



Chapter 4

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■ Assignment Operators

- We covered most of the functionality of the assignment operator, "=", in [Chapter 3](#). To summarize:
 - When assigning a value to a primitive, *size* matters. Be sure you know when implicit casting will occur, when explicit casting is necessary, and when truncation might occur.
 - Remember that a reference variable isn't an object; it's a way to *get* to an object. When assigning a value to a reference variable, *type* matters. Remember the rules for supertypes, subtypes, and arrays.

■ Compound Assignment Operators

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y = y - 6;
x = x + 2 * 5;
Now, with compound operators:
y -= 6;
x += 2 * 5; (Not x =(x+2)*5)
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■ Relational Operators

- > greater than
- >= greater than or equal to
- < less than
- <= less than or equal to

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■ "Equality" Operators

- Java also has two relational operators (sometimes called "equality operators") that compare two similar "things" and return a boolean the represents what's true about the two "things" being equal. These operators are
 1. == equals (also known as "equal to")
 2. != not equals (also known as "not equal to")
- Each individual comparison can involve two numbers (including char), two boolean values, or two object reference variables.
 - You can't compare incompatible types, however. There are four different types of things that can be tested:
 - Numbers, characters, boolean primitives, Object reference variables
- Equality for Primitives
 - Usually if a floating-point number is compared with an integer and the values are the same, the == operator returns true as expected.
- Equality for Reference Variables
 - Reference variables can be tested to see if they refer to the same object by using the == operator.
- Equality for Strings and java.lang.Object.equals()
 - The equals() method in class Object works the same way that the == operator works. If two references point to the same object, the equals() method will return true.

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■ Equality for Enums

- You can use either the == operator or the equals() method to determine if two variables are referring to the same enum constant;

■ instanceof Comparison

- The instanceof operator is used for object reference variables only, and you can use it to check whether an object is of a particular type.
- Exam Watch : An array is always an instance of Object. Any array.

■ Arithmetic Operators

- + addition, - subtraction, * multiplication, / division

■ The Remainder (%) Operator

■ String Concatenation Operator

- String animal = "Grey " + "elephant";

■ Increment and Decrement Operators

- ++ increment (prefix and postfix)
- -- decrement (prefix and postfix)

■ Conditionnal Operator

- x = (boolean expression) ? value to assign if true : value to assign if false

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- **Logical Operators(&, |, ^, !, &&, and ||)**
 - Bitwise Operators (Not on the Exam!)
 - Short-Circuit Logical Operators
 - && short-circuit AND
 - || short-circuit OR
 - Not Short-Circuit Logical Operators
 - & non-short-circuit AND
 - | non-short-circuit OR
 - Logical Operators ^ and !
 - ^ exclusive-OR (XOR)
 - ! Boolean invert