

Operator Precedence and Associativity

Note: The table below lists operators in order of **decreasing precedence** (highest precedence at the top, lowest precedence at the bottom).

Precedence	Operators	Associativity
U LtoR (Unary)	(), [], -> , . , (postfix)++ , (postfix)--	Left to Right
U RtoL (Unary)	! , ~ , + , - , ++(prefix) , --(prefix) , * , & , (type) , sizeof	Right to Left
A (Arithmetic)	* , / , %	Left to Right
A (Arithmetic)	+ , -	Left to Right
S (Shift)	<< , >>	Left to Right
C (Compare)	< , <= , > , >=	Left to Right
C (Compare)	== , !=	Left to Right
B (Bitwise)	&	Left to Right
B (Bitwise)	^	Left to Right
B (Bitwise)		Left to Right
L (Logical)	&&	Left to Right
L (Logical)		Left to Right
(ternary op)	?:	Right to Left
A (Assignment)	= , += , -= , *= , /= , %= , &= , ^= , = , <<= , >>=	Right to Left
C (Comma)	,	Left to Right

Keep in mind

- Associativity specification is redundant for Unary operators and is only shown for completeness.
- Unary prefix operators always associate **Right to Left**:
 - Example: `sizeof ++ *p ≈ sizeof (++(*p))`
- Unary postfix operators always associate **Left to Right**:
 - Example: `a[i][j]++ ≈ ((a[i]) [j]) ++`

Precedence:

- Precedence of `(->)` > Precedence of `(postfix ++ or postfix --)`
- Example:

```
int x = *p -> a++;
// Equivalent to *[(p->a)++]
// because '->' and postfix '++' operators are Left-to-Right associative.
```

```
int x = *p++ -> a;
// Equivalent to *[(p++)->a]
// because '->' and postfix '++' operators are Left-to-Right associative
// and Precedence of (->) > Precedence of (*)
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*p.c; // ≈ *(p.c)
*p++; // *(p++)
// because precedence of (postfix ++ ) > precedence of (*)
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