Operator overloading: comparison

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Object equality

```
class Customer:
    def __init__(self, name, balance):
        self.name, self.balance = name, balance

customer1 = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000)
customer2 = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000)
customer1 == customer2
```

False

Object equality

```
class Customer:
    def __init__(self, name, balance, id):
        self.name, self.balance = name, balance
        self.id = id

customer1 = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000, 123)
customer2 = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000, 123)
customer1 == customer2
```

False

Variables are references

```
customer1 = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000, 123)
customer2 = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000, 123)
print(customer1)
<__main__.Customer at 0x1f8598e2e48>
print(customer2)
<__main__.Customer at 0x1f8598e2240>
```



Custom comparison

```
import numpy as np

# Two different arrays containing the same data
array1 = np.array([1,2,3])
array2 = np.array([1,2,3])
array1 == array2
```

True

Overloading __eq_()

```
class Customer:
  def __init__(self, id, name):
    self.id, self.name = id, name
 # Will be called when == is used
  def __eq__(self, other):
    # Diagnostic printout
    print("__eq__() is called")
    # Returns True if all attributes match
    return (self.id == other.id) and \
           (self.name == other.name)
```

- __eq__() is called when 2 objects of a class are compared using ==
- accepts 2 arguments, self and other objects to compare
- returns a Boolean

Comparison of objects

```
# Two equal objects

customer1 = Customer(123, "Maryam Azar")
customer2 = Customer(123, "Maryam Azar")

customer1 == customer2
```

```
# Two unequal objects - different ids

customer1 = Customer(123, "Maryam Azar")

customer2 = Customer(456, "Maryam Azar")

customer1 == customer2
```

```
__eq__() is called
True
```

```
__eq__() is called
False
```

Other comparison operators

Operator	Method
==	eq()
!=	ne()
>=	ge()
<=	le()
>	gt()
<	lt()

__hash__() to use objects as dictionary keys and in sets

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Operator overloading: string representation

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Printing an object

```
class Customer:
    def __init__(self, name, balance):
        self.name, self.balance = name, balance

cust = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000)
    print(cust)
```

```
<__main__.Customer at 0x1f8598e2240>
```

```
import numpy as np
arr = np.array([1,2,3])
print(arr)
```

[1 2 3]

```
__str__()
```

print(obj), str(obj)

```
print(np.array([1,2,3]))
```

[1 2 3]

```
str(np.array([1,2,3]))
```

[1 2 3]

- informal, for end user
- *str*ing representation

```
_repr__()
```

repr(obj), printing in console

```
repr(np.array([1,2,3]))
```

array([1,2,3])

```
np.array([1,2,3])
```

array([1,2,3])

- formal, for developer
- *repr*oducible *repr*esentation
- fallback for print()

Implementation: str

```
class Customer:
  def __init__(self, name, balance):
    self.name, self.balance = name, balance
  def __str__(self):
    cust_str = """
    Customer:
     name: {name}
      balance: {balance}
    """.format(name = self.name, \
               balance = self.balance)
    return cust_str
```

```
cust = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000)

# Will implicitly call __str__()
print(cust)
```

```
Customer:

name: Maryam Azar

balance: 3000
```

Implementation: repr

```
class Customer:
    def __init__(self, name, balance):
        self.name, self.balance = name, balance

def __repr__(self):
    # Notice the '...' around name
    return "Customer('{name}', {balance})".format(name = self.name, balance = self.balance)

cust = Customer("Maryam Azar", 3000)

cust # <--- # Will implicitly call __repr__()</pre>
```

```
Customer('Maryam Azar', 3000) # <--- not Customer(Maryam Azar, 3000)
```

• Surround string arguments with quotation marks in the __repr__() output

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Exceptions

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```
a = 1
                                                     a = [1,2,3]
a / 0
                                                     a[5]
Traceback (most recent call last):
                                                     Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
                                                       File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
    1/0
                                                        a[5]
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
                                                     IndexError: list index out of range
a = 1
                                                     a = 1
a + "Hello"
                                                     a + b
Traceback (most recent call last):
                                                     Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<stdin>", line 2, in <module>
                                                       File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
    a + "Hello"
                                                        a + b
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: /
                                                     NameError: name 'b' is not defined
```

'int' and 'str'

Exception handling

- Prevent the program from terminating when an exception is raised
- try except finally:

```
try:
    # Try running some code
except ExceptionNameHere:
    # Run this code if ExceptionNameHere happens
except AnotherExceptionHere: #<-- multiple except blocks
    # Run this code if AnotherExceptionHere happens
...
finally: #<-- optional
    # Run this code no matter what</pre>
```

Raising exceptions

raise ExceptionNameHere('Error message here')

```
def make_list_of_ones(length):
    if length <= 0:</pre>
       raise ValueError("Invalid length!") # <--- Will stop the program and raise an error
    return [1]*length
make_list_of_ones(-1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
    make_list_of_ones(-1)
  File "<stdin>", line 3, in make_list_of_ones
    raise ValueError("Invalid length!")
```

ValueError: Invalid length!

Exceptions are classes

• standard exceptions are inherited from BaseException or Exception

```
BaseException
+-- Exception
    +-- ArithmeticError
                                            # <---
        +-- FloatingPointError
        +-- OverflowError
        +-- ZeroDivisionError
                                            # <---
    +-- TypeError
    +-- ValueError
         +-- UnicodeError
             +-- UnicodeDecodeError
            +-- UnicodeEncodeError
             +-- UnicodeTranslateError
    +-- RuntimeError
+-- SystemExit
```

¹ https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html



Custom exceptions

- Inherit from Exception or one of its subclasses
- Usually an empty class

```
class BalanceError(Exception): pass
class Customer:
   def __init__(self, name, balance):
    if balance < 0:
       raise BalanceError("Balance has to be non-negative!")
    else:
       self.name, self.balance = name, balance
```

```
cust = Customer("Larry Torres", -100)

Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "script.py", line 11, in <module>
     cust = Customer("Larry Torres", -100)
  File "script.py", line 6, in __init__
     raise BalanceError("Balance has to be non-negative!")
```

Exception interrupted the constructor → object not created

BalanceError: Balance has to be non-negative!

```
cust
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>

cust

NameError: name 'cust' is not defined
```

Catching custom exceptions

```
try:
    cust = Customer("Larry Torres", -100)
except BalanceError:
    cust = Customer("Larry Torres", 0)
```

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