In Python, **operators** are special symbols or keywords that perform operations on values or variables. These operators are classified into various categories based on the type of operation they perform. Here's a detailed breakdown of each category:

**1. Arithmetic Operators**

These operators are used to perform mathematical operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication, etc.

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| + | Addition | 5 + 3 → 8 |
| - | Subtraction | 5 - 3 → 2 |
| \* | Multiplication | 5 \* 3 → 15 |
| / | Division | 5 / 2 → 2.5 |
| % | Modulus (remainder) | 5 % 2 → 1 |
| \*\* | Exponentiation | 5 \*\* 2 → 25 |
| // | Floor Division | 5 // 2 → 2 |

**2. Comparison (Relational) Operators**

These operators are used to compare two values and return a boolean (True or False).

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| = = | Equal to | 5 = = 3 → False |
| != | Not equal to | 5 != 3 → True |
| > | Greater than | 5 > 3 → True |
| < | Less than | 5 < 3 → False |
| >= | Greater than or equal to | 5 >= 3 → True |
| <= | Less than or equal to | 5 <= 3 → False |

**3. Logical Operators**

These operators are used to combine conditional statements.

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| and | Logical AND | (5 > 3 and 3 > 1) → True |
| or | Logical OR | (5 > 3 or 3 < 1) → True |
| not | Logical NOT | not(5 > 3) → False |

**4. Assignment Operators**

These operators are used to assign values to variables.

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| = | Assign | x = 5 |
| += | Add and assign | x += 3 (same as x = x + 3) |
| -= | Subtract and assign | x -= 3 (same as x = x - 3) |
| \*= | Multiply and assign | x \*= 3 (same as x = x \* 3) |
| /= | Divide and assign | x /= 3 (same as x = x / 3) |
| %= | Modulus and assign | x %= 3 (same as x = x % 3) |
| \*\*= | Exponent and assign | x \*\*= 3 (same as x = x \*\* 3) |
| //= | Floor divide and assign | x //= 3 (same as x = x // 3) |

**5. Bitwise Operators**

These operators perform bit-level operations on binary numbers.

**1. Bitwise AND (&)**

* The **Bitwise AND** operator compares each bit of two numbers and returns 1 if both corresponding bits are 1. Otherwise, it returns 0.

**2. Bitwise OR (|)**

* The **Bitwise OR** operator compares each bit of two numbers and returns 1 if at least one of the corresponding bits is 1. Otherwise, it returns 0.

**3. Bitwise XOR (^)**

* The **Bitwise XOR** operator compares each bit of two numbers and returns 1 if the bits are **different**. If the bits are the same, it returns 0.

**4. Bitwise NOT (~)**

* The **Bitwise NOT** operator inverts all the bits of the number. It changes every 1 to 0 and every 0 to 1. In Python, this operation also flips the sign of the number and adds -1 to it.

**5. Bitwise Left Shift (<<)**

* The **Bitwise Left Shift** operator shifts the bits of the first operand to the left by the number of positions specified by the second operand. Each left shift effectively multiplies the number by 2.

**6. Bitwise Right Shift (>>)**

* The **Bitwise Right Shift** operator shifts the bits of the first operand to the right by the number of positions specified by the second operand. Each right shift effectively divides the number by 2, discarding the remainder

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| & | Bitwise AND | 5 & 3 → 1 |
| ` | ` | Bitwise OR |
| ^ | Bitwise XOR | 5 ^ 3 → 6 |
| ~ | Bitwise NOT | ~5 → -6 |
| << | Left Shift | 5 << 1 → 10 |
| >> | Right Shift | 5 >> 1 → 2 |

### Key Differences Between Logical and and Bitwise &:

| **Feature** | **Logical and** | **Bitwise &** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Operands** | Works with **Boolean values** (True or False) | Works with **integers** (binary bits) |
| **Operation** | Evaluates **conditions** and returns True or False | Compares corresponding **bits** of integers |
| **Short-circuiting** | **Yes** (stops evaluating if the first operand is False) | **No** (always evaluates both operands) |
| **Example of Use** | Used for logical comparisons (if, while conditions) | Used for bitwise manipulations (e.g., masking, binary data) |
| **Result** | Boolean (True or False) | Integer (binary result of &) |

**6. Identity Operators**

These operators check if two variables point to the same object (i.e., same memory location).

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| is | Returns True if both variables are the same object | x is y |
| is not | Returns True if both variables are not the same object | x is not y |

**7. Membership Operators**

These operators test for membership in a sequence, such as strings, lists, or tuples.

| **Operator** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| in | Returns True if the value is present in the sequence | 'a' in 'apple' → True |
| not in | Returns True if the value is not present in the sequence | 'b' not in 'apple' → True |

**8. Ternary (Conditional) Operator**

The **ternary operator** in Python is a way to **simplify conditional statements** that involve assigning a value based on a condition. It allows for **inline conditional expressions**, reducing the need for multiple lines of code when you're making a simple decision. The ternary operator is also known as **conditional expressions** in Python.

**Syntax:**

x = a if condition else b

result = value\_if\_true if condition else value\_if\_false

 condition: The condition that is evaluated.

 value\_if\_true: The value assigned to result if the condition is True.

 value\_if\_false: The value assigned to result if the condition is False.

**Example:** x = 5 if 5 > 3 else 3 # x will be 5

**Example 2:**num = 0

result = "Positive" if num > 0 else "Negative" if num < 0 else "Zero"

print(result) # Output: Zero

**9. Operator Precedence**

Operator precedence determines the order in which operations are performed when an expression has multiple operators.

* **Highest precedence**: \*\* (exponentiation)
* **Next**: \*, /, %, // (multiplication, division, modulus, floor division)
* **Next**: +, - (addition, subtraction)
* **Lowest precedence**: =, +=, -=, etc. (assignment operators)

Parentheses () can be used to override the precedence, ensuring that expressions are evaluated in the desired order.

**Example:**

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x = 5 + 3 \* 2 # 3 \* 2 is evaluated first, then added to 5: result is 11

y = (5 + 3) \* 2 # Parentheses force 5 + 3 to be evaluated first: result is 16

This detailed breakdown covers most of the common operators in Python, allowing for mathematical calculations, logic building, assignments, and more.