

## Operator Precedence and Associativity in Python Expressions

The following table lists the operators in decreasing order of precedence with their associativity.

S. No.	Operator	Description	Associativity
1	{key: expr,}	Creating Dictionary	NA
2	{expr,}	Set Creation	NA
3	[expr,]	List Creation	NA
4	(expr,)	Tuple Creation or Just Parenthesis	NA
5	f(expr,)	Function Call	Left to Right
6	x[index: index]	Slicing	Left to Right
7	x[index]	Indexing	Left to Right
8	x.attr	Attribute Reference	Left to Right
9	x ** y	Exponentiation (y raised to power x)	Right to Left
10	~x	Bitwise NOT	NA
11	+x, -x	Unary Plus and Minus	NA
12	x*y, x/y, x//y, x%y	Multiplication, Division, Truncating Division and Remainder	Left to Right
13	x+y, x-y	Addition and Subtraction	Left to Right
14	x< <y, x="">&gt;y</y,>	Left Shift and Right Shift	Left to Right
15	x&y	Bitwise AND	Left to Right
16	<i>x</i> ^ <i>y</i>	Bitwise XOR	Left to Right
17	x y	Bitwise OR	Left to Right
18	x <y, x="" x<="y,">y, x&gt;=y, x==y, x!=y, x&lt;&gt;y(v2 Only)</y,>	Comparisons (less than, less than or equal, greater than, greater than or equal, equality, inequality.	NA
19	x is $y$ , $x$ is not $y$	Identity Tests	NA
20	x in $y$ , $x$ not in $y$	Membership Tests	NA
21	not x	Boolean NOT	NA
22	x and $y$	Boolean AND	Left to Right
23	x or y	Boolean OR	Left to Right
24	x if expr else y	Ternary Operator	NA
25	lambda <i>arg</i> , …: <i>expr</i>	Anonymous Simple Function	NA
26	yield x	Generator Function Send Protocol	NA

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## Version Differences

Some notes about version differences related to operators mentioned above.

- 1. In Python 2.X, value inequality can be written as either X != Y or X <> Y. In Python 3.X, the latter of these options is removed because it is redundant. In either version, best practice is to use X != Y for all value inequality tests.
- 2. In Python 2.X, a backquotes expression `X` works the same as repr(X) and converts objects to display strings. Due to its obscurity, this expression is removed in Python 3.X; use the more readable str and repr built-in functions, described in "Numeric Display Formats."
- 3. The X // Y floor division expression always truncates fractional remainders in both Python 2.X and 3.X. The X / Y expression performs true division in 3.X (retaining remainders) and classic division in 2.X (truncating for integers).
- 4. The syntax [...] is used for both list literals and list comprehension expressions. The latter of these performs an implied loop and collects expression results in a new list.
- 5. The syntax (...) is used for tuples and expression grouping, as well as generator expressions—a form of list comprehension that produces results on demand, instead of building a result list. The parentheses may sometimes be omitted in all three contexts.
- 6. The syntax {...} is used for dictionary literals, and in Python 3.X and 2.7 for set literals and both dictionary and set comprehensions.
- 7. The yield and ternary if/else selection expressions are available in Python 2.5 and later. The former returns send(...) arguments in generators; the latter is shorthand for a multiline if statement. yield requires parentheses if not alone on the right side of an assignment statement.
- 8. Comparison operators may be chained: X < Y < Z produces the same result as X < Y and Y < Z.
- 9. In recent Pythons, the slice expression X[I:J:K] is equivalent to indexing with a slice object: X[slice(I, J, K)].
- 10. In Python 2.X, magnitude comparisons of mixed types are allowed, and convert numbers to a common type, and order other mixed types according to type names. In Python 3.X, nonnumeric mixed-type magnitude comparisons are not allowed and raise exceptions; this includes sorts by proxy.
- 11. Magnitude comparisons for dictionaries are also no longer supported in Python 3.X (though equality tests are); comparing sorted(aDict.items()) is one possible replacement.

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