C++ Programming Assignment Operator

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Assignment operator =

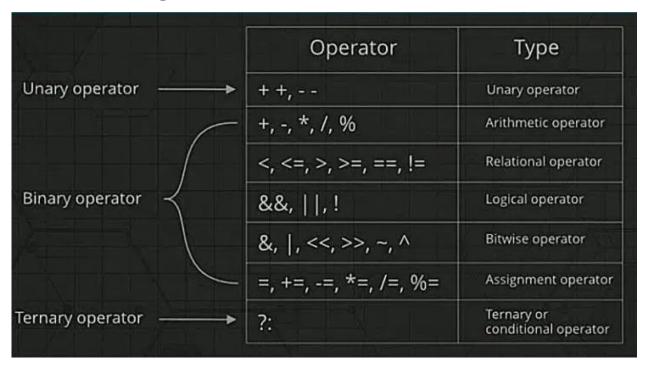
- We met this operator a lot.
- Int x = 2 * y + 1;
 - Lhs = Rhs (left hand side = right hand side)
 - Rhs is an expression (12, 10+2, 2 * y + 1, etc)
 - It is evaluated, then assigned to lhs
 - RHS here is a number, so assignable as int. If it is e.g. string, CE (compiler error)
- We can assign several variables
 - x = 2*y, y = 10+2, z = x + y
 - o , here is the <u>comma</u> operator
 - evaluates from left to right, return the last after-comma result
 - \bullet cout<<(10, x=1, y=3+1, x = x+2*y+1, 40); \Rightarrow 40

Assignment operators: += -= *= /=

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4⊖ int main() {
      int num = 5:
      num = num + 1;
      cout<<"num1 "<<num<<"\n"; // 6
      num += 1; // same as num = num+1
      cout<<"num1 "<<num<<"\n";
      num *= 2; // same as num = num * 2
      cout<<"num1 "<<num<<"\n"; // 14
      num = num - (-2);
      cout<<"num1 "<<num<<"\n";
      num -= 10; // num = num - 10
      num /= 2: // num = num - 2
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- Num = num + 1
 - Compute expression: num+1
 - Set value in num
 - Same as Num += num
- For convenient use
- Aka Compound assignment
 - o combine = with a binary operator

Operators: Big Picture



"Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people."

"Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave."