if the operand is true.

Example:

```c

bool a = true;

bool b = false;

bool c = a && b; // c will be false

bool d = a || b; // d will be true

bool e = !a; // e will be false

```

### 2. \*\*Bitwise Operators:\*\*

Bitwise operators perform operations at the bit level. The common bitwise operators are `AND` (`&`), `OR` (`|`), `XOR` (`^`), `NOT` (`~`), Left Shift (`<<`), and Right Shift (`>>`).

- \*\*AND (`&`)\*\*: Performs a binary AND operation between corresponding bits of the operands.

- \*\*OR (`|`)\*\*: Performs a binary OR operation between corresponding bits of the operands.

- \*\*XOR (`^`)\*\*: Performs a binary XOR operation between corresponding bits of the operands.

- \*\*NOT (`~`)\*\*: Performs a binary NOT operation on each bit of the operand.

- \*\*Left Shift (`<<`)\*\*: Shifts all bits in a binary number to the left by a certain number of positions.

- \*\*Right Shift (`>>`)\*\*: Shifts all bits in a binary number to the right by a certain number of positions.

Example:

```c

int x = 12; // binary: 1100

int y = 7; // binary: 0111

int z = x & y; // binary: 0100, decimal: 4

int w = x | y; // binary: 1111, decimal: 15

int v = x ^ y; // binary: 1011, decimal: 11

int u = ~x; // binary: 0011, decimal: -13 (in two's complement form)

int s = x << 1; // binary: 11000, decimal: 24

int t = x >> 1; // binary: 0110, decimal: 6

```

### Comparison:

- \*\*Level of Operation:\*\*

- Logical operators operate at a higher, logical level and work with boolean values.

- Bitwise operators operate at a lower, binary level, performing operations on individual bits.

- \*\*Operands:\*\*

- Logical operators usually operate on boolean expressions or relational expressions that evaluate to boolean values.

- Bitwise operators operate on the binary representations of integers.

- \*\*Use Case:\*\*

- Logical operators are used primarily in conditional expressions to make decisions in the code.

- Bitwise operators are used when you need to perform operations at the bit level, such as manipulating flags, masks, and other low-level data structures.

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Bitwise operators perform operations at the bit level, which means they operate on the binary representation of numbers. Here's a bit more detail on each of the bitwise operators:

### 1. \*\*Bitwise AND (`&`):\*\*

- Operates on two equal-length sequences of bits.

- Returns a new sequence of bits where each bit is `1` if the corresponding bit in both input sequences is `1`, otherwise, it's `0`.

```c

1010 (10 in decimal)

& 1001 (9 in decimal)

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1000 (8 in decimal)

```

### 2. \*\*Bitwise OR (`|`):\*\*

- Returns a new sequence of bits where each bit is `1` if the corresponding bit in at least one of the input sequences is `1`.

```c

1010 (10 in decimal)

| 1001 (9 in decimal)

------

1011 (11 in decimal)

```

### 3. \*\*Bitwise XOR (`^`):\*\*

- Returns a new sequence of bits where each bit is `1` if the corresponding bits in the input sequences are different.

```c

1010 (10 in decimal)

^ 1001 (9 in decimal)

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0011 (3 in decimal)

```

### 4. \*\*Bitwise NOT (`~`):\*\*

- Operates on a single sequence of bits and inverts each bit (changes `1`s to `0`s and `0`s to `1`s).

- Note that the result is in two's complement form due to the way negative numbers are represented in binary.

```c

~1010 (10 in decimal)

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0101 (-11 in decimal, in two's complement form)

```

### 5. \*\*Left Shift (`<<`):\*\*

- Shifts all the bits in a binary number to the left by a specified number of positions.

- The empty positions on the right are filled with zeros.

```c

1010 (10 in decimal) << 1

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10100 (20 in decimal)

```

### 6. \*\*Right Shift (`>>`):\*\*

- Shifts all the bits in a binary number to the right by a specified number of positions.

- The behavior for filling the empty positions on the left depends on the type of the number (signed or unsigned).

```c

1010 (10 in decimal) >> 1

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0101 (5 in decimal)

```

### Practical Applications of Bitwise Operators:

1. \*\*Efficiency:\*\*

- Bitwise operations are very fast and can be more efficient than arithmetic operations.

- They are often used in systems programming, graphics, cryptography, and network programming where performance is critical.

2. \*\*Flags and Bit Masks:\*\*

- Bitwise operators are often used to manipulate flags, where each bit in a number represents a different boolean value or state.

- For example, using bitwise OR to set a specific bit, bitwise AND to check the state of a specific bit, and bitwise XOR to toggle a specific bit.

3. \*\*Data Compression and Encryption:\*\*

- Bitwise operators are fundamental in algorithms related to data compression and encryption due to their ability to manipulate individual bits.

4. \*\*Graphics and Image Processing:\*\*

- Bitwise operators are used in graphics programming and image processing for manipulating pixel data, color blending, masking, etc.

### Example: Manipulating Flags using Bitwise Operators

In this example, let’s say we have a byte, where each bit represents a different flag or feature that can be either on (`1`) or off (`0`).

```c

#include <stdio.h>

int main() {

unsigned char features = 0b00000000; // All features off

// Feature positions

unsigned char FEATURE\_A = 0b00000001; // 1 << 0

unsigned char FEATURE\_B = 0b00000010; // 1 << 1

unsigned char FEATURE\_C = 0b00000100; // 1 << 2

// Enabling FEATURE\_A and FEATURE\_C

features = features | FEATURE\_A | FEATURE\_C;

// Checking if FEATURE\_B is enabled

if(features & FEATURE\_B)

printf("Feature B is enabled\n");

else

printf("Feature B is disabled\n");

// Disabling FEATURE\_A

features = features & ~FEATURE\_A;

return 0;

}

```

In this example, bitwise OR (`|`) is used to enable specific features, bitwise AND (`&`) is used to check if a specific feature is enabled, and a combination of bitwise NOT (`~`) and AND (`&`) is used to disable a specific feature.