

1. What is an Operator?

An **operator** is a symbol used to perform an operation on one or more values or variables.

Example

```
int a = 10;  
int b = 5;  
  
int result = a + b;
```

Here:

- `a` and `b` are **operands**.
- `+` is an **operator**.
- `a + b` is an **expression**.
- The result is `15`.

2. What is an Expression?

An **expression** is a combination of values, variables, and operators that produces a result.

Examples

```
a + b
```

```
marks >= 50
```

```
age >= 18 && age <= 60
```

Each of these expressions produces a result.

3. Types of Operators Based on Number of Operands

Operators can be classified according to the number of operands they work with.

3.1 Unary Operators

A **unary operator** works with **one operand**.

Examples

```
x++;
```

```
-x;
```

```
!isStudent;
```

Only one variable/value is involved.

Common Unary Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
++	Increment	x++
--	Decrement	x--
-	Negative	-x
!	Logical NOT	!x

3.2 Binary Operators

A **binary operator** works with **two operands**.

Example

```
a + b
```

Here:

- **a** → first operand
- **+** → operator
- **b** → second operand

Other examples:

```
a - b  
a * b  
a > b  
a == b
```

Remember

Unary → **one operand**

```
x++;
```

Binary → two operands

```
x + y;
```

4. Types of C++ Operators

The main operators we will study are:

1. Arithmetic Operators
2. Assignment Operator
3. Compound Assignment Operators
4. Increment and Decrement Operators
5. Relational Operators
6. Logical Operators

5. Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators are used to perform **mathematical calculations**.

Operator	Name	Example
+	Addition	<code>a + b</code>
-	Subtraction	<code>a - b</code>
*	Multiplication	<code>a * b</code>
/	Division	<code>a / b</code>
%	Modulus/Remainder	<code>a % b</code>

Example

```
int a = 10;
int b = 3;

cout << a + b;    // 13
cout << a - b;    // 7
cout << a * b;    // 30
cout << a / b;    // 3
cout << a % b;    // 1
```

Important Point: / Division Operator

The / operator is used for division.

The result depends on the data type of the operands.

1. Both Operands are `int`

If both operands are integers, C++ performs **integer division**.

```
int a = 10;
int b = 3;

cout << a / b;
```

Output:

3

Although mathematically:

$$10 \div 3 = 3.3333\dots$$

C++ gives:

3

because both `a` and `b` are `int`.

Important: The decimal part is removed when integer division is performed.

2. One Operand is `float`

If at least one operand is a `float`, the division produces a decimal result.

```
float a = 10;
int b = 3;

cout << a / b;
```

Output:

3.33333

Here:

```
float / int → decimal result
```

3. Both Operands are `float`

```
float a = 10;  
float b = 3;  
  
cout << a / b;
```

Output:

```
3.33333
```

Here:

```
float / float → decimal result
```

4. Using `double`

`double` can also be used for decimal calculations.

```
double a = 10;  
double b = 3;  
  
cout << a / b;
```

Output:

```
3.33333
```

Remember

Operand Types	Example	Result
<code>int / int</code>	<code>10 / 3</code>	<code>3</code>
<code>float / int</code>	<code>10.0f / 3</code>	<code>3.33333</code>
<code>int / float</code>	<code>10 / 3.0f</code>	<code>3.33333</code>
<code>float / float</code>	<code>10.0f / 3.0f</code>	<code>3.33333</code>

Operand Types	Example	Result
double / double	10.0 / 3.0	3.33333

Important Rule

If both operands are **int**, the result of **/** is integer division. If at least one operand is a floating-point type (**float** or **double**), the result can contain decimal values.

Important Point: % Remainder Operator

The **%** operator gives the **remainder after integer division**.

```
int a = 10;
int b = 3;

cout << a % b;
```

Output:

1

Because:

$10 \div 3 = 3$ remainder 1

Therefore:

$10 / 3 = 3$
 $10 \% 3 = 1$

Another Example

```
int a = 20;
int b = 6;

cout << a / b << endl;
cout << a % b << endl;
```

Output:

3
2

Because:

```
20 ÷ 6 = 3 remainder 2
```

Remember

```
/ → gives the quotient  
% → gives the remainder
```

For example:

```
17 / 5 = 3  
17 % 5 = 2
```

6. Assignment Operator

The assignment operator is:

```
=
```

It is used to **assign a value to a variable**.

Example

```
int age = 20;
```

This means:

Store the value 20 in the variable age.

Another example:

```
int x = 10;  
  
x = 25;
```

Now:

```
x = 25
```

Important

Do not confuse:

=

with:

==

= means **assignment**.

== means **comparison**.

Example:

```
x = 10;    // Assign 10 to x
x == 10;   // Check whether x is 10
```

7. Compound Assignment Operators

Compound assignment operators provide a shorter way to update a variable.

Example

Instead of:

```
x = x + 5;
```

we can write:

```
x += 5;
```

Both have the same effect.

Common Compound Assignment Operators

Operator	Example	Equivalent To
+=	x += 5	x = x + 5
-=	x -= 5	x = x - 5
*=	x *= 5	x = x * 5
/=	x /= 5	x = x / 5

Operator	Example	Equivalent To
<code>%=</code>	<code>x %= 5</code>	<code>x = x % 5</code>

Example

```
int marks = 70;  
  
marks += 5;
```

Now:

```
marks = 75
```

8. Increment Operator `++`

The increment operator increases a value by **1**.

```
int x = 5;  
  
x++;
```

Now:

```
x = 6
```

It is equivalent to:

```
x = x + 1;
```

There are two forms:

```
x++;
```

Post-increment

and:

```
++x;
```

Pre-increment

Both increase the value by 1. The difference becomes important when the operator is used inside a larger expression.

9. Decrement Operator --

The decrement operator decreases a value by **1**.

```
int x = 5;  
  
x--;
```

Now:

```
x = 4
```

It is equivalent to:

```
x = x - 1;
```

There are two forms:

```
x--;
```

Post-decrement

and:

```
--x;
```

Pre-decrement

10. Relational Operators

Relational operators are used to **compare two values**.

The result of a comparison is either:

```
true
```

or:

```
false
```

Relational Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example
>	Greater than	<code>a > b</code>
<	Less than	<code>a < b</code>
>=	Greater than or equal to	<code>a >= b</code>
<=	Less than or equal to	<code>a <= b</code>
==	Equal to	<code>a == b</code>
!=	Not equal to	<code>a != b</code>

Example

```
int marks = 75;

cout << (marks >= 50);
```

The expression is:

```
marks >= 50
```

Since 75 is greater than 50, the result is:

```
true
```

11. Logical Operators

Logical operators are used to **combine or reverse conditions**.

There are three main logical operators:

Operator	Name	Meaning
&&	AND	Both conditions must be true
&	OR	At least one condition must be true
!	NOT	Reverses the condition

11.1 AND Operator &&

The && operator returns true when **both conditions are true**.

Example

```
age >= 18 && marks >= 50
```

This means:

Age must be 18 or above **AND** marks must be 50 or above.

11.2 OR Operator ||

The || operator returns true when **at least one condition is true**.

Example

```
day == 6 || day == 7
```

This means:

Day is 6 **OR** day is 7.

11.3 NOT Operator !

The ! operator reverses a Boolean value or condition.

Example

```
bool isStudent = true;  
  
cout << !isStudent;
```

The result becomes:

```
false
```

Because ! changes true to false and false to true.

12. Operators in if Statements

Operators are commonly used to create conditions in if statements.

Example 1

```
int marks = 75;

if (marks >= 50)
{
    cout << "Pass";
}
```

Here:

```
marks >= 50
```

is a **condition/expression** using a relational operator.

Example 2

```
int age = 20;
int marks = 75;

if (age >= 18 && marks >= 50)
{
    cout << "Eligible";
}
```

Here:

- `>=` → Relational operator
- `&&` → Logical operator
- `age >= 18` → First condition
- `marks >= 50` → Second condition

13. Operator Summary

Category	Operators	Purpose
Arithmetic	<code>+</code> <code>-</code> <code>*</code> <code>/</code> <code>%</code>	Mathematical calculations
Assignment	<code>=</code>	Assign a value
Compound Assignment	<code>+=</code> <code>-=</code> <code>*=</code> <code>/=</code> <code>%=</code>	Update a variable
Increment	<code>++</code>	Increase by 1
Decrement	<code>--</code>	Decrease by 1

Category	Operators	Purpose
Relational	> < >= <= == !=	Compare values
Logical	&& ^ ~ !	Combine or reverse conditions
Unary	++ -- - !	Work with one operand
Binary	+ - * / > < == etc.	Work with two operands

14. Quick Revision

Operator

A symbol used to perform an operation.

Operand

A value or variable on which an operator works.

Expression

A combination of values, variables, and operators that produces a result.

Unary

Works with **one operand**.

```
x++;
```

Binary

Works with **two operands**.

```
x + y;
```

Arithmetic

Used for calculations.

```
+ - * / %
```

Relational

Used for comparison.

> < >= <= == !=

Logical

Used to combine or reverse conditions.

&& || !

Assignment

Used to assign a value.

=

Compound Assignment

Used to update a value in a shorter way.

+= -= *= /= %=

Increment / Decrement

Used to increase or decrease a value by 1.

++ --