



Python OOP: Special Methods



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Key Takeaways

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- They can be easily recognized by the double leading and trailing underscores around their names.
- They are called indirectly when we call specific functions or use a specific syntax passing an instance of the class as the argument.

Special Method	Called by
<code>__str__()</code>	<code>str()</code> and <code>print()</code>
<code>__len__()</code>	<code>len()</code>
<code>__getitem__()</code>	<code><obj>[<index>]</code>
<code>__add__()</code>	<code>+</code>
<code>__bool__()</code>	<code>bool()</code>



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- Some of them have default implementations, but they can be “customized” by implementing them in the class.

```
class Dog:

    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def __str__(self):
        return f"I'm a Dog. My name is {self.name}"
```

<code>__lt__()</code>	<code><</code>	Less than
<code>__le__()</code>	<code><=</code>	Less Than or Equal to
<code>__eq__()</code>	<code>==</code>	Equal to
<code>__ne__()</code>	<code>!=</code>	Not equal to
<code>__gt__()</code>	<code>></code>	Greater than
<code>__ge__()</code>	<code>>=</code>	Greater than or Equal to