

Operator Precedence

Operator precedence determines the order in which the operators in an expression are evaluated.

For eg –

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int x = 3 * 4 - 1;
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In the above example, the value of x will be 11, not 9. This happens because the precedence of * operator is higher than - operator. That is why the expression is evaluated as (3 * 4) - 1 and not 3 * (4 - 1).

Operator Precedence Table

Operators	Precedence
postfix increment and decrement	++ --
prefix increment and decrement, and unary	++ -- + - ~ !
multiplicative	* / %
additive	+ -
shift	<< >> >>>
relational	< > <= >= instanceof
equality	== !=
bitwise AND	&
bitwise exclusive OR	^
bitwise inclusive OR	
logical AND	&&
logical OR	
ternary	? :
assignment	= += -= *= /= %= &= ^= = <<= >>= >>>=

Associativity of Operators

If an expression has two operators with similar precedence, the expression is evaluated according to its **associativity** (either left to right, or right to left).

Operators	Precedence	Associativity
postfix increment and decrement	<code>++</code> <code>--</code>	left to right
prefix increment and decrement, and unary	<code>++</code> <code>--</code> <code>+</code> <code>-</code> <code>~</code> <code>!</code>	right to left
multiplicative	<code>*</code> <code>/</code> <code>%</code>	left to right
additive	<code>+</code> <code>-</code>	left to right
shift	<code><<</code> <code>>></code> <code>>>></code>	left to right
relational	<code><</code> <code>></code> <code><=</code> <code>>=</code> <code>instanceof</code>	left to right
equality	<code>==</code> <code>!=</code>	left to right
bitwise AND	<code>&</code>	left to right
bitwise exclusive OR	<code>^</code>	left to right
bitwise inclusive OR	<code> </code>	left to right
logical AND	<code>&&</code>	left to right
logical OR	<code> </code>	left to right
ternary	<code>?:</code>	right to left
assignment	<code>=</code> <code>+=</code> <code>-=</code> <code>*=</code> <code>/=</code> <code>%=</code> <code>&=</code> <code>^=</code> <code> =</code> <code><<=</code> <code>>>=</code> <code>>>>=</code>	right to left

Note - These notes are just for a quick glance. We don't have to memorize them all at once. Most of these rules are very logical and we have been following them in a lot of instances already.