Operator precedence

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Operator precedence determines the order in which operators are evaluated. Operators with higher precedence are evaluated first.

A common example:

The multiplication operator ("*") has higher precedence than the addition operator ("+") and thus will be evaluated first.

Associativity

Associativity determines the order in which operators of the same precedence are processed. For example, consider an expression:

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a OP b OP c
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Left-associativity (left-to-right) means that it is processed as (a OP b) OP c, while right-associativity (right-to-left) means it is interpreted as a OP (b OP c). Assignment operators are right-associative, so you can write:

with the expected result that a and b get the value 5. This is because the assignment operator returns the value that it assigned. First, b is set to 5. Then the a is also set to 5, the return value of b = 5, aka right operand of the assignment.

Table

The following table is ordered from highest (20) to lowest (0) precedence.

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20	Grouping	n/a	()
19	Member Access	left-to-right	
	Computed Member Access	left-to-right	[]
	new (with argument list)	n/a	new ()
18	Function Call	left-to-right	()
	new (without argument list)	right-to-left	new
17	Postfix Increment	n/a	++
	Postfix Decrement	n/a	
16	Logical NOT	right-to-left	!
	Bitwise NOT	right-to-left	~
	Unary Plus	right-to-left	+
	Unary Negation	right-to-left	
	Prefix Increment	right-to-left	++
	Prefix Decrement	right-to-left	
	typeof	right-to-left	typeof
	void	right-to-left	void
	delete	right-to-left	delete
15	Exponentiation	right-to-left	**
14	Multiplication	left-to-right	*
	Division	left-to-right	/
	Remainder	left-to-right	%
13	Addition	left-to-right	+
	Subtraction	left-to-right	
12	Bitwise Left Shift	left-to-right	<<
	Bitwise Right Shift	left-to-right	>>
	Bitwise Unsigned Right Shift	left-to-right	>>>
11	Less Than	left-to-right	<
	Less Than Or Equal	left-to-right	<=
	Greater Than	left-to-right	>

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	Greater Than Or Equal	left-to-right	>=
	in	left-to-right	in
	instanceof	left-to-right	instanceof
10	Equality	left-to-right	==
	Inequality	left-to-right	!=
	Strict Equality	left-to-right	===
	Strict Inequality	left-to-right	!==
9	Bitwise AND	left-to-right	&
8	Bitwise XOR	left-to-right	^
7	Bitwise OR	left-to-right	
6	Logical AND	left-to-right	&&
5	Logical OR	left-to-right	
4	Conditional	right-to-left	? :
3	Assignment	right-to-left	=
			+=
			=
			**=
			*=
			/=
			%=
			<<=
			>>=
			>>>=
			&=
			^=
			=
2	yield	right-to-left	yield
	yield*	right-to-left	yield*
1	Spread	n/a	
			,

0	Comma / Sequence	left-to-right	,