

boolean Expressions

Relational, Equality, and Logical Operators

How do we *compare* number and string data?

... with relational and equality operators!

| Test | Math | TypeScript Operator |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|
| "is greater than?" | $>$ | <code>></code> |
| "is at least?" | \geq | <code>>=</code> |
| "is less than?" | $<$ | <code><</code> |
| "is at most?" | \leq | <code><=</code> |
| "is equal to?" | $=$ | <code>===</code> |
| "is not equal to?" | \neq | <code>!==</code> |

The **equal to** Operator is **===**

- THREE equals symbols side-by-side means *"is equal to?"*

1 === 1 ... true

1 === 2 ... false

- **Important!** Equality operator is very different from the assignment operator.
 - = is read as "is assigned a value of"
 - === is read as "is equal to?"
- **let b = x === y;**
 - "The **boolean** variable **b** is declared and **assigned an initial value** of testing 'is x **equal to** y?'"
- Use **only** w/ simple types (string, number, boolean), **not** w/ Objects/Arrays.

The **not equal to** Operator is **!==**

- The ! symbol in many programming languages means "NOT"

1 !== 1 ... false

1 !== 2 ... true

- **let b: boolean = x !== y;**
 - "The boolean variable **b** is declared and **assigned an initial value** of testing 'is x **not equal to** y?'"

How do we form compound logical statements?

- IF UNC has a game **AND** it is a home game, THEN I'll go watch.
- IF it is raining **OR** it is cold, THEN I'll grab my jacket.
- IF it is **NOT** a COMP110 assignment, THEN I will procrastinate.

The AND operator is &&

- The double ampersand && is a boolean operator

<boolean a> && <boolean b>



boolean value

- If **both expressions** connected by the && symbol **are true**, then the resulting boolean will be true. Otherwise it will be false.

AND truth table

| | true | false |
|-------|-------|-------|
| true | true | false |
| false | false | false |

You read a truth table like a multiplication table. Start with a finger on one column label and one row label, per each side of the operator, and trace your way in.

The OR operator is ||

- The double vertical bar || is a boolean operator

<boolean a> || <boolean b>



boolean value

- If **either expression** connected by the || symbol **is true**, then the resulting boolean will be **true**. Otherwise it will be false.

OR truth table

| | true | false |
|-------|------|-------|
| true | true | true |
| false | true | false |

You read a truth table like a multiplication table. Start with a finger on one column label and one row label, per each side of the operator, and trace your way in.

The NOT operator is !

- The exclamation point is a unary boolean operator.

!<boolean a>



boolean value

- The expression following the NOT operator will evaluate to the opposite boolean value. True becomes false and false becomes true.

NOT truth table

| | true | false |
|-----|-------|-------|
| not | false | true |

Logical Operator Reference

&& AND

| Expression | Is |
|----------------|-------|
| true && true | true |
| true && false | false |
| false && true | false |
| false && false | false |

|| OR

| Expression | Is |
|----------------|-------|
| true true | true |
| true false | true |
| false true | true |
| false false | false |

! NOT

| Expression | Is |
|------------|-------|
| !true | false |
| !false | true |

It is worth committing these to memory. Every programming language (including Excel) shares the same notion of these logical operations.