

## 2 – EXERCISES ON BOOLEANS

### Quick reference

| Operator                              | Meaning                                       | Example                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <code>&amp;&amp;</code>               | AND — true only if <i>both</i> sides are true | <code>a &amp;&amp; b</code> |
| <code>  </code>                       | OR — true if <i>at least one</i> side is true | <code>a    b</code>         |
| <code>!</code>                        | NOT — flips the value                         | <code>!a</code>             |
| <code>==</code>                       | equal to                                      | <code>a == b</code>         |
| <code>!=</code>                       | not equal to                                  | <code>a != b</code>         |
| <code>&lt;, &gt;, &lt;=, &gt;=</code> | comparisons                                   | <code>a &lt; b</code>       |

In C++, `false` is stored as 0 and `true` as 1. Printing a `bool` with `std::cout` will display 0 or 1 by default.

### Problem 1 — True or false? (warm-up)

For each expression below, write **true** or **false**. The variables are:

Listing 1:

```
1  bool a = true;
2  bool b = false;
3  bool c = true;
```

(a) `a && b`

(b) `a || b`

(c) `!b`

(d) `!a || c`

(e) `a && b && c`

(f) `!a || !b || !c`

(g) `!(a && c)`

(h) `!(a || b) && c`

## Problem 2 — Comparison operators

Let `volume = 75`, `pitch = 440`, `brightness = 200`. Evaluate each expression to **true** or **false**.

- (a) `volume > 50`
- (b) `pitch == 440`
- (c) `brightness != 200`
- (d) `volume >= 75 && pitch < 500`
- (e) `brightness > 255 || volume == 75`
- (f) `!(pitch > 400) || brightness <= 100`
- (g) `volume == 75 && pitch != 440`
- (h) `!(volume < 80 && brightness > 100)`

## Problem 3 — Trace the code by hand

What does this program print? Write the output for each `std::cout` line.

Listing 2: Studio session

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```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  int main() {
4      bool is_recording = true;
5      bool is_muted     = false;
6      bool has_signal   = true;
7
8      bool can_hear = has_signal && !is_muted;
9      bool on_air   = is_recording && can_hear;
10     bool silent   = !has_signal || is_muted;
11
12     std::cout << can_hear << std::endl; // line A
13     std::cout << on_air << std::endl;  // line B
14     std::cout << silent << std::endl;  // line C
15
16     is_muted = true;
17     can_hear = has_signal && !is_muted;
18
19     std::cout << can_hear << std::endl; // line D
20
21     return 0;
22 }
```

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Line A

Line B

Line C

Line D

## Problem 4 — Truth table

Fill in the complete truth table for the expression:

$$\text{result} = (a \ \&\& \ !b) \ || \ (!a \ \&\& \ b)$$

| a     | b     | !b | a && !b | !a && b | result |
|-------|-------|----|---------|---------|--------|
| false | false |    |         |         |        |
| false | true  |    |         |         |        |
| true  | false |    |         |         |        |
| true  | true  |    |         |         |        |

This expression is an operation called **XOR**: it is an exclusionary OR.

## Problem 5 — Spot the bug (image filter)

The function below is supposed to check whether a pixel is *valid* (each channel, *r*, *g* and *b* is in the range 0–255) **and** *bright* (average of channels above 128). It contains a logical bug. Find it and write the fix.

Listing 3: Buggy pixel validator

```
1  int main() {
2      int r = 200, g = 180, b = 90;
3
4      bool valid = (r >= 0 && r <= 255) ||
5                  (g >= 0 && g <= 255) ||
6                  (b >= 0 && b <= 255);
7
8      int avg    = (r + g + b) / 3;
9      bool bright = avg > 128;
10
11     bool ok = valid && bright;
12     return ok;
13 }
```

## Problem 6 — Write the code: concert gate

A concert has the following entry rules:

- The visitor must have a **ticket** (`has_ticket`).
- The visitor must **not** be on the banned list (`is_banned`).
- VIP visitors (`is_vip`) can enter through a **side door** even without a ticket, but still cannot enter if banned.

Write a complete `main` function that:

1. Declares four `bool` variables: `has_ticket`, `is_banned`, `is_vip`, and `can_enter`.
2. Assigns `has_ticket = false`, `is_banned = false`, `is_vip = true`.
3. Computes `can_enter` using a single boolean expression that captures all three rules above.
4. Returns `can_enter`.

*Challenge: what combination of values makes `can_enter` false even for a VIP?*

## Problem 7 — Write the code: audio clipping detector

Prolonged exposure to sound levels exceeding 85 to 90 dB(A) puts hearing at risk. This is called the hearing danger threshold.

Write a complete `main` that:

1. Declares three `int` variables `s1`, `s2`, `s3` representing sound levels, and assigns them the values -5, 75, and 120.
2. For each level, declares a `bool` that is `true` when the sound level is dangerous for prolonged exposures. Name them `is_dangerous1`, `is_dangerous2`, `is_dangerous3`.
3. Declares a `bool` named `any_is_dangerous` that is `true` if *at least one* sound level is above the danger threshold.
4. Declares a `bool` named `all_ok` that is `true` only if *no* sound level is above the hearing danger threshold.
5. Returns `any_is_dangerous`.

**Expected values:**

`is_dangerous1`

`is_dangerous2`

`is_dangerous3`

`any_is_dangerous`

`all_ok`