

# Object Protocol

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Unknown directive type "highlight".

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Unknown directive type "c:var".

```
.. c:var:: PyObject* Py_NotImplemented
```

The ``NotImplemented`` singleton, used to signal that an operation is not implemented for the given type combination.

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Unknown directive type "c:macro".

```
.. c:macro:: Py_RETURN_NOTIMPLEMENTED
```

Properly handle returning :c:data:`Py\_NotImplemented` from within a C function (that is, increment the reference count of NotImplemented and return it).

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_Print(PyObject *o, FILE *fp, int flags)
```

Print an object \*o\*, on file \*fp\*. Returns ``-1`` on error. The flags argument is used to enable certain printing options. The only option currently supported is :const:`Py\_PRINT\_RAW`; if given, the :func:`str` of the object is written instead of the :func:`repr`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_HasAttr(PyObject *o, PyObject *attr_name)
```

Returns ``1`` if \*o\* has the attribute \*attr\_name\*, and ``0`` otherwise. This is equivalent to the Python expression ``hasattr(o, attr\_name)``. This function always succeeds.

Note that exceptions which occur while calling :meth:`\_\_getattr\_\_` and :meth:`\_\_getattribute\_\_` methods will get suppressed. To get error reporting use :c:func:`PyObject\_GetAttr()` instead.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_HasAttrString(PyObject *o, const char *attr_name)
```

Returns ``1`` if \*o\* has the attribute \*attr\_name\*, and ``0`` otherwise. This is equivalent to the Python expression ``hasattr(o, attr\_name)``. This function always succeeds.

Note that exceptions which occur while calling :meth:``\_\_getattr\_\_`` and :meth:``\_\_getattribute\_\_`` methods and creating a temporary string object will get suppressed.  
To get error reporting use :c:func:``PyObject\_GetAttrString()`` instead.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GetAttr(PyObject *o, PyObject *attr_name)
```

Retrieve an attribute named \*attr\_name\* from object \*o\*. Returns the attribute value on success, or ``NULL`` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression ``o.attr\_name``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GetAttrString(PyObject *o, const char *attr_name)
```

Retrieve an attribute named \*attr\_name\* from object \*o\*. Returns the attribute value on success, or ``NULL`` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression ``o.attr\_name``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GenericGetAttr(PyObject *o, PyObject *name)
```

Generic attribute getter function that is meant to be put into a type object's ``tp\_getattro`` slot. It looks for a descriptor in the dictionary of classes in the object's MRO as well as an attribute in the object's :attr:``~object.\_\_dict\_\_`` (if present). As outlined in :ref:`descriptors`, data descriptors take preference over instance attributes, while non-data descriptors don't. Otherwise, an :exc:``AttributeError`` is raised.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_SetAttr(PyObject *o, PyObject *attr_name, PyObject *v)
```

Set the value of the attribute named \*attr\_name\*, for object \*o\*, to the value \*v\*. Raise an exception and return ``-1`` on failure; return ``0`` on success. This is the equivalent of the Python statement ``o.attr\_name = v``.

If \*v\* is ``NULL``, the attribute is deleted. This behaviour is deprecated in favour of using :c:func:``PyObject\_DelAttr``, but there are currently no plans to remove it.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_SetAttrString(PyObject *o, const char *attr_name, PyObject *v)
```

Set the value of the attribute named *\*attr\_name\**, for object *\*o\**, to the value *\*v\**. Raise an exception and return `-1` on failure; return `0` on success. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o.attr_name = v`.

If *\*v\** is `NULL`, the attribute is deleted, but this feature is deprecated in favour of using `c:func:PyObject_DelAttrString`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_GenericSetAttr(PyObject *o, PyObject *name, PyObject *value)
```

Generic attribute setter and deleter function that is meant to be put into a type object's `c:member:~PyTypeObject.tp_setattro` slot. It looks for a data descriptor in the dictionary of classes in the object's MRO, and if found it takes preference over setting or deleting the attribute in the instance dictionary. Otherwise, the attribute is set or deleted in the object's `:attr:~object.__dict__` (if present). On success, `0` is returned, otherwise an `:exc:AttributeError` is raised and `-1` is returned.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_DelAttr(PyObject *o, PyObject *attr_name)
```

Delete attribute named *\*attr\_name\**, for object *\*o\**. Returns `-1` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `del o.attr_name`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_DelAttrString(PyObject *o, const char *attr_name)
```

Delete attribute named *\*attr\_name\**, for object *\*o\**. Returns `-1` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `del o.attr_name`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GenericGetDict(PyObject *o, void *context)
```

A generic implementation for the getter of a `__dict__` descriptor. It creates the dictionary if necessary.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_GenericSetDict(PyObject *o, PyObject *value, void *context)
```

A generic implementation for the setter of a `__dict__` descriptor. This

implementation does not allow the dictionary to be deleted.

.. versionadded:: 3.3

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_RichCompare(PyObject *o1, PyObject *o2, int opid)
```

Compare the values of *\*o1\** and *\*o2\** using the operation specified by *\*opid\**, which must be one of :const:`Py\_LT`, :const:`Py\_LE`, :const:`Py\_EQ`, :const:`Py\_NE`, :const:`Py\_GT`, or :const:`Py\_GE`, corresponding to ``<``, ``<=``, ``==``, ``!=``, ``>``, or ``>=`` respectively. This is the equivalent of the Python expression *\*o1 op o2\**, where *\*op\** is the operator corresponding to *\*opid\**. Returns the value of the comparison on success, or `NULL` on failure.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_RichCompareBool(PyObject *o1, PyObject *o2, int opid)
```

Compare the values of *\*o1\** and *\*o2\** using the operation specified by *\*opid\**, which must be one of :const:`Py\_LT`, :const:`Py\_LE`, :const:`Py\_EQ`, :const:`Py\_NE`, :const:`Py\_GT`, or :const:`Py\_GE`, corresponding to ``<``, ``<=``, ``==``, ``!=``, ``>``, or ``>=`` respectively. Returns `-1` on error, `0` if the result is false, `1` otherwise. This is the equivalent of the Python expression *\*o1 op o2\**, where *\*op\** is the operator corresponding to *\*opid\**.

#### Note

If *o1* and *o2* are the same object, :c:func:`PyObject\_RichCompareBool` will always return 1 for :const:`Py\_EQ` and 0 for :const:`Py\_NE`.

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Unknown interpreted text role "c:func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_Repr(PyObject *o)
```

```
.. index:: builtin: repr
```

Compute a string representation of object *\*o\**. Returns the string

representation on success, ``NULL`` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression ``repr(o)``. Called by the :func:`repr` built-in function.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4

This function now includes a debug assertion to help ensure that it does not silently discard an active exception.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

.. c:function:: PyObject\* PyObject\_ASCII(PyObject \*o)

.. index:: builtin: ascii

As :c:func:`PyObject\_Repr`, compute a string representation of object \*o\*, but escape the non-ASCII characters in the string returned by :c:func:`PyObject\_Repr` with ``\x``, ``\u`` or ``\U`` escapes. This generates a string similar to that returned by :c:func:`PyObject\_Repr` in Python 2. Called by the :func:`ascii` built-in function.

.. index:: string; PyObject\_Str (C function)

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

.. c:function:: PyObject\* PyObject\_Str(PyObject \*o)

Compute a string representation of object \*o\*. Returns the string representation on success, ``NULL`` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression ``str(o)``. Called by the :func:`str` built-in function and, therefore, by the :func:`print` function.

.. versionchanged:: 3.4

This function now includes a debug assertion to help ensure that it does not silently discard an active exception.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

.. c:function:: PyObject\* PyObject\_Bytes(PyObject \*o)

.. index:: builtin: bytes

Compute a bytes representation of object \*o\*. ``NULL`` is returned on failure and a bytes object on success. This is equivalent to the Python expression ``bytes(o)`` when \*o\* is not an integer. Unlike ``bytes(o)`` a `TypeError` is raised when \*o\* is an integer instead of a zero-initialized bytes object.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

.. c:function:: int PyObject\_IsSubclass(PyObject \*derived, PyObject \*cls)

Return ``1`` if the class \*derived\* is identical to or derived from the class \*cls\*, otherwise return ``0``. In case of an error, return ``-1``.

If \*cls\* is a tuple, the check will be done against every entry in \*cls\*. The result will be ``1`` when at least one of the checks returns ``1``, otherwise it will be ``0``.

If \*cls\* has a :meth:`~class.\_\_subclasscheck\_\_` method, it will be called to

determine the subclass status as described in :pep:`3119`. Otherwise, `*derived*` is a subclass of `*cls*` if it is a direct or indirect subclass, i.e. contained in `cls.__mro__`.

Normally only class objects, i.e. instances of `:class:`type`` or a derived class, are considered classes. However, objects can override this by having a `:attr:`__bases__`` attribute (which must be a tuple of base classes).

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_IsInstance(PyObject *inst, PyObject *cls)

Return ``1`` if *inst* is an instance of the class *cls* or a subclass of
*cls*, or ``0`` if not. On error, returns ``-1`` and sets an exception.

If *cls* is a tuple, the check will be done against every entry in *cls*.
The result will be ``1`` when at least one of the checks returns ``1``,
otherwise it will be ``0``.

If *cls* has a :meth:`~class.__instancecheck__` method, it will be called to
determine the subclass status as described in :pep:`3119`. Otherwise, *inst*
is an instance of *cls* if its class is a subclass of *cls*.

An instance *inst* can override what is considered its class by having a
:attr:`__class__` attribute.

An object *cls* can override if it is considered a class, and what its base
classes are, by having a :attr:`__bases__` attribute (which must be a tuple
of base classes).
```

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: Py_hash_t PyObject_Hash(PyObject *o)

.. index:: builtin: hash

Compute and return the hash value of an object *o*. On failure, return ``-1``.
This is the equivalent of the Python expression hash(o).

.. versionchanged:: 3.2
    The return type is now Py_hash_t. This is a signed integer the same size
    as Py_ssize_t.
```

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: Py_hash_t PyObject_HashNotImplemented(PyObject *o)

Set a :exc:`TypeError` indicating that type(o) is not hashable and return ``-1``.
This function receives special treatment when stored in a tp_hash slot,
allowing a type to explicitly indicate to the interpreter that it is not
hashable.
```

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

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

Returns ``1`` if the object *o* is considered to be true, and ``0`` otherwise.
```

This is equivalent to the Python expression ``not not o``. On failure, return ``-1``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

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

Returns ``0`` if the object *\*o* is considered to be true, and ``1`` otherwise. This is equivalent to the Python expression ``not o``. On failure, return ``-1``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_Type(PyObject *o)
```

```
.. index:: builtin: type
```

When *\*o* is non-``NULL``, returns a type object corresponding to the object type of object *\*o*. On failure, raises :exc:`SystemError` and returns ``NULL``. This is equivalent to the Python expression ``type(o)``. This function increments the reference count of the return value. There's really no reason to use this function instead of the :c:func:`Py\_TYPE()` function, which returns a pointer of type :c:type:`PyTypeObject\*`, except when the incremented reference count is needed.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_TypeCheck(PyObject *o, PyTypeObject *type)
```

Return non-zero if the object *\*o* is of type *\*type* or a subtype of *\*type*, and ``0`` otherwise. Both parameters must be non-``NULL``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: Py_ssize_t PyObject_Size(PyObject *o)
               Py_ssize_t PyObject_Length(PyObject *o)
```

```
.. index:: builtin: len
```

Return the length of object *\*o*. If the object *\*o* provides either the sequence and mapping protocols, the sequence length is returned. On error, ``-1`` is returned. This is the equivalent to the Python expression ``len(o)``.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: Py_ssize_t PyObject_LengthHint(PyObject *o, Py_ssize_t defaultvalue)
```

Return an estimated length for the object *\*o*. First try to return its actual length, then an estimate using :meth:`~object.\_\_length\_hint\_\_`, and finally return the default value. On error return ``-1``. This is the equivalent to the Python expression ``operator.length\_hint(o, defaultvalue)``.

```
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```

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GetItem(PyObject *o, PyObject *key)
```

Return element of *\*o\** corresponding to the object *\*key\** or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o[key]`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_SetItem(PyObject *o, PyObject *key, PyObject *v)
```

Map the object *\*key\** to the value *\*v\**. Raise an exception and return `-1` on failure; return `0` on success. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o[key] = v`. This function *\*does not\** steal a reference to *\*v\**.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: int PyObject_DelItem(PyObject *o, PyObject *key)
```

Remove the mapping for the object *\*key\** from the object *\*o\**. Return `-1` on failure. This is equivalent to the Python statement `del o[key]`.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_Dir(PyObject *o)
```

This is equivalent to the Python expression `dir(o)`, returning a (possibly empty) list of strings appropriate for the object argument, or `NULL` if there was an error. If the argument is `NULL`, this is like the Python `dir()`, returning the names of the current locals; in this case, if no execution frame is active then `NULL` is returned but `:c:func:PyErr_Occurred` will return false.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GetIter(PyObject *o)
```

This is equivalent to the Python expression `iter(o)`. It returns a new iterator for the object argument, or the object itself if the object is already an iterator. Raises `:exc:TypeError` and returns `NULL` if the object cannot be iterated.

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Unknown directive type "c:function".

```
.. c:function:: PyObject* PyObject_GetAiter(PyObject *o)
```

This is the equivalent to the Python expression ``aiter(o)``. Takes an :class:`AsyncIterable` object and returns an :class:`AsyncIterator` for it. This is typically a new iterator but if the argument is an :class:`AsyncIterator`, this returns itself. Raises :exc:`TypeError` and returns ``NULL`` if the object cannot be iterated.

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