

Weak Reference Objects

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Python supports *weak references* as first-class objects. There are two specific object types which directly implement weak references. The first is a simple reference object, and the second acts as a proxy for the original object as much as it can.

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.. c:function:: int PyWeakref_Check(ob)
```

Return true if *ob* is either a reference or proxy object. This function always succeeds.

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```
.. c:function:: int PyWeakref_CheckRef(ob)
```

Return true if *ob* is a reference object. This function always succeeds.

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.. c:function:: int PyWeakref_CheckProxy(ob)
```

Return true if *ob* is a proxy object. This function always succeeds.

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.. c:function:: PyObject* PyWeakref_NewRef(PyObject *ob, PyObject *callback)
```

Return a weak reference object for the object *ob*. This will always return a new reference, but is not guaranteed to create a new object; an existing reference object may be returned. The second parameter, *callback*, can be a callable object that receives notification when *ob* is garbage collected; it should accept a single parameter, which will be the weak reference object itself. *callback* may also be ``None`` or ``NULL``. If *ob* is not a weakly-referencable object, or if *callback* is not callable, ``None``, or ``NULL``, this will return ``NULL`` and raise :exc:`TypeError`.

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.. c:function:: PyObject* PyWeakref_NewProxy(PyObject *ob, PyObject *callback)
```

Return a weak reference proxy object for the object `*ob*`. This will always return a new reference, but is not guaranteed to create a new object; an existing proxy object may be returned. The second parameter, `*callback*`, can be a callable object that receives notification when `*ob*` is garbage collected; it should accept a single parameter, which will be the weak reference object itself. `*callback*` may also be ```None``` or ```NULL```. If `*ob*` is not a weakly-referencable object, or if `*callback*` is not callable, ```None```, or ```NULL```, this will return ```NULL``` and raise `:exc:`TypeError``.

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.. c:function:: PyObject* PyWeakref_GetObject(PyObject *ref)
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Return the referenced object from a weak reference, `*ref*`. If the referent is no longer live, returns `:const:`Py_None``.

.. note::

This function returns a `:term:`borrowed reference`` to the referenced object. This means that you should always call `:c:func:`Py_INCREF`` on the object except when it cannot be destroyed before the last usage of the borrowed reference.

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.. c:function:: PyObject* PyWeakref_GET_OBJECT(PyObject *ref)
```

Similar to `:c:func:`PyWeakref_GetObject``, but implemented as a macro that does no error checking.