

Expressions



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Expressions

- Variables and constants are linked with operators
 - Arithmetic expressions
 - Uses arithmetic operators
 - Can evaluate to any value
 - Logical expressions
 - Uses relational and logical operators
 - Evaluates to 1 or 0 (true or false) only
 - Assignment expression
 - Uses assignment operators
 - Evaluates to value depending on assignment

Arithmetic operators

- Binary operators

- Addition +
- Subtraction -
- Division /
- Multiplication *
- Modulus %

- Unary operators

- Plus +
- Minus -

- Examples:

`2*3+5-10/3`

`-1+3*3/19-7`

`distance/time`

`a*x*x+b*x+c`

`37%10`

`3.14*radius*radius`

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- **Note**
 - All operators except $\%$ can be used with operands of all of the data types int, float, double, char (yes! char also! We will see what it means later)
 - $\%$ can be used only with integer operands

Operator precedence

- In decreasing order of priority
 1. Parenthesis
 2. Unary minus (-5)
 3. Multiplication, division and modulus ($x*y$: 65)
 4. Addition and subtraction
- For operators of the same priority, evaluation is from left to right
- Parenthesis may be used to change the precedence of operator evaluation

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Type of value of expression

- If all operands of an operator are integer (int variable or integer constants), the value is always integer
 - Example: $9/5$ will be 1 not 1.8
 - Example:

```
int a=9,b=5;
printf("%d",a/b);
```
- If at least one operand is real, the value is real
 - **Caution:** Since floating-point values are rounded to the number of significant digits permissible, the final value is an approximation of the final result
 - Example: $1/3.0 * 3.0$ may have the value 0.99999 and not 1.0
 - So checking if $1/3.0 * 3.0$ is equal to 1.0 may return **false!!**
- The type of the final value of the expression can be found by applying these rules again and again as the expression is evaluated following operator precedence

Issues

```
int a=10,b=4,c;  
float x;  
c=a/b;  
x=a/b;
```

- Value of c will be 2
- Value of x will be 2.0
- Want 2.5 to be stored in x

Assignment expression

- Uses the assignment operator '='
- General syntax:
`variable_name = expression`
- Left of = is called **l-value**, must be a modifiable variable
- Right of = is called **r-value**, can be any expression
- Examples:
 - `velocity = 20`
 - `b = 15; temp = 12.5`
 - `A = A + 10`
 - `v = u + f * t`
 - `s = u * t + 0.5 * f * t * t`

Assignment expression (contd.)

- An assignment expression evaluates to a value same as any other expression
- Value of an assignment expression is the value assigned to the l-value
- Example: value of
 - `a = 3` is 3
 - `b = 2*4 - 6` is 2
 - `n = 2*u + 3*v - w` is whatever the arithmetic expression $2*u + 3*v - w$ evaluates to given the current values stored in variables `u`, `v`, `w`
- Several variables can be assigned the same value using multiple assignment operators
 - `a = b = c = 5;`
 - `flag1 = flag2 = 'y';`
 - `speed = flow = 0.0;`
- Easy to understand if you remember that
 - The assignment expression has a value
 - Multiple assignment operators are right-to-left associative

Example

- Consider $a = b = c = 5$
 - Three assignment operators
 - Rightmost assignment expression is $c=5$, evaluates to value 5
 - Now you have $a = b = 5$
 - Rightmost assignment expression is $b=5$, evaluates to value 5
 - Now you have $a = 5$
 - Evaluates to value 5
 - So all three variables store 5, the final value the assignment expression evaluates to is 5

Types of l-value and r-value

- Usually should be the same
- If not, the type of the r-value will be internally converted to the type of the l-value, and then assigned to it

- Example:

```
double a;  
a = 2*3;
```

- Type of r-value is int and the value is 6
- Type of l-value is double, so stores 6.0

Type mismatch

```
int a;  
a = 2*3.2;
```

- Type of r-value is float/double and the value is 6.4
- Type of l-value is int, so internally converted to 6
- So a stores 6, not the correct result
- But an int cannot store fractional part anyway
- So just badly written program
- Be careful about the types on both sides

More assignment operators

- $+=$, $-=$, $*=$, $/=$, $\%=$
- Operators for special type of assignments
- $a += b$ is the same as $a = a + b$
- Same for $-=$, $*=$, $/=$, and $\%=$
- Exact same rules apply for multiple assignment operators

Example

- Suppose x and y are two integer variables whose values are 5 and 10 respectively

$x += y$	Stores 15 in x	Evaluates to 15
$x -= y$	Stores -5 in x	Evaluates to -5
$x *= y$	Stores 50 in x	Evaluates to 50
$x /= y$	Stores 0 in x	Evaluates to 0

Logical expression

- Uses relational and logical operators in addition
- Informally, specifies a condition which can be true or false
- Evaluates to value 0 or 1
 - 0 implies the condition is false
 - 1 implies the condition is true
- Examples:

```
(count <= 100)
```

```
((math+phys+chem)/3 >= 60)
```

```
((sex == 'M') && (age >= 21))
```

```
((marks >= 80) && (marks < 90))
```

```
((balance > 5000) || (no_of_trans > 25))
```

```
(!(grade == 'A'))
```

Relational operators

- Used to compare two quantities
 - `<` is less than
 - `>` is greater than
 - `<=` is less than or equal to
 - `>=` is greater than or equal to
 - `==` is equal to
 - `!=` is not equal to

Examples

$10 > 20$ — is false, so value is 0

$25 < 35.5$ — is true, so value is 1

$12 > (7 + 5)$ — is false, so value is 0

$32 \neq 21$ — is true, so value is 1

- When arithmetic expressions are used on either side of a relational operator, the arithmetic expressions will be evaluated first and then the results compared

$a + b > c - d$ is the same as $(a+b) > (c-d)$

Logical operator

- Logical AND (&&)
 - Evaluates to 1 if both the operands are non-zero
- Logical OR (||)
 - Results is true is at least one of the operand is non-zero

X	Y	X&&Y	X Y
0	0	0	0
0	non-0	0	non-0
non-0	0	0	non-0
non-0	non-0	non-0	non-0

Logical operator (contd.)

- Unary negation operator (!)
 - Single operand
 - Value is 0 if operand is non-zero
 - Value is 1 if operand is 0

Example

- $(4 > 3) \ \&\& \ (100 \neq 200)$
 - $4 > 3$ is true, so value 1
 - $100 \neq 200$ is true so value 1
 - Both operands 1 for $\&\&$, so final value 1
- $(!10) \ \&\& \ (10 + 20 \neq 200)$
 - 10 is non-0, so value $!10$ is 0
 - $10 + 20 \neq 200$ is true so value 1
 - Both operands NOT 1 for $\&\&$, so final value 0
- $(!10) \ || \ (10 + 20 \neq 200)$
 - Same as above, but at least one value non-0, so final value 1

Example (contd.)

- $a = 3 \ \&\& \ b = 4$
 - No parenthesis, so need to look at precedence and associativity
 - $=$ has higher precedence than $\&\&$
 - $b=4$ is an assignment expression, evaluates to 4
 - $a = 3$ is an assignment expression, evaluates to 3
 - Both operands of $\&\&$ are non-0, so final value of the logical expression is 1
- Note that changing to $b = 0$ would have made the final value 0

Example

```
void main () {  
    int i, j;  
    scanf("%d%d",&i,&j);  
    printf ("%d AND %d = %d, %d OR %d=%d\n", i,j,i&& j, i,j, i||j) ;  
}
```

- If 3 and 0 are entered from keyboard, output will be 3 AND 0 = 0, 3 OR 0 = 1

Special operator: AddressOf (&)

- Remember that each variable is stored at a location with a unique address
- Putting & before a variable name gives the address of the variable (where it is stored, not the value)
- Can be put before any variable (with no blank in between)

```
int a =10;  
printf("Value of a is %d, and address of a is %d\n", a, &a);
```

Recall earlier issues

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float x;  
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Solution: Typecasting

- Changing the type of a variable during its use

- General form

`(type_name) variable_name`

- Example

```
x = ((float) a) / b;
```

- Now x will store 2.5 (type of a is considered to be float for this operation only, now it is a mixed-mode expression, so real values are generated)

Typecasting

- Not everything can be typecast to anything
 - float/double should not be typecast to int (as an int cannot store everything a float/double can store)
 - int should not be typecast to char (same reason)
- General rule: make sure the final type can store any value of the initial type

Example

```
int a,b;
float avg;
scanf("%d%d",&a,&b);
avg=(a+b)/2;
printf("%f\n",avg);
```

Wrong

```
int a,b;
float avg;
scanf("%d%d",&a,&b);
avg=((float)(a+b)/2);
printf("%f\n",avg);
```

```
int a,b;
float avg;
scanf("%d%d",&a,&b);
avg=(a+b)/2.0;
printf("%f\n",avg);
```


More operators

- Increment (`++`), Decrement (`--`)
 - Both of these are unary operators; they operate on a single operand
 - The increment operator causes its operand to be increased by 1
 - Example: `a++`, `++count`
 - The decrement operator causes its operand to be decreased by 1.
 - Example: `i--`, `--distance`

Pre vs Post increment

- Operator written before the operand (`++i`, `--i`)
 - Called pre-increment operator (also sometimes called prefix `++` and prefix `--`)
 - Operand will be altered in value before it is utilized in the program
- Operator written after the operand (`i++`, `i--`)
 - Called post-increment operator (also sometimes called postfix `++` and postfix `--`)
 - Operand will be altered in value after it is utilized in the program

Examples

- Initial values: $a = 10$; $b = 20$;

$x = 50 + ++a$; $a = 11$, $x = 61$

$x = 50 + a++$; $a = 11$, $x = 60$

$x = a++ + --b$; $a = 11$, $b=19$, $x = 29$

$x = a++ + ++a$; ??

Called **side effects** (while calculating some values, something else gets changed)