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< // comparison operator
>= // comparison operator

// --- LOGICAL OPERATOR ---

&& // and
|| // or
! // not

// --- NIL-COALESCEING OPERATOR ---

?? // nil-coalescing operator that can be called on an Optional datatype, where a default user-designated value is assigned to an Optional variable if its value is nil

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# Control structures

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// ----- CONTROL STRUCTURE -----

// --- CONDITIONALS ---

// IF ELSE IF ELSE

if age >= 18 {
    print("Adult")
} else if age >= 13 {
    print("Teenager")
} else {
    print("Child")
}

// SWITCH CASE DEFAULT
// provides some degree of basic pattern-matching as an alternative to if else if else constructs
// default => the fall-through default case if all other predicate case conditions are unmet

let color = "red"
switch color {
case "red":
    print("The color is red")
case "blue":
    print("The color is blue")
default:
    print("Unknown color")
}

// --- LOOPS ---

// FOR IN LOOP
// Swift's for in loops do allow for iteration over an iterable data structure
// Swift does not provide for conventional C-style for loops, but the C-style output to the stdout can be replicated using the range operator
// .. => range operator dynamically generates an iterable data structure from the given minimum to maximum range

var numbers: [Int] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
for number in numbers {
    print(number)
}

for i in 0..<10 {
    print(i)
}

// WHILE LOOP

var counter = 0
while counter < 5 {

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