

# Bitwise Operators in Java - Notes

## Introduction

Bitwise operators in Java work on the binary representation of data. They can be applied to primitive data types: byte, short, int, and long.

## 1. AND Operator (&)

Performs bitwise AND operation. Each bit in the result is 1 if both corresponding bits are 1, else 0.

Example:

$5 \& 4 \rightarrow (0101 \& 0100) = 0100 = 4$

## 2. OR Operator (|)

Performs bitwise OR operation. Each bit in the result is 1 if either of the corresponding bits is 1.

Example:

$5 | 7 \rightarrow (0101 | 0111) = 0111 = 7$

## 3. XOR Operator (^)

Performs bitwise XOR operation. Each bit in the result is 1 if the corresponding bits are different.

Example:

$5 \wedge 7 \rightarrow (0101 \wedge 0111) = 0010 = 2$

## 4. NOT Operator (~)

Bitwise NOT inverts all bits ( $1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $0 \rightarrow 1$ ).

Example:

$\sim 5 \rightarrow -(5+1) = -6$

Trick:  $\sim x = -(x+1)$

## 5. Left Shift (<<)

Shifts bits to the left by n positions, filling with 0s on the right.

Formula:  $x \ll n = x \times (2^n)$

Example:

$5 \ll 1 = 10$

## 6. Right Shift (>>)

Shifts bits to the right by n positions, keeping the sign bit (arithmetic shift).

Formula:  $x \gg n = \text{floor}(x / 2^n)$

Example:

$5 \gg 1 = 2$

For negatives, it fills with 1 on the left.

## 7. Unsigned Right Shift (>>>)

Shifts bits to the right by n positions, filling with 0 (logical shift).

Always gives non-negative result.

Formula:  $x \ggg n = (x \bmod 2^{32}) / 2^n$

Example:

$20 \ggg 2 = 5$

$-20 \ggg 2 = 1073741819$

## Java Example Code

```
package BITWISE_OPERATOR;

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // AND operator &
        int c = 5 & 4;
        System.out.println(c);

        // OR operator |
        int a = 5 | 7;
        System.out.println(a);

        // XOR operator ^
        int b = 5 ^ 7;
        System.out.println(b);

        // NOT operator ~
        int d = 5;
        System.out.println(Integer.toBinaryString(d));
        int e = ~d;
        System.out.println(e);
        System.out.println(Integer.toBinaryString(e));

        // Left shift <<
        int f = 5;
        int g = f << 1;
        System.out.println(g);

        // Right shift >>
        int h = 5;
        int i = h >> 1;
        System.out.println(i);

        // Unsigned right shift >>>
        int x = 20;
        int y = x >>> 2;
        System.out.println(y);
    }
}
```