

# 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
```

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

```
# Two unequal objects - different ids
```

```
customer1 = Customer(123, "Maryam Azar")  
customer2 = Customer(456, "Maryam Azar")
```

```
customer1 == customer2
```

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

# Other comparison operators

Operator	Method
<code>==</code>	<code>__eq__()</code>
<code>!=</code>	<code>__ne__()</code>
<code>&gt;=</code>	<code>__ge__()</code>
<code>&lt;=</code>	<code>__le__()</code>
<code>&gt;</code>	<code>__gt__()</code>
<code>&lt;</code>	<code>__lt__()</code>

- `__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
- **string** 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
- **reproducible representation**
- 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__()
```

```
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 / 0
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
    1/0
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
```

```
a = [1,2,3]
a[5]
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
    a[5]
IndexError: list index out of range
```

```
a = 1
a + "Hello"
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 2, in <module>
    a + "Hello"
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: /
'int' and 'str'
```

```
a = 1
a + b
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
    a + b
NameError: name 'b' is not defined
```

# 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
```

# Raising exceptions

- `raise ExceptionNameHere('Error message here')`

```
def make_list_of_ones(length):  
    if length <= 0:  
        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
...
```

<sup>1</sup> <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!")  
BalanceError: Balance has to be non-negative!
```

- Exception interrupted the constructor → object not created

```
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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