



Diploma in

# Computer Science



Operators





## Lesson 7 Challenge Feedback

Challenge:

Ask for input from the user and perform  
a calculation.

Then display the result to the user.

- To accept input from the user, use the scanf function.
- Perform any calculation of your choice using the variable that held the input obtained from the user.
- Then use the printf function to display the output.



Define operators <

Explore increment and decrement operators in programs <

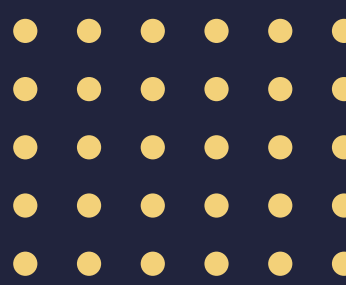
Use logic operators appropriately in code <

Discuss the various ways of assigning data to variables using operators <

## Objectives



**Arithmetic  
and logic  
operators**



# Addition and subtraction

+ operator for addition

– operator for subtraction

Result with variable stored on the  
left

```
total=2+3;
```

Example



# Incrementing and decrementing

Increase the value of a variable in steps when repeating content, like this:

```
a=a+1;
```

Example

```
a++;
```

Example

```
a--;
```

Example



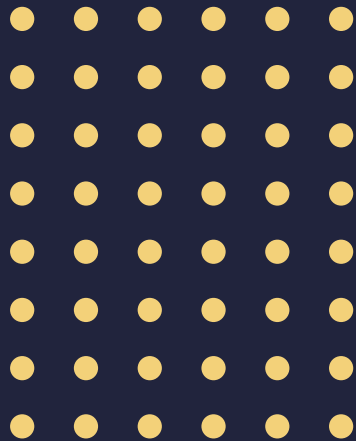
# Pre-increment: value of variable incremented before it is used

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a=0;
    while(++a < 10)
    {
        printf("%d ",a);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Example

Output

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



# Post-increment: variable first incremented

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a=0;
    while(a++ < 10)
    {
        printf("%d ",a);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Example

Output

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10





**Increment operators  
must be used with care  
to avoid unexpected  
code behaviour.**

# Multiplication



- Two ways: parentheses () or the asterisk \*
- With parentheses, specify the multiplication operation using an asterisk because brackets mean many things in C

```
a=a*b;
```

```
a=a*(b+c);
```

Example



# Division



- Use the forward slash
- Same BODMAS rule
- Result is typically not an integer
- Variable that stores results of a division operation declared as float
- Preserves the accuracy of the result



```
a=a/b;
```

Example



# Logical operators

Used to execute a block of code based on a condition or a set of conditions

Operators	Example
&& (logical AND)	<code>(a&gt;5)&amp;&amp;(b&lt;5)</code>
(logical OR)	<code>(a&gt;=10)   (b&gt;=10)</code>
! (logical NOT)	<code>!((a&gt;5)&amp;&amp;(b&lt;5))</code>



# Logical operators

Useful when you want to perform an operation that depends on more than one condition

Example: automatic plant watering





# Advanced operators




# Relational operators



Operator	Example
>	<code>a &gt; b</code>
<	<code>a &lt; b</code>
>=	<code>a &gt;= b</code>
<=	<code>a &lt;= b</code>
==	<code>a == b</code>
!=	<code>a != b</code>
>	<code>a &gt; b</code>



They allow us to test a variable against a certain condition to see if we can go ahead and execute a block of code.





# Assignment operators

## Two types of assignment operators

Simple assignment operators assign a value to a variable

Compound assignment operators combine assignment = with another regular operator

# Assignment operators



Operator	Example
=	a = 10;
+=	a += 10;
-=	a -= 10;
*=	a *= 10;
/=	a /= 10;.
%=	a %= 10;
^=	a ^= 10;



They work pretty much in the same way as you would solve mathematical problems on paper (except there is always an equal sign).



# Compound assignment operators

Compound assignment operators shorten your code to make it more readable and efficient.

```
x=x+5;
```

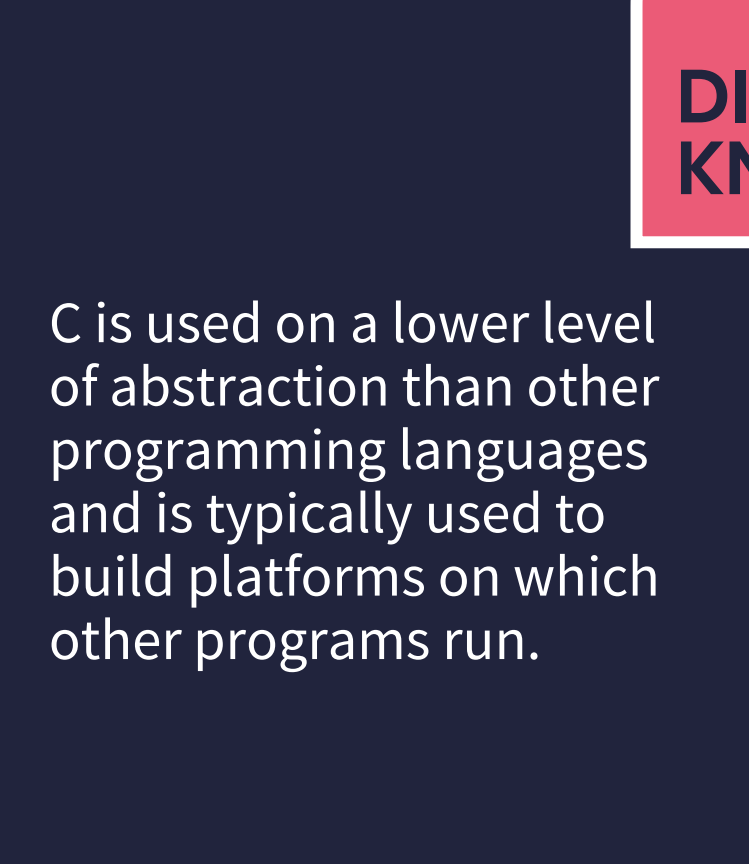
```
MOVE A (X)  
ADD A 5  
MOVE (X) A
```

```
x+=5;
```

```
ADD (X) 5
```

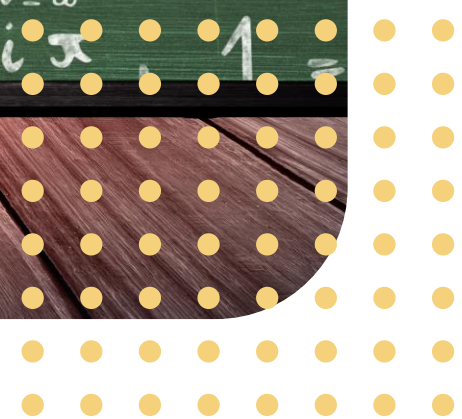


**DID YOU KNOW?**



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C is used on a lower level of abstraction than other programming languages and is typically used to build platforms on which other programs run.





# Special operators





# Special operators



Operator	Example
<b>&amp;</b>	<code>printf("%d",&amp;a);</code>
<b>*</b>	<code>* a, *</code>
<b>sizeof ()</b>	size of (int)



# Aha moment!

- To tell the computer to save the input to the address location specified in the statement:

```
Scanf("%d",&a);
```

Example

- In C, arguments always passed by value unless otherwise specified
- Variable 'a' is a copy of the actual variable
- Code snippet one entity at a time:  
**scanf integer and store at address a**



# *size of* operator

- Returns the size of the variable in question

```
printf("%d",sizeof(a));
```

Example

- Useful to dynamically allocate memory
- Allows you to get the size of the data type from the system at runtime and allocate the required space accordingly
- Can be used to calculate the number of array elements





# Operator precedence

BODMAS stands for:

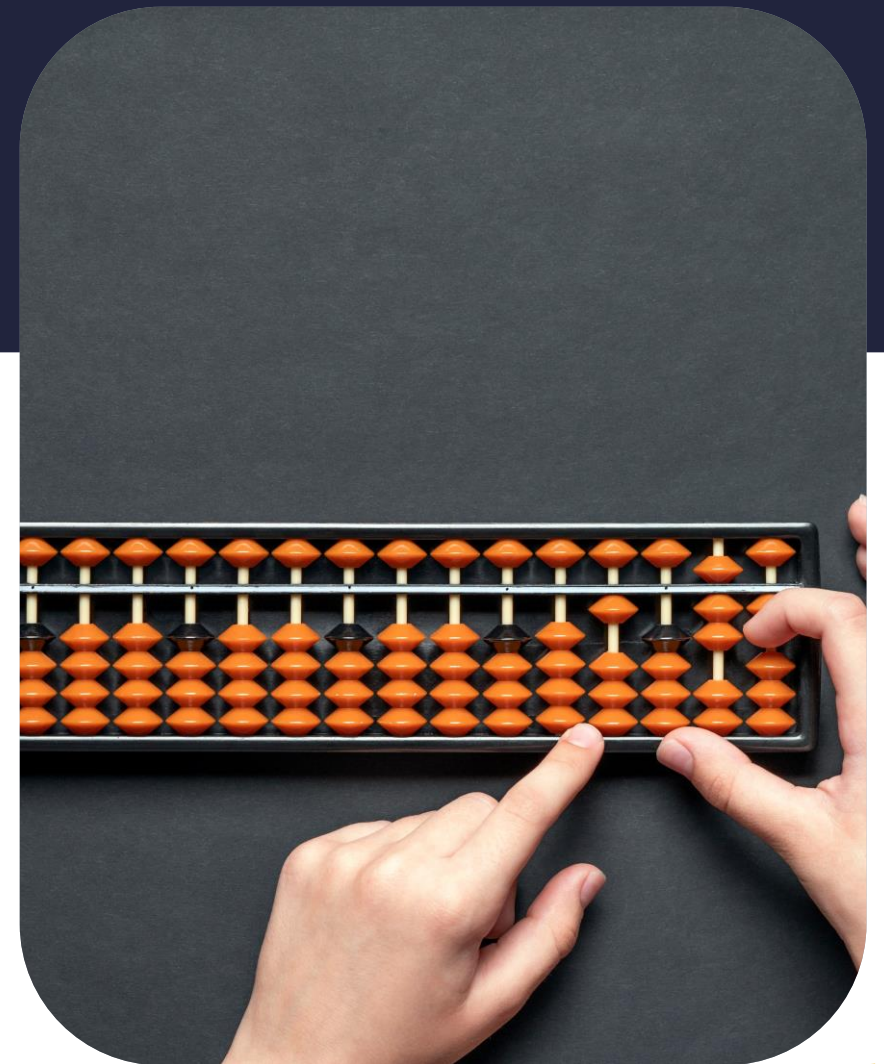
- Brackets
- Orders/Operations
- Division
- Multiplication
- Addition
- Subtraction

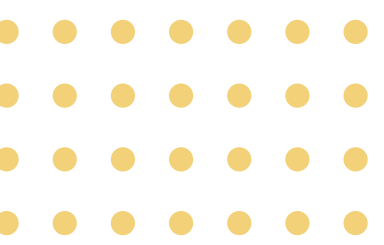
**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



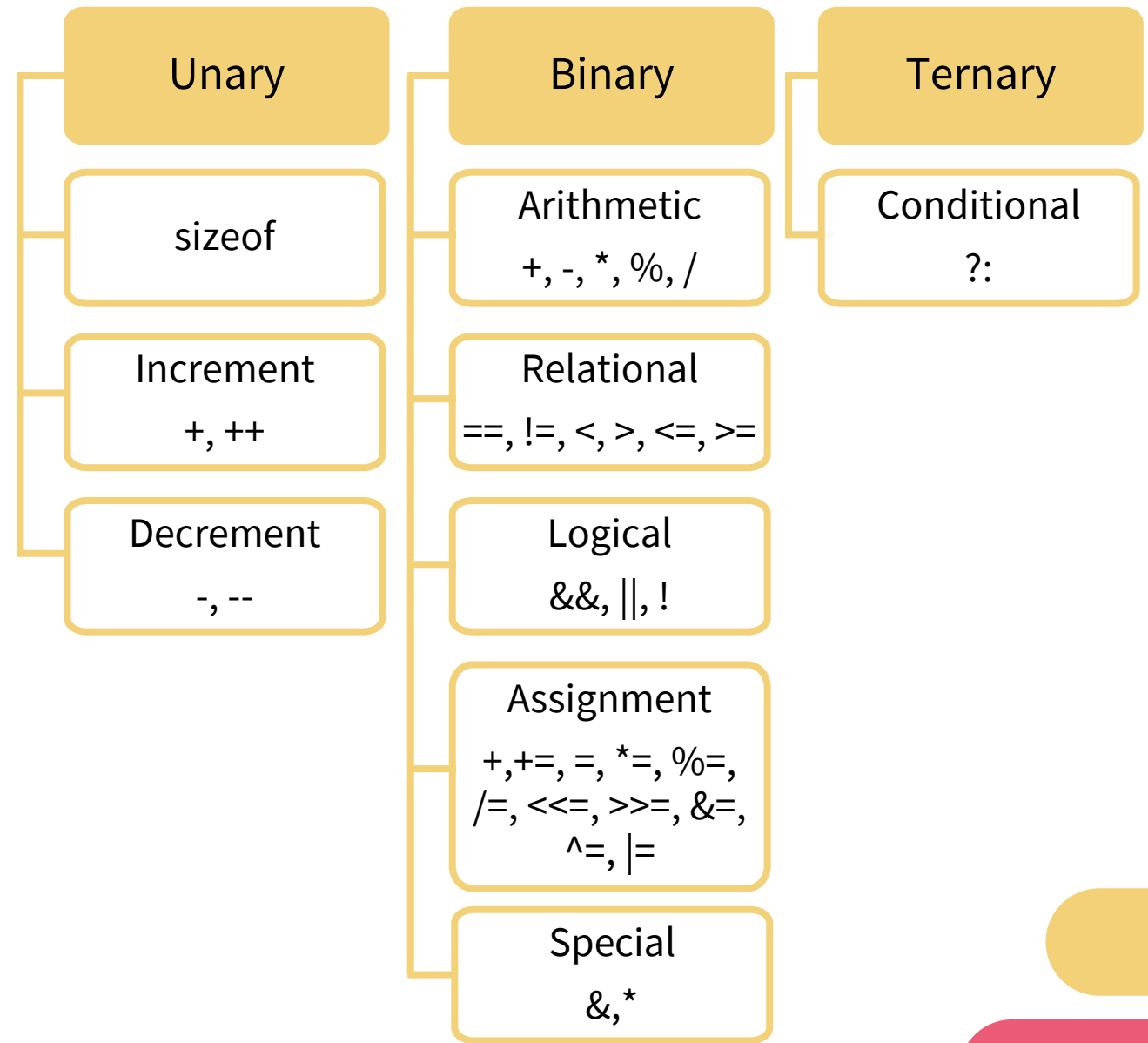
# Arithmetic

Operator	Operation(s)	Position
( )	Parentheses	Evaluated first
*/%	Multiplication, Division, Remainder	Evaluated second
+ -	Addition, Subtraction	Evaluated third
=	Assignment	Evaluated after evaluating everything else





# Classifying operators based on the number of operands they are required to complete...



The name of the classification suggests the number of operands it requires

**Unary operators** require one operand to complete an operation

**Binary operators** require two operators

**Ternary operators** require 3: condition, expression for when condition is met, and expression for when condition is not met



# Logical operators precedence



Operator	Precedence
!	First precedence, always evaluated first
&&	Second precedence, evaluated after the ! operator if present
	Last precedence. Evaluated after all other logical operators have been evaluated.

Use parentheses to group operands with their operators so that they are evaluated in the correct order.

First evaluate whatever is inside parentheses.



# Bitwise operations

Done at bit level

Bitwise operations are fast

Use less resources and less  
power



## DID YOU KNOW?

According to a study by Globalwebindex 35-43% of people in the market for a new device consider battery life to be an important factor.





# Operator associativity

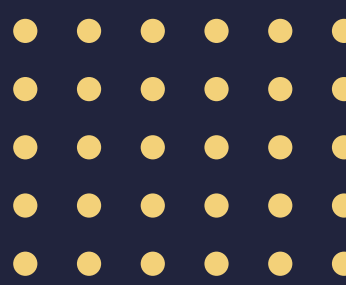
Multiple operators at the same level of precedence

Each level of precedence has its own associativity





# Why bother with precedence and associativity?



Can quite easily give you incorrect results

Example

```
a=4+5*6;
```

Apply multiplication first –  
result would be 34

Computer will always use  
the correct associativity  
rules no matter what you  
type

Computer will always do  
what you tell it to do





# Guidelines for using operators



Precedence	Operator	Associativity
1	++ --	Left-to-right
	()	
	[]	
	.	
	->	
	( <i>type</i> ){ <i>list</i> }	



# Guidelines for using operators

Precedence	Operator	Associativity
2	++ --	Right-to-left
	+ -	
	! ~	
	( <i>type</i> )	
	*	
	&	
	sizeof	
	_Alignof	





# Guidelines for using operators




Precedence	Operator	Associativity
3	* / %	Right-to-left
4	+ -	
5	<< >>	
6	< <=	



# Guidelines for using operators



Precedence	Operator	Associativity
7	== !=	Right-to-left
8	&	
9	^	
10		
11	&&	
12		






# Guidelines for using operators



Precedence	Operator	Associativity
13	?:	Right-to-left
14	=	
	+= -=	
	*= /= %=	
	<<= >>=	
15	&= ^=  =	Left-to-right
	,	



The operand with the prefix ++  
and \_\_ cannot be type cast.

The operand of sizeof cannot be a  
typecast.

The expression in the middle of  
the conditional operator is  
parsed as though it were in  
parentheses.

Operands to the left of assignment  
operators should always be unary.



No matter  
what...

Parentheses



Prefix Increment/decrement



Postfix increment/decrement



Unary plus/minus



Negation/complement



Cast/address/size



BODMAS



Relational



Bitwise



Ternary



Assignment



Comma

