

## CISC124 - Expressions & Loops

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## Elements of Expressions

An expression in Java can consist of:

- Variables
- Literal values
- Keywords
- Operators
- Method invocations
- Punctuation

And evaluates to a value used for some purpose  
Examples: (totalCount < 50) evaluates to true/false

Sum = Sum + 50; evaluates to a number

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## Variables and Literals

- Variables: have names and types
  - Store a value (primitive types) or a reference to an object (class types)
  - Camel case naming convention → roomNumber
  - Static typing → set when declaring a variable (Example: int count;)
- Literal values
  - Numbers → 5 5.25 3.14E-2F others
  - Characters → 'a' '8' '\u0049'
  - Strings → "Hello"

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## Keywords

About 53 keywords in the Java language

- Cannot be used to name variables, classes, objects, etc.
- Case sensitive and must comply with java syntax rules
- Primitive types: byte, short, int, long, float, double, char, boolean
- Conditionals: if, else, switch, case, break, default
- Loops: while, for, do, break, continue
- Classes and Methods: class, interface, package, public, private, protected, static, void ...
- Exceptions: try, catch, finally, throw, throws

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## Operators

They operate on one, two or three expressions to return a value! There exists an order of evaluation for operators (precedence).

- Unary operators
  - Operator (Expression)
- Binary operators
  - (Expression 1) Operator (Expression 2)
- Conditional operator (ternary operator)
  - (Expression 1) ? (Expression 2) : (Expression 3)

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## Unary Operators

- Arithmetic sign change: -
- Boolean negation: !
- Pre and post-increment (integer): ++
- Pre and post-decrement (integer): --
- Bitwise complement (byte): ~

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## Binary Operators

- Boolean operators:
  - `&&` (conditional AND) → operates on true/false expr.
  - `||` (conditional OR) → operates on true/false expr.
  - `&` (boolean AND) → operates on true/false expr., and as a bitwise operator on integers
  - `|` (boolean OR) → operates on true/false expr., and as a bitwise operator on integers
  - `^` (boolean XOR) → operates on true/false expr., and as a bitwise operator on integers

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## Binary Operators (continued)

- Arithmetic: `+` (addition), `-` (subtraction), `*` (multiplication), `/` (division), `%` (modulo)
- `9/4` evaluates to 2
- `9/4.0f` evaluates to 2.5
- `9%4` evaluates to 1
- String concatenation: `+`
  - `"Hello" + " world"` → `"Hello world"`
- Comparison: `==` (equals), `!=` (not equals), `<` (less than), `<=` (less than or equal), `>` (greater than), `>=` (greater than or equal),

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## Binary Operators (continued)

- Assignment operators:
  - `=` (assign right-side expression to left-side-expression )
  - It is right associative → `a = b = c` operates as `a = (b = c)`
- Combination assignment operators. The general form is:  
`var op= value`
  - Arithmetic operators plus assignment: `+=`, `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, `%=`
  - Bitwise operators plus assignment: `&=`, `|=`, `^=`

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## Binary Operators (continued)

- The `instanceof` operator checks whether a value is an instance of class or not:
  - `"Hello" instanceof String` returns `true`
  - `"Hi" instanceof String` returns `true` (strings are also instances of `Object`)
  - `Null instanceof String` returns `false` (`null` is never an instance of anything)

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## Conditional Operator

- Conditional operator (ternary operator)
  - `(Expression 1) ? (Expression 2) : (Expression 3)`
- Evaluate Expression1
  - If true evaluate Expression 2 and return its value
  - If false evaluate Expression 3 and return its value

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## While loop

```
while (BooleanExpression) {
    Block 1 of Statements
}
```

while  
loop  
nesting  
to any  
level

```
while (BooleanExpression 1) {
    while (BooleanExpression 2) {
        Block of Statements
    }
}
```

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<b>While loop</b>	
<pre>while (Expression) {     Statements Block1     continue;     Statements Block 2 }</pre>	Control returns to evaluate expression (Block 2 not executed)
<pre>while (Expression) {     Statements Block1     break;     Statements Block 2 }</pre>	While loop exits to previous nesting level (if one exists) (Block 2 not executed)

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