

C Programming: Deck 4

Operators

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What are Operators?

- Symbols that perform operations on operands
- Operands can be variables, constants, or expressions
- Essential for computations and logic
- Different operators for different purposes

Categories of Operators in C:

- 1 Arithmetic Operators
- 2 Relational Operators
- 3 Logical Operators
- 4 Bitwise Operators
- 5 Assignment Operators
- 6 Increment/Decrement Operators
- 7 Special Operators

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Name	Example
+	Addition	$a + b$
-	Subtraction	$a - b$
*	Multiplication	$a * b$
/	Division	a / b
%	Modulus (Remainder)	$a \% b$

Notes:

- All work on numeric types
- Division: Integer division truncates
- Modulus: Works only with integers
- Modulus: Returns remainder of division

Program 1: Basic Arithmetic Operations

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 20, b = 6;
4     printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
5     printf("Addition: %d\n", a + b);
6     printf("Subtraction: %d\n", a - b);
7     printf("Multiplication: %d\n", a * b);
8     printf("Division: %d\n", a / b);
9     printf("Modulus: %d\n", a % b);
10    return 0;
11 }
```

Output:

```
a = 20, b = 6
Addition: 26
Subtraction: 14
Multiplication: 120
Division: 3
Modulus: 2
```

Note:

- $20/6 = 3$ (integer division)
- $20\%6 = 2$ (remainder)

Program 2: Integer vs Float Division

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 7, b = 2;
4     float c = 7.0, d = 2.0;
5     printf("Integer division:\n");
6     printf("%d / %d = %d\n", a, b, a/b);
7     printf("\nFloat division:\n");
8     printf("%.1f / %.1f = %.2f\n",
9           c, d, c/d);
10    printf("\nMixed:\n");
11    printf("%d / %.1f = %.2f\n",
12          a, d, a/d);
13    return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

```
Integer division:
7 / 2 = 3
Float division:
7.0 / 2.0 = 3.50
Mixed:
7 / 2.0 = 3.50
```

Key Point:

- At least one float = float result

Program 3: Modulus Operator Examples

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     printf("Positive modulus:\n");
4     printf("10 %% 3 = %d\n", 10 % 3);
5     printf("15 %% 4 = %d\n", 15 % 4);
6     printf("\nNegative modulus:\n");
7     printf("-10 %% 3 = %d\n", -10 % 3);
8     printf("10 %% -3 = %d\n", 10 % -3);
9     printf("\nEven/Odd check:\n");
10    printf("7 %% 2 = %d (odd)\n", 7%2);
11    printf("8 %% 2 = %d (even)\n", 8%2);
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Output:

```
Positive modulus:
10 % 3 = 1
15 % 4 = 3
Negative modulus:
-10 % 3 = -1
10 % -3 = 1
Even/Odd check:
7 % 2 = 1 (odd)
8 % 2 = 0 (even)
```

Use: Check divisibility

Increment and Decrement Operators

Operator	Name	Description
++	Increment	Increase by 1
--	Decrement	Decrease by 1

Two Forms:

- **Prefix:** ++x, --x (increment/decrement first, then use)
- **Postfix:** x++, x-- (use first, then increment/decrement)

Key Difference:

- Prefix: Returns new value
- Postfix: Returns old value

Program 4: Pre vs Post Increment

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int x = 5, y = 5;
4     printf("Initial: x=%d, y=%d\n",
5           x, y);
6     printf("\nPrefix ++x:\n");
7     printf("Value: %d\n", ++x);
8     printf("After: x=%d\n", x);
9     printf("\nPostfix y++:\n");
10    printf("Value: %d\n", y++);
11    printf("After: y=%d\n", y);
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Output:

```
Initial: x=5, y=5
Prefix ++x:
Value: 6
After: x=6
Postfix y++:
Value: 5
After: y=6
```

Observation:

- Prefix returns 6
- Postfix returns 5
- Both end up as 6

Program 5: Increment in Expressions

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 10, b = 10;
4     int result1, result2;
5     result1 = ++a + 5;
6     printf("++a + 5:\n");
7     printf("a=%d, result=%d\n",
8           a, result1);
9     result2 = b++ + 5;
10    printf("\nb++ + 5:\n");
11    printf("b=%d, result=%d\n",
12          b, result2);
13    return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

```
++a + 5:
a=11, result=16
b++ + 5:
b=11, result=15
```

Explanation:

- ++a: a becomes 11, then $11+5=16$
- b++: uses 10, then b becomes 11
- Result: $10+5=15$

Program 6: Decrement Operators

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int x = 10, y = 10;
4     printf("Initial: x=%d, y=%d\n",
5           x, y);
6     printf("Prefix --x: %d\n", --x);
7     printf("After: x=%d\n", x);
8     printf("Postfix y--: %d\n", y--);
9     printf("After: y=%d\n", y);
10    printf("\nMultiple ops:\n");
11    printf("--x: %d\n", --x);
12    printf("--x: %d\n", --x);
13    return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

```
Initial: x=10, y=10
Prefix --x: 9
After: x=9
Postfix y--: 10
After: y=9
Multiple ops:
--x: 8
--x: 7
```

Relational Operators

Operator	Name	Example
==	Equal to	a == b
!=	Not equal to	a != b
>	Greater than	a > b
<	Less than	a < b
>=	Greater than or equal	a >= b
<=	Less than or equal	a <= b

Return Value:

- 1 if condition is true
- 0 if condition is false

Important: == (comparison) vs = (assignment)

Program 7: Relational Operators

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 10, b = 20;
4     printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
5     printf("\nRelational Results:\n");
6     printf("a == b: %d\n", a == b);
7     printf("a != b: %d\n", a != b);
8     printf("a > b: %d\n", a > b);
9     printf("a < b: %d\n", a < b);
10    printf("a >= b: %d\n", a >= b);
11    printf("a <= b: %d\n", a <= b);
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Output:

```
a = 10, b = 20
Relational Results:
a == b: 0
a != b: 1
a > b: 0
a < b: 1
a >= b: 0
a <= b: 1
```

Note:

- 1 = true, 0 = false

Program 8: Using Relational in Conditions

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int age = 18;
4     printf("Age: %d\n", age);
5     if (age >= 18) {
6         printf("Adult\n");
7     } else {
8         printf("Minor\n");
9     }
10    int marks = 85;
11    printf("\nMarks: %d\n", marks);
12    if (marks >= 90) {
13        printf("Grade: A\n");
14    } else if (marks >= 75) {
15        printf("Grade: B\n");
16    } else {
17        printf("Grade: C\n");
18    }
19    return 0;
20 }
```

Output:

```
Age: 18
Adult
Marks: 85
Grade: B
```

Logical Operators

Operator	Name	Description
&&	Logical AND	Both conditions true
	Logical OR	At least one true
!	Logical NOT	Negation

Truth Tables:

AND (&&):

A	B	A&&B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OR (——):

A	B	A——B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

	A	!A
NOT (!):	0	1
	1	0

Program 9: Logical AND Operator

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 1, b = 0;
4     printf("a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
5     printf("\nLogical AND:\n");
6     printf("a && a: %d\n", a && a);
7     printf("a && b: %d\n", a && b);
8     printf("b && b: %d\n", b && b);
9     printf("\nPractical use:\n");
10    int age = 25;
11    int hasLicense = 1;
12    if (age >= 18 && hasLicense) {
13        printf("Can drive\n");
14    }
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
a=1, b=0
Logical AND:
a && a: 1
a && b: 0
b && b: 0
Practical use:
Can drive
```

Note:

- Both must be true

Program 10: Logical OR Operator

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 1, b = 0;
4     printf("a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
5     printf("\nLogical OR:\n");
6     printf("a || a: %d\n", a || a);
7     printf("a || b: %d\n", a || b);
8     printf("b || b: %d\n", b || b);
9     printf("\nPractical use:\n");
10    char grade = 'A';
11    if (grade=='A' || grade=='B') {
12        printf("Pass with honors\n");
13    }
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Output:

```
a=1, b=0
Logical OR:
a || a: 1
a || b: 1
b || b: 0
Practical use:
Pass with honors
```

Note:

- At least one must be true

Program 11: Logical NOT Operator

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 1, b = 0;
4     printf("a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
5     printf("\nLogical NOT:\n");
6     printf("!a: %d\n", !a);
7     printf("!b: %d\n", !b);
8     printf("!!a: %d\n", !!a);
9     printf("\nPractical use:\n");
10    int isRaining = 0;
11    if (!isRaining) {
12        printf("Go outside\n");
13    }
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Output:

```
a=1, b=0
Logical NOT:
!a: 0
!b: 1
!!a: 1
Practical use:
Go outside
```

Note:

- Reverses truth value
- !! returns to original

Program 12: Combined Logical Operators

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int age = 25;
4     int citizen = 1;
5     int criminalRecord = 0;
6     printf("Age: %d\n", age);
7     printf("Citizen: %d\n", citizen);
8     printf("Criminal: %d\n\n",
9           criminalRecord);
10    if (age>=18 && citizen &&
11        !criminalRecord) {
12        printf("Eligible to vote\n");
13    }
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Output:

```
Age: 25
Citizen: 1
Criminal: 0
Eligible to vote
```

Explanation:

- All conditions must be true
- $\text{age} \geq 18$: true
- citizen: true
- !criminalRecord: true

Assignment Operators

Operator	Example	Equivalent to
=	a = 5	Simple assignment
+=	a += 5	a = a + 5
-=	a -= 5	a = a - 5
*=	a *= 5	a = a * 5
/=	a /= 5	a = a / 5
%=	a %= 5	a = a % 5

Benefits:

- Shorter syntax
- More readable
- Commonly used in loops and counters

Program 13: Compound Assignment Operators

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int x = 10;
4     printf("Initial: x = %d\n", x);
5     x += 5;
6     printf("After x+=5: %d\n", x);
7     x -= 3;
8     printf("After x-=3: %d\n", x);
9     x *= 2;
10    printf("After x*=2: %d\n", x);
11    x /= 4;
12    printf("After x/=4: %d\n", x);
13    x %= 5;
14    printf("After x%=5: %d\n", x);
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
Initial: x = 10
After x+=5: 15
After x-=3: 12
After x*=2: 24
After x/=4: 6
After x%=5: 1
```

Trace:

- $10+5=15$
- $15-3=12$
- $12*2=24$
- $24/4=6$
- $6\%5=1$

Bitwise Operators

Operator	Name	Description
&	Bitwise AND	Bit-by-bit AND
	Bitwise OR	Bit-by-bit OR
^	Bitwise XOR	Bit-by-bit XOR
~	Bitwise NOT	Bit complement
<<	Left shift	Shift bits left
>>	Right shift	Shift bits right

Used for:

- Low-level programming
- Bit manipulation
- Flags and masks
- Performance optimization

Program 14: Bitwise AND, OR, XOR

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 12; // 1100 binary
4     int b = 10; // 1010 binary
5     printf("a = %d (binary: 1100)\n",a);
6     printf("b = %d (binary: 1010)\n",b);
7     printf("\nBitwise operations:\n");
8     printf("a & b = %d\n", a & b);
9     printf("a | b = %d\n", a | b);
10    printf("a ^ b = %d\n", a ^ b);
11    printf("~a = %d\n", ~a);
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Output:

```
a = 12 (binary: 1100)
b = 10 (binary: 1010)
Bitwise operations:
a & b = 8
a | b = 14
a ^ b = 6
~a = -13
```

Binary:

- AND: $1000 = 8$
- OR: $1110 = 14$
- XOR: $0110 = 6$

Program 15: Bit Shift Operators

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int x = 5; // 0101 binary
4     printf("x = %d (binary: 0101)\n", x);
5     printf("\nLeft shift:\n");
6     printf("x << 1 = %d\n", x << 1);
7     printf("x << 2 = %d\n", x << 2);
8     printf("\nRight shift:\n");
9     int y = 20; // 10100 binary
10    printf("y = %d\n", y);
11    printf("y >> 1 = %d\n", y >> 1);
12    printf("y >> 2 = %d\n", y >> 2);
13    return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

```
x = 5 (binary: 0101)
Left shift:
x << 1 = 10
x << 2 = 20
Right shift:
y = 20
y >> 1 = 10
y >> 2 = 5
```

Pattern:

- Left shift: multiply by 2
- Right shift: divide by 2

Program 16: Practical Bitwise - Even/Odd

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int nums[] = {5, 8, 13, 20, 7};
4     int i;
5     printf("Check even/odd using &:\n");
6     for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
7         if (nums[i] & 1) {
8             printf("%d is odd\n", nums[i]);
9         } else {
10             printf("%d is even\n", nums[i]);
11         }
12     }
13     return 0;
14 }
```

Output:

```
Check even/odd using &:
5 is odd
8 is even
13 is odd
20 is even
7 is odd
```

Trick:

- LSB of odd numbers is 1
- $n \& 1$ checks last bit

Special Operators

Operator	Name	Example
sizeof	Size of	sizeof(int)
? :	Ternary/Conditional	a > b ? a : b
,	Comma	a = 1, b = 2
&	Address of	&x
*	Pointer dereference	*ptr

Note: We'll focus on sizeof and ternary operator here

Program 17: sizeof Operator

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int x = 10;
4     float f = 3.14;
5     char c = 'A';
6     int arr[10];
7     printf("sizeof data types:\n");
8     printf("int: %lu bytes\n",
9           sizeof(int));
10    printf("float: %lu bytes\n",
11          sizeof(float));
12    printf("char: %lu bytes\n",
13          sizeof(char));
14    printf("\nsizeof variables:\n");
15    printf("x: %lu bytes\n", sizeof(x));
16    printf("arr: %lu bytes\n",
17          sizeof(arr));
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Output:

```
sizeof data types:
int: 4 bytes
float: 4 bytes
char: 1 bytes
sizeof variables:
x: 4 bytes
arr: 40 bytes
```

Note:

- Array: $10 \times 4 = 40$ bytes

Ternary/Conditional Operator

Syntax:

`condition ? expression1 : expression2`

How it works:

- If condition is true, returns expression1
- If condition is false, returns expression2
- Compact alternative to if-else

Example:

- `max = (a > b) ? a : b;`
- If `a < b`, `max = a`, else `max = b`

Program 18: Ternary Operator

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a = 10, b = 20;
4     int max, min;
5     max = (a > b) ? a : b;
6     min = (a < b) ? a : b;
7     printf("a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
8     printf("Max: %d\n", max);
9     printf("Min: %d\n", min);
10    int num = 7;
11    printf("\n%d is %s\n", num,
12           (num%2==0) ? "even" : "odd");
13    int age = 20;
14    printf("Age %d: %s\n", age,
15           (age>=18) ? "Adult" : "Minor");
16    return 0;
17 }
```

Output:

```
a=10, b=20
Max: 20
Min: 10
7 is odd
Age 20: Adult
```

Uses:

- Finding max/min
- Simple conditions
- Inline decisions

Program 19: Nested Ternary

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int marks = 85;
4     char grade;
5     grade = (marks >= 90) ? 'A' :
6             (marks >= 75) ? 'B' :
7             (marks >= 60) ? 'C' :
8             (marks >= 50) ? 'D' : 'F';
9     printf("Marks: %d\n", marks);
10    printf("Grade: %c\n", grade);
11    int x = 5, y = 10, z = 3;
12    int largest;
13    largest = (x > y) ?
14              ((x > z) ? x : z) :
15              ((y > z) ? y : z);
16    printf("\nLargest of %d,%d,%d: %d\n",
17          x, y, z, largest);
18    return 0;
19 }
```

Output:

```
Marks: 85
Grade: B
Largest of 5,10,3: 10
```

Warning:

- Can get complex
- Use parentheses
- Consider if-else for clarity

Operator Precedence (Partial List)

Priority	Operators	Associativity
1 (Highest)	() [] -> .	Left to Right
2	! ~ ++ -- + - * & sizeof	Right to Left
3	* / %	Left to Right
4	+ -	Left to Right
5	<< >>	Left to Right
6	< <= > >=	Left to Right
7	== !=	Left to Right
8	&	Left to Right
9	^	Left to Right
10		Left to Right
11	&&	Left to Right
12		Left to Right
13	? :	Right to Left
14 (Lowest)	= += -= *= /= %=	Right to Left

Program 20: Precedence Example

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int result;
4     result = 2 + 3 * 4;
5     printf("2+3*4 = %d\n", result);
6     result = (2 + 3) * 4;
7     printf("(2+3)*4 = %d\n", result);
8     result = 10 - 3 + 2;
9     printf("10-3+2 = %d\n", result);
10    result = 10 / 2 * 3;
11    printf("10/2*3 = %d\n", result);
12    result = 10 < 20 && 5 > 3;
13    printf("10<20 && 5>3 = %d\n",
14           result);
15    return 0;
16 }
```

Output:

```
2+3*4 = 14
(2+3)*4 = 20
10-3+2 = 9
10/2*3 = 15
10<20 && 5>3 = 1
```

Explanation:

- * before +
- () highest precedence
- Left-to-right: $10-3=7$,
 $7+2=9$
- Left-to-right: $10/2=5$,
 $5*3=15$

Program 21: Complex Expression

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a=5, b=10, c=15;
4     int result;
5     result = a + b * c / 5 - 2;
6     printf("a=%d, b=%d, c=%d\n",
7           a, b, c);
8     printf("\na+b*c/5-2\n");
9     printf("Step by step:\n");
10    printf("b*c = %d\n", b*c);
11    printf("150/5 = %d\n", 150/5);
12    printf("a+30 = %d\n", a+30);
13    printf("35-2 = %d\n", 35-2);
14    printf("\nFinal result: %d\n",
15          result);
16    return 0;
17 }
```

Output:

```
a=5, b=10, c=15
a+b*c/5-2
Step by step:
b*c = 150
150/5 = 30
a+30 = 35
35-2 = 33
Final result: 33
```

Order:

- *, / (left-to-right)
- +, - (left-to-right)

Operators Summary

- **Arithmetic:** $+$, $-$, $*$, $/$, $\%$
- **Relational:** $==$, $!=$, $<$, $<=$, $>$, $>=$
- **Logical:** $\&\&$, $\|\|$, $!$
- **Bitwise:** $\&$, $\|$, \wedge , \sim , \ll , \gg
- **Assignment:** $=$, $+=$, $-=$, $*=$, $/=$, $\%=$
- **Inc/Dec:** $++$, $--$
- **Special:** `sizeof`, `?` `:`

Best Practices

- 1 Use parentheses for clarity
- 2 Understand precedence and associativity
- 3 Be careful with `++` and `-` in expressions
- 4 Use compound assignments for readability
- 5 Remember integer division truncates
- 6 Check types before using modulus
- 7 Use relational operators in conditions
- 8 Ternary for simple conditions only
- 9 Comment complex expressions

Common Mistakes

- 1 Using `=` instead of `==` in conditions
 - `if (x = 5)` assigns, doesn't compare!
- 2 Confusing `&&` (logical) with `&` (bitwise)
- 3 Forgetting integer division
 - `5/2` is 2, not 2.5
- 4 Modulus with floats (not allowed)
- 5 Complex nested ternary operators
- 6 Not using parentheses in complex expressions

Try These!

- 1 Write expressions using all arithmetic operators
- 2 Swap two numbers using compound assignment
- 3 Check if a number is divisible by both 3 and 5
- 4 Find maximum of three numbers using ternary
- 5 Use bitwise operators to multiply/divide by powers of 2
- 6 Write complex expression and trace evaluation order

Sample: Max of Three Using Ternary

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int a=15, b=25, c=20;
4     int max;
5     max = (a>b) ?
6           ((a>c) ? a : c) :
7           ((b>c) ? b : c);
8     printf("Numbers: %d,%d,%d\n",
9           a, b, c);
10    printf("Maximum: %d\n", max);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Output:

```
Numbers: 15,25,20
Maximum: 25
```

Questions? Next: Deck 5 - Operator Precedence & Associativity

(Detailed)