

C Programming Language Operators



Operator	Description	Associativity			Precedence	Notes
		Binary Operator	Unary Operator	Ternary Operator		
--	Arithmetic - decrement (postfix)		✓		left-to-right	Highest
()	Parenthesis, function call				left-to-right	
.	Member of structure/union	✓			left-to-right	
[]	Array subscript				left-to-right	
++	Arithmetic - increment (postfix)		✓		left-to-right	
->	Pointer to structure/union	✓			left-to-right	
(type){init}	Compound literal				left-to-right	
-	Arithmetic - minus sign (negative)		✓		right-to-left	
--	Arithmetic - decrement (prefix)		✓		right-to-left	
!	Logical NOT		✓		right-to-left	
&	Address Reference (address-of)		✓		right-to-left	
*	Address Dereference		✓		right-to-left	
~	Bitwise - one's complement		✓		right-to-left	
+	Arithmetic - plus sign (positive)		✓		right-to-left	
++	Arithmetic - increment (prefix)		✓		right-to-left	
sizeof	Data type size in bytes		✓		right-to-left	
type cast	Explicit data type conversion		✓		right-to-left	
_Alignof	Alignment requirement in bytes		✓		right-to-left	
%	Arithmetic - modulus	✓			left-to-right	Added in C99
*	Arithmetic - multiplication	✓			left-to-right	
/	Arithmetic - division	✓			left-to-right	
-	Arithmetic - subtraction	✓			left-to-right	
+	Arithmetic - addition	✓			left-to-right	
<<	Bitwise - shift-left	✓			left-to-right	
>>	Bitwise - shift-right	✓			left-to-right	
<	Relational - less-than	✓			left-to-right	
<=	Relational - less-than-or-equal	✓			left-to-right	
>	Relational - greater-than	✓			left-to-right	
>=	Relational - greater-than-or-equal	✓			left-to-right	
!=	Relational - not-equal	✓			left-to-right	
==	Relational - equal	✓			left-to-right	
&	Bitwise AND	✓			left-to-right	
^	Bitwise XOR	✓			left-to-right	
	Bitwise OR	✓			left-to-right	
&&	Logical AND	✓			left-to-right	
	Logical OR	✓			left-to-right	
? :	Conditional			✓	right-to-left	
%=	Modulus assignment	✓			right-to-left	Added in C11
&=	Bitwise AND assignment	✓			right-to-left	
*=	Multiplication assignment	✓			right-to-left	
/=	Division assignment	✓			right-to-left	
^=	Bitwise XOR assignment	✓			right-to-left	
=	Bitwise OR assignment	✓			right-to-left	
+=	Addition assignment	✓			right-to-left	
<<=	Bitwise shift-left assignment	✓			right-to-left	
=	Assignment	✓			right-to-left	
-=	Subtraction assignment	✓			right-to-left	
>>=	Bitwise shift-right assignment	✓			right-to-left	
,	Comma sequence	✓			left-to-right	

Operators in the same group have equal precedence.