## Operators in Java

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## What are Operators?

- An operator is a symbol that tells the compiler to perform specific mathematical or logical manipulations
- Java has rich set of built-in operators


## Types of Operators

- Arithmetical operators
- Relational operators
- Logical operators
- Assignment operators
- Conditional operators
- instanceof operator
- dot operator


## Arithmetic operators

- Arithmetical operators are: +, -, *, /, and \%
- They are used to performs an arithmetic (numeric) operations
- You can use the operators +, -, *, /, and \% with both integral and floating-point data values


## Arithmetic operators

| Operator | Meaning | Variables | Integer <br> Arithmetic | Float <br> Arithmetic | Mixed mode <br> Arithmetic |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| + | Addition | $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}$ | $10+5$ | $10.0+5.0$ | $10.0+5$ |
| - | Subtraction | $\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ | $10-5$ | $10.0-5.0$ | $10.0-5$ |
| * | Multiplication | a * b | $10 * 5$ | $10.0 * 5.0$ | $10.0 * 5$ |
| / | Division | $\mathrm{a} / \mathrm{b}$ | $10 / 5$ | $10.0 / 5.0$ | $10.0 / 5$ |
| \% | Modulus <br> (Remainder) | $\mathrm{a} \% \mathrm{~b}$ | $10 \% 5$ | $10.0 \% 5.0$ | $10.0 \% 5$ |

## Relational operators

- The relational operators are used to compare two values
- All relational operators are binary operators and therefore require two operands
- A relational expression returns zero when the relation is false and a non-zero when it is true


## Relational operators

| Operator | Meaning | Variables | Comparing <br> Integers | Comparing <br> Float | Mixed <br> Mode |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $<$ | Less than | $\mathrm{a}<\mathrm{b}$ | $10<5$ | $10.0<5.0$ | $10.0<5$ |
|  | Less than or <br> Equal to | $\mathrm{a}<=\mathrm{b}$ | $10<=5$ | $10.0<=5.0$ | $10.0<=5$ |
|  | Greater than | $\mathrm{a}>\mathrm{b}$ | $10>5$ | $10.0>5.0$ | $10.0>5$ |
| $>$ | Greater than or <br> Equal to | $\mathrm{a}>=\mathrm{b}$ | $10>=5$ | $10.0>=5.0$ | $10.0>=5$ |
| Equal to | $\mathrm{a}==\mathrm{b}$ | $10==5$ | $10.0==5.0$ | $10.0=5$ |  |
| $==$ | Not Equal to | $\mathrm{a}!=\mathrm{b}$ | $10!=5$ | $10.0!=5.0$ | $10.0!=5$ |
| $!=$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## Logical operators

| Operator | Meaning | Variables |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\& \&$ | Logical AND | $\mathrm{a}>\mathrm{b} \& \& \mathrm{a}>\mathrm{c}$ |
| $\\|$ | Logical OR | $\mathrm{n}<10 \\| \mathrm{n}>50$ |
| $!$ | Logical NOT | $!\mathrm{a}$ |


| Expression1 | Expression 2 | $\& \&$ Result | \|| Result |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| True | True | True | True |
| True | False | False | True |
| False | True | False | True |
| False | False | False | False |

## Assignment operator

- The assignment operator ' $=$ ' is used for assigning a variable to a value
- This operator takes the expression on its RHS and places it into the variable on its LHS
- Variable = Expression;
- $\mathrm{c}=\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}$;


## Shorthand Assignment Operators

| Operator | Example | Equivalent <br> to |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $+=$ | $\mathrm{A}+=2$ | $\mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{A}+2$ |
| $-=$ | $\mathrm{A}-=2$ | $\mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{A}-2$ |
| $\%=$ | $\mathrm{A} \%=2$ | $\mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{A} \% 2$ |
| /= | $\mathrm{A} /=2$ | $\mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{A} / 2$ |
| $*=$ | $\mathrm{A} *=2$ | $\mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{A} * 2$ |

## Increment and Decrement Operators

- Java provides two special operators: '++' and '--' for incrementing and decrementing the value of a variable by 1
- The increment/ decrement operator cannot be used with constant
- Increment and decrement operators are classified as pre-increment and post-increment


## Increment and Decrement Operators

- The syntax of the increment operator is:
- Pre-increment: ++variable
- Post-increment: variable++
- The syntax of the decrement operator is:
- Pre-decrement: -variable
- Post-decrement: variable-


## Increment and Decrement Operators

- In Prefix form first variable is first incremented/ decremented, then evaluated
- In Postfix form first variable is first evaluated, then incremented / decremented.
- ++a
- a++


## Conditional operator

- The conditional operator ?: is called ternary operator as it requires three operands.
- The format of the conditional operator is :

Conditional_ expression? expression1 : expression2;

- If the value of conditional expression is true then the expression1 is evaluated, otherwise expression2is evaluated.


## Conditional operator

int $\mathrm{a}=5$;
int $b=6$;
big $=(\mathrm{a}>\mathrm{b}) ? \mathrm{a}: \mathrm{b}$;

- The condition evaluates to false, therefore big gets the value from $b$ and it becomes 6 .


## Bitwise Operators

| Operator | Meaning |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\&$ | Bitwise AND |
| \| | Bitwise OR |
| $\wedge$ | Bitwise X-OR |
| $\sim$ | Bitwise Complement |
| $\ll$ | Bitwise Shift Left |
| $\gg$ | Bitwise Shift Right |
| $\ggg$ | Bitwise Shift Right with Zero fill |

## The instanceof operator

- It is an Object reference operator

Person instanceof Student

## The dot operator

- It is used to access the instance variable or method of an object

Person.age
Person.salary( )

## Expression Evaluation

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{a} & =9 \\
\mathrm{~b} & =12 ; \\
\mathrm{c} & =3 ; \\
\mathrm{x} & =\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b} / 3+\mathrm{c} * 2-1 ; \\
\mathrm{x} & =9-12 / 3+3 * 2-1 ; \\
& =9-4+3 * 2-1 ; \\
& =9-4+6-1 ; \\
& =5+6-1 ; \\
& =11-1 ; \\
& =10
\end{aligned}
$$

## Expression Evaluation

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{y} & =9-12 /(3+3)^{*}(2-1) \\
& =9-12 / 6^{*}(2-1) \\
& =9-12 / 6^{*} 1 \\
& =9-2^{*} 1 \\
& =9-2 \\
& =7
\end{aligned}
$$

## Type Conversion

- Automatic

If expression contains different type of operands, lower type is converted to higher type automatically.
Result is converted to the type of operand available in LHS. But,

- float to int truncates the fractional parts
- double to float rounds digits
- long to int drops the excess higher order bits
- Typecasting
(type) Expression;


## Operator Precedence

| Operator | Associativity | Rank |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ( ) | Left to Right | 1 |
| [ ] |  |  |
| - | Right to Left | 2 |
| ++ |  |  |
| -- |  |  |
| ! |  |  |
| ~ |  |  |
| (type) |  |  |

## Operator Precedence

| $\%$ | Left to Right | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| / <br> $\%$ | Left to Right | 4 |
| + | Left to Right | 5 |
| - |  |  |
| << <br> $\gg$ <br> $\ggg$ | Left to Right | 6 |
| < <br> <= <br> $>$ |  |  |
| >= <br> instanceof |  |  |

## Operator Precedence

| $==$ | Left to Right | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $!=$ | Left to Right | 8 |
| $\&$ | Left to Right | 9 |
| $\wedge$ | Left to Right | 10 |
| $\mid$ | Left to Right | 11 |
| $\& \&$ | Left to Right | 12 |
| $\\|$ | Right to Left | 13 |
| $?:$ | Right to Left | 14 |
| $=$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Op=}$ |  |  |

## Mathematical Functions

| $\sin ()$ <br> $\cos ()$ <br> $\tan ()$ | $\operatorname{asin}($ ) <br> $\operatorname{acos}()$ <br> atan( ) | pow(x,y) <br> $\exp (\mathrm{x})$ <br> $\log ()$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sqrt() <br> ceil() <br> floor( | round() <br> abs() | $\max (a, b)$ $\min (a, b)$ |

Thank you

