

AP Computer Science A

UNIT 1 TOPIC 4

Lab 2: Compound Assignment Operators



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Primitive Types

1.4 Compound Assignment Operators

2.B Determine the result or output based on statement execution order in a code segment without method calls (other than output).

5.A Describe the behavior of a given segment of program code.

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

CON-1

The way variables and operators are sequenced and combined in an expression determines the computed result.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

CON-1.B

Evaluate what is stored in a variable as a result of an expression with an assignment statement.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

CON-1.B.4

Compound assignment operators ($+=$, $-=$, $*=$, $/=$, $\%=$) can be used in place of the assignment operator.

CON-1.B.5


The increment operator ($++$) and decrement operator ($--$) are used to add 1 or subtract 1 from the stored value of a variable or an array element. The new value is assigned to the variable or array element.

EXCLUSION STATEMENT—(EK CON-1.B.5):

The use of increment and decrement operators in prefix form (i.e., $++x$) and inside other expressions (i.e., $\text{arr}[x++]$) is outside the scope of this course and the AP Exam.

Compound Operators

Compound Assignment Operators

... same as...	
Expression	Compound Assignment Operator
<code>x = x + 7;</code>	<code>x += 7;</code>
<code>x = x - 3;</code>	<code>x -= 3;</code>
<code>x = x * 10;</code>	<code>x *= 10;</code>
<code>x = x / 5;</code>	<code>x /= 5;</code>
<code>x = x % 3;</code>	 <code>x %= 3;</code>
<code>x = x + 1;</code>	<code>x += 1;</code>
<code>x = x - 1;</code>	<code>x -= 1;</code>

Compound Assignment Operator Examples

```
int x = 10;  
x += 6;    // same as x = x + 6  
System.out.println(x);
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PRINTS: 16
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int x = 10;  
x += 6;    // same as x = x + 6  
System.out.println(x);  
PRINTS: 16
```

```
int num = 20;  
num /= 3;   // same as num = num / 3  
System.out.println(num);
```

Compound Assignment Operator Examples


```
int x = 10;  
x += 6;    // same as x = x + 6  
System.out.println(x);  
PRINTS: 16
```

```
int num = 20;  
num /= 3;   // same as num = num / 3  
System.out.println(num);    PRINTS: 6
```


Compound Assignment & Increment/Decrement Operators

... same as...	
Expression	Compound Assignment Operator
<code>x = x + 7;</code>	<code>x += 7;</code>
<code>x = x - 3;</code>	<code>x -= 3;</code>
<code>x = x * 10;</code>	<code>x *= 10;</code>
<code>x = x / 5;</code>	<code>x /= 5;</code>
<code>x = x % 3;</code>	<code>x %= 3;</code>

It's up to you whether you use these compound operators or not -- but you need to know they exist, how to use them, and how to evaluate them when you see them since they are on the AP exam. *I would recommend using them when you can!*

<code>x = x + 1;</code>	<code>x += 1;</code>	<code>x++;</code>
<code>x = x - 1;</code>	<code>x -= 1;</code>	 <code>x--;</code>

Incrementing/decrementing a variable by 1 is such a common action in programming that it gets its own special operators!

Increment/Decrement Operator Examples

```
int num = 10;  
num++;    // same as num = num + 1  
System.out.println(num);
```

Increment/Decrement Operator Examples

```
int num = 10;  
num++;    // same as num = num + 1  
System.out.println(num);  
PRINTS:  11
```

Increment/Decrement Operator Examples

```
int num = 10;  
num++;    // same as num = num + 1  
System.out.println(num);  
          PRINTS: 11
```

```
int y = 18;  
y--;     // same as y = y - 1  
System.out.println(y);
```

Increment/Decrement Operator Examples

```
int num = 10;  
num++;    // same as num = num + 1  
System.out.println(num);  
PRINTS: 11
```

```
int y = 18;  
y--;     // same as y = y - 1  
System.out.println(y);  
PRINTS: 17
```

What prints out?

Grab out a scrap paper and pencil!

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;  
a *= 2;  
a /= 4;  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;  
a *= 2;  
a /= 4;  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

a = 7

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2; → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;  
a /= 4;  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

a = 7

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2; → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;  
a /= 4;  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

a = 7

a = 9

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2; → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2; → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2; → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2; → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4; → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;   → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18  
a = 4
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;   → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;     → a = a + 1 → a = 4 + 1  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18  
a = 4
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;   → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;      → a = a + 1 → a = 4 + 1  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18  
a = 4  
a = 5
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;   → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;      → a = a + 1 → a = 4 + 1  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18  
a = 4  
a = 5
```


What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;    → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;       → a = a + 1 → a = 4 + 1  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18  
a = 4  
a = 5
```

What prints out?

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TRACK AS YOU GO

```
int a = 7;  
a += 2;   → a = a + 2 → a = 7 + 2  
a *= 2;   → a = a * 2 → a = 9 * 2  
a /= 4;   → a = a / 4 → a = 18 / 4  
a++;      → a = a + 1 → a = 4 + 1  
System.out.println("a = " + a);
```

```
a = 7  
a = 9  
a = 18  
a = 4  
a = 5  
a = 5 printed!
```

What prints out?

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```
int num = 15;  
num -= 2;  
num += 6;  
num %= 4;  
num++;  
num /= 6;  
num -= 3 + 1;  // do 3 + 1 first  
num--;  
System.out.println("num = " + num);
```

What prints out?

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```
int num = 15;  
num -= 2;  
num += 6;  
num %= 4;  
num++;  
num /= 6;  
num -= 3 + 1;  // do 3 + 1 first  
num--;  
System.out.println("num = " + num);
```

```
num = 15  
num = 13  
num = 19  
num = 3  
num = 4  
num = 0  
num = -4  
num = -5  
num = -5 printed!
```

Summary

- **Compound assignment operators** (`+=`, `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, `%=`) can be used in place of the assignment operator.
- The **increment operator** (`++`) and **decrement operator** (`--`) are used to add 1 or subtract 1 from the stored value of a variable. The new value is assigned to the variable.
 - `x = x + 1` is the same as `x += 1` is the same as `x++` (all equivalent!)
 - `x = x - 1` is the same as `x -= 1` is the same as `x--` (all equivalent!)

Agenda

- **U1T4 Lab 2**
- **U1T1-U1T4 AP Practice Q's**
 - 15 AP style questions
 - Discuss with your partner before you submit!
- **U1T1-U1T4 AP Practice Corrections**
 - Get half points back for any missed Q's by submitting explanations of your mistakes!
 - If you got a perfect 15/15, submit the form with your name/period filled out to mark as done.