

# Type Objects

## Creating Heap-Allocated Types

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Unknown directive type "index".

```
.. index:: object: type
```

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Unknown directive type "c:type".

```
.. c:type:: PyTypeObject
```

The C structure of the objects used to describe built-in types.

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Unknown directive type "c:var".

```
.. c:var:: PyTypeObject PyType_Type
```

This is the type object for type objects; it is the same object as :class:`type` in the Python layer.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyType_Check(PyObject *o)
```

Return non-zero if the object \*o\* is a type object, including instances of types derived from the standard type object. Return 0 in all other cases. This function always succeeds.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyType_CheckExact(PyObject *o)
```

Return non-zero if the object \*o\* is a type object, but not a subtype of the standard type object. Return 0 in all other cases. This function always succeeds.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: unsigned int PyType_ClearCache()
```

Clear the internal lookup cache. Return the current version tag.

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```
.. c:function:: unsigned long PyType_GetFlags(PyTypeObject* type)
```

Return the `:c:member:`~PyTypeObject.tp_flags`` member of `*type*`. This function is primarily meant for use with ``Py_LIMITED_API``; the individual flag bits are guaranteed to be stable across Python releases, but access to `:c:member:`~PyTypeObject.tp_flags`` itself is not part of the limited API.

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The return type is now ``unsigned long`` rather than ``long``.

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```
.. c:function:: void PyType_Modified(PyTypeObject *type)
```

Invalidate the internal lookup cache for the type and all of its subtypes. This function must be called after any manual modification of the attributes or base classes of the type.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyType_HasFeature(PyTypeObject *o, int feature)
```

Return non-zero if the type object `*o*` sets the feature `*feature*`. Type features are denoted by single bit flags.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyType_IS_GC(PyTypeObject *o)
```

Return true if the type object includes support for the cycle detector; this tests the type flag `:const:`Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyType_IsSubtype(PyTypeObject *a, PyTypeObject *b)
```

Return true if `*a*` is a subtype of `*b*`.

This function only checks for actual subtypes, which means that `:meth:`~class.__subclasscheck__`` is not called on `*b*`. Call `:c:func:`PyObject_IsSubclass`` to do the same check that `:func:`issubclass`` would do.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_GenericAlloc(PyTypeObject *type, Py_ssize_t nitems)
```

Generic handler for the `:c:member:~PyTypeObject.tp_alloc`` slot of a type object. Use Python's default memory allocation mechanism to allocate a new instance and initialize all its contents to ```NULL```.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_GenericNew(PyTypeObject *type, PyObject *args, PyObject *kwargs)
```

Generic handler for the `:c:member:~PyTypeObject.tp_new`` slot of a type object. Create a new instance using the type's `:c:member:~PyTypeObject.tp_alloc`` slot.

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```
.. c:function:: int PyType_Ready(PyTypeObject *type)
```

Finalize a type object. This should be called on all type objects to finish their initialization. This function is responsible for adding inherited slots from a type's base class. Return ```0``` on success, or return ```-1``` and sets an exception on error.

```
.. note::
    If some of the base classes implements the GC protocol and the provided
    type does not include the :const:Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` in its flags, then
    the GC protocol will be automatically implemented from its parents. On
    the contrary, if the type being created does include
    :const:Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` in its flags then it must implement the
    GC protocol itself by at least implementing the
    :c:member:~PyTypeObject.tp_traverse` handle.
```

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```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_GetName(PyTypeObject *type)
```

Return the type's name. Equivalent to getting the type's ```__name__``` attribute.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_GetQualName(PyTypeObject *type)
```

Return the type's qualified name. Equivalent to getting the type's ```__qualname__``` attribute.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: void* PyType_GetSlot(PyTypeObject *type, int slot)
```

Return the function pointer stored in the given slot. If the result is ```NULL```, this indicates that either the slot is ```NULL```, or that the function was called with invalid parameters. Callers will typically cast the result pointer into the appropriate function type.

See `:c:member:PyType_Slot.slot`` for possible values of the `*slot*` argument.

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```

:c:func:`PyType\_GetSlot` can now accept all types.  
Previously, it was limited to :ref:`heap types <heap-types>`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_GetModule(PyTypeObject *type)
```

Return the module object associated with the given type when the type was created using :c:func:`PyType\_FromModuleAndSpec`.

If no module is associated with the given type, sets :py:class:`TypeError` and returns ``NULL``.

This function is usually used to get the module in which a method is defined. Note that in such a method, ``PyType\_GetModule(Py\_TYPE(self))`` may not return the intended result.

``Py\_TYPE(self)`` may be a \*subclass\* of the intended class, and subclasses are not necessarily defined in the same module as their superclass.

See :c:type:`PyCMethod` to get the class that defines the method.

See :c:func:`PyType\_GetModuleByDef` for cases when ``PyCMethod`` cannot be used.

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```
.. c:function:: void* PyType_GetModuleState(PyTypeObject *type)
```

Return the state of the module object associated with the given type. This is a shortcut for calling :c:func:`PyModule\_GetState()` on the result of :c:func:`PyType\_GetModule`.

If no module is associated with the given type, sets :py:class:`TypeError` and returns ``NULL``.

If the \*type\* has an associated module but its state is ``NULL``, returns ``NULL`` without setting an exception.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_GetModuleByDef(PyTypeObject *type, struct PyModuleDef *def)
```

Find the first superclass whose module was created from the given :c:type:`PyModuleDef` \*def\*, and return that module.

If no module is found, raises a :py:class:`TypeError` and returns ``NULL``.

This function is intended to be used together with :c:func:`PyModule\_GetState()` to get module state from slot methods (such as :c:member:`~PyTypeObject.tp\_init` or :c:member:`~PyNumberMethods.nb\_add`) and other places where a method's defining class cannot be passed using the :c:type:`PyCMethod` calling convention.

```
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```

The following functions and structs are used to create [ref`heap types <heap-types>`](#).

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_FromModuleAndSpec(PyObject *module, PyType_Spec *spec, PyObject *bas
```

Creates and returns a :ref:`heap type <heap-types>` from the \*spec\* (:const:`Py\_TPFLAGS\_HEAPTYPE`).

The \*bases\* argument can be used to specify base classes; it can either be only one class or a tuple of classes.

If \*bases\* is ``NULL``, the \*Py\_tp\_bases\* slot is used instead.

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If that also is ``NULL``, the new type derives from :class:`object`.

The \*module\* argument can be used to record the module in which the new class is defined. It must be a module object or ``NULL``.

If not ``NULL``, the module is associated with the new type and can later be retrieved with :c:func:`PyType\_GetModule`.

The associated module is not inherited by subclasses; it must be specified for each class individually.

This function calls :c:func:`PyType\_Ready` on the new type.

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The function now accepts a single class as the \*bases\* argument and ``NULL`` as the ``tp\_doc`` slot.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_FromSpecWithBases(PyType_Spec *spec, PyObject *bases)
```

Equivalent to ``PyType\_FromModuleAndSpec(NULL, spec, bases)``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyType_FromSpec(PyType_Spec *spec)
```

Equivalent to ``PyType\_FromSpecWithBases(spec, NULL)``.

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Unknown directive type "c:type".

```
.. c:type:: PyType_Spec
```

Structure defining a type's behavior.

```
.. c:member:: const char* PyType_Spec.name
```

Name of the type, used to set :c:member:`PyTypeObject.tp\_name`.

```
.. c:member:: int PyType_Spec.basicsize
```

```
.. c:member:: int PyType_Spec.itemsize
```

Size of the instance in bytes, used to set :c:member:`PyTypeObject.tp\_basicsize` and :c:member:`PyTypeObject.tp\_itemsize`.

```
.. c:member:: int PyType_Spec.flags
```

Type flags, used to set :c:member:`PyTypeObject.tp\_flags`.

If the ``Py\_TPFLAGS\_HEAPTYPE`` flag is not set, :c:func:`PyType\_FromSpecWithBases` sets it automatically.

```
.. c:member:: PyType_Slot *PyType_Spec.slots
```

Array of :c:type:`PyType\_Slot` structures. Terminated by the special slot value ``{0, NULL}``.

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Unknown directive type "c:type".

```
.. c:type:: PyType_Slot
```

Structure defining optional functionality of a type, containing a slot ID and a value pointer.

```
.. c:member:: int PyType_Slot.slot
```

A slot ID.

Slot IDs are named like the field names of the structures  
:c:type: `PyTypeObject`, :c:type: `PyNumberMethods`,  
:c:type: `PySequenceMethods`, :c:type: `PyMappingMethods` and  
:c:type: `PyAsyncMethods` with an added ``Py\_`` prefix.  
For example, use:

```
* ``Py_tp_dealloc`` to set :c:member: `PyTypeObject.tp_dealloc`  
* ``Py_nb_add`` to set :c:member: `PyNumberMethods.nb_add`  
* ``Py_sq_length`` to set :c:member: `PySequenceMethods.sq_length`
```

The following fields cannot be set at all using :c:type: `PyType\_Spec` and :c:type: `PyType\_Slot`:

```
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_dict`  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_mro`  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_cache`  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_subclasses`  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_weaklist`  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_vectorcall`  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_weaklistoffset`  
  (see :ref: `PyMemberDef <pymemberdef-offsets>`)  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_dictoffset`  
  (see :ref: `PyMemberDef <pymemberdef-offsets>`)  
* :c:member: `~PyTypeObject.tp_vectorcall_offset`  
  (see :ref: `PyMemberDef <pymemberdef-offsets>`)
```

Setting :c:data: `Py\_tp\_bases` or :c:data: `Py\_tp\_base` may be problematic on some platforms.  
To avoid issues, use the \*bases\* argument of  
:py:func: `PyType\_FromSpecWithBases` instead.

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```

Slots in :c:type: `PyBufferProcs` may be set in the unlimited API.

```
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   :c:member: `~PyBufferProcs.bf_getbuffer` and  
   :c:member: `~PyBufferProcs.bf_releasebuffer` are now available  
   under the limited API.
```

```
.. c:member:: void *PyType_Slot.pfunc
```

The desired value of the slot. In most cases, this is a pointer to a function.

Slots other than ``Py\_tp\_doc`` may not be ``NULL``.