



Operators & Expressions in Python

What is an Operator?

An **operator** is a symbol that performs a specific operation on one or more values (called operands).

Examples of operators:

- `+, -, *, /` → Arithmetic
- `==, !=, <, >` → Comparison
- `and, or, not` → Logical
- `&, |, ^` → Bitwise

What is an Expression?

An **expression** is a combination of **variables**, **values**, and **operators** that evaluates to a result.



Example:

```
x = 10 + 5 # - '10 + 5' is an expression; '+' is the operator
```

+ 1. Arithmetic Operators

Used for math calculations.

```
a = 10  
b = 3
```

```
print(a + b) # Addition → 13  
print(a - b) # Subtraction → 7  
print(a * b) # Multiplication → 30
```

```
print(a / b) # Division → 3.333...
print(a % b) # Modulus → 1
print(a ** b) # Exponent → 1000
print(a // b) # Floor division → 3
```

⌚ 2. Comparison Operators

Used to compare values — returns `True` or `False`.

```
x = 5
y = 10
```

```
print(x == y) # False
print(x != y) # True
print(x < y) # True
print(x >= y) # False
```

⌚ 3. Logical Operators

Used to combine multiple conditions.

```
a = True
b = False
```

```
print(a and b) # False
print(a or b) # True
print(not a) # False
```

↳ 4. Bitwise Operators

Works on bits (binary-level operations) — commonly used in systems, sensors, etc.

```
a = 5 # 0101
b = 3 # 0011
```

```

print(a & b) # AND → 1 (0001)
print(a | b) # OR → 7 (0111)
print(a ^ b) # XOR → 6 (0110)
print(~a)   # NOT → -6 (inverts bits)
print(a << 1) # Left shift → 10
print(a >> 1) # Right shift → 2

```

⌚ Wrap Up with a Quick Comparison Table:

Category	Examples	Use Case
Arithmetic	<code>+, -, *</code>	Math operations
Comparison	<code>==, !=, <</code>	If conditions, logic
Logical	<code>and, or, not</code>	Combining conditions
Bitwise	<code>&, ` , ^`</code>	

✅ Real-Time Examples Using Operators

💻 1. Calculate Total Bill with Tax & Discount (Arithmetic + Comparison)

Problem:

You're building a billing system for a store.
If the total is above ₹1000, apply 10% discount.

```
amount = 1200
tax = amount * 0.18    # 18% tax
total = amount + tax
```

```
# Apply discount if total > 1000
if total > 1000:
    discount = total * 0.10
    total -= discount

print("Final bill:", total)
```

✓ Uses:

- *, +, - → Arithmetic
- > → Comparison

3. Movie Ticket Discount System (Logical + Comparison)

Problem:

If the user is either a **student** or **senior citizen**, give discount.

```
age = 65
student = 'yes'
```

```
if age >= 60 or student=='yes':
    print("You get a discount!")
else:
    print("No discount")
```

✓ Uses:

- >= → Comparison
- or → Logical

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