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A broad dive into the object structure of Python and the functionality behind PyJail solutions

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- This is crazy! The solution seems arbitrary but there is logic behind each attribute chosen in this solution. We will discover why solutions like this work, and why this functionality exists.

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- These are the building blocks of a PyJail solution, and the architecture of the language itself. Having a deep understanding of these attributes will always guide you to the solution.

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- Conclusion? We can't use Object on its own to help us call other functions



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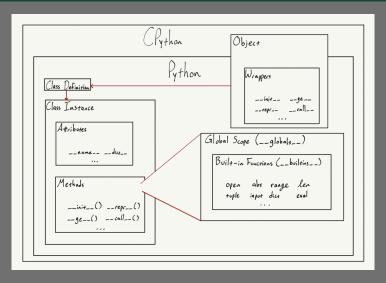


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Graphical Review





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 file called "key" with the read permissions, and reads its contents



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- CPython Source Code
- Common Python Structures
- Python Data Model
- Python's Innards



Challenge

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