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# **The Python/C API**

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C'est la documentation de l'API utilisée par les développeurs C et C++ écrivant des modules d'extension ou intégrant Python. Elle va de pair avec `extending-index`, qui décrit les principes généraux de l'écriture d'extensions, mais ne rentre pas dans les détails de chaque fonction de l'API.



The Application Programmer's Interface to Python gives C and C++ programmers access to the Python interpreter at a variety of levels. The API is equally usable from C++, but for brevity it is generally referred to as the Python/C API. There are two fundamentally different reasons for using the Python/C API. The first reason is to write *extension modules* for specific purposes; these are C modules that extend the Python interpreter. This is probably the most common use. The second reason is to use Python as a component in a larger application; this technique is generally referred to as *embedding* Python in an application.

Writing an extension module is a relatively well-understood process, where a "cookbook" approach works well. There are several tools that automate the process to some extent. While people have embedded Python in other applications since its early existence, the process of embedding Python is less straightforward than writing an extension.

Many API functions are useful independent of whether you're embedding or extending Python; moreover, most applications that embed Python will need to provide a custom extension as well, so it's probably a good idea to become familiar with writing an extension before attempting to embed Python in a real application.

## 1.1 Coding standards

If you're writing C code for inclusion in CPython, you **must** follow the guidelines and standards defined in [PEP 7](#). These guidelines apply regardless of the version of Python you are contributing to. Following these conventions is not necessary for your own third party extension modules, unless you eventually expect to contribute them to Python.

## 1.2 Include Files

All function, type and macro definitions needed to use the Python/C API are included in your code by the following line :

```
#define PY_SSIZE_T_CLEAN
#include <Python.h>
```

This implies inclusion of the following standard headers : `<stdio.h>`, `<string.h>`, `<errno.h>`, `<limits.h>`, `<assert.h>` and `<stdlib.h>` (if available).

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**Note :** Python pouvant définir certaines définitions pré-processeur qui affectent les têtes standard sur certains systèmes, vous *devez* inclure `Python.h` avant les en-têtes standards.

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It is recommended to always define `PY_SSIZE_T_CLEAN` before including `Python.h`. See *Analyse des arguments et construction des valeurs* for a description of this macro.

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All user visible names defined by `Python.h` (except those defined by the included standard headers) have one of the prefixes `Py` or `_Py`. Names beginning with `_Py` are for internal use by the Python implementation and should not be used by extension writers. Structure member names do not have a reserved prefix.

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**Note :** User code should never define names that begin with `Py` or `_Py`. This confuses the reader, and jeopardizes the portability of the user code to future Python versions, which may define additional names beginning with one of these prefixes.

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The header files are typically installed with Python. On Unix, these are located in the directories `prefix/include/pythonversion/` and `exec_prefix/include/pythonversion/`, where `prefix` and `exec_prefix` are defined by the corresponding parameters to Python's **configure** script and `version` is `'%d.%d' % sys.version_info[:2]`. On Windows, the headers are installed in `prefix/include`, where `prefix` is the installation directory specified to the installer.

To include the headers, place both directories (if different) on your compiler's search path for includes. Do *not* place the parent directories on the search path and then use `#include <pythonX.Y/Python.h>`; this will break on multi-platform builds since the platform independent headers under `prefix` include the platform specific headers from `exec_prefix`.

C++ users should note that although the API is defined entirely using C, the header files properly declare the entry points to be `extern "C"`. As a result, there is no need to do anything special to use the API from C++.

## 1.3 Useful macros

Several useful macros are defined in the Python header files. Many are defined closer to where they are useful (e.g. `Py_RETURN_NONE`). Others of a more general utility are defined here. This is not necessarily a complete listing.

### **PyMODINIT\_FUNC**

Declare an extension module `PyInit` initialization function. The function return type is `PyObject*`. The macro declares any special linkage declarations required by the platform, and for C++ declares the function as `extern "C"`.

The initialization function must be named `PyInit_name`, where `name` is the name of the module, and should be the only non-static item defined in the module file. Example :

```
static struct PyModuleDef spam_module = {
    PyModuleDef_HEAD_INIT,
    .m_name = "spam",
    ...
};

PyMODINIT_FUNC
PyInit_spam(void)
{
    return PyModule_Create(&spam_module);
}
```

### **Py\_ABS (x)**

Return the absolute value of `x`.  
Added in version 3.3.

### **Py\_ALWAYS\_INLINE**

Ask the compiler to always inline a static inline function. The compiler can ignore it and decides to not inline the function.

It can be used to inline performance critical static inline functions when building Python in debug mode with function inlining disabled. For example, MSC disables function inlining when building in debug mode.

Marking blindly a static inline function with `Py_ALWAYS_INLINE` can result in worse performances (due to increased code size for example). The compiler is usually smarter than the developer for the cost/benefit analysis.

If Python is built in debug mode (if the `Py_DEBUG` macro is defined), the `Py_ALWAYS_INLINE` macro does nothing.

It must be specified before the function return type. Usage :

```
static inline Py_ALWAYS_INLINE int random(void) { return 4; }
```

Added in version 3.11.

#### **Py\_CHARMASK** (c)

Argument must be a character or an integer in the range [-128, 127] or [0, 255]. This macro returns c cast to an unsigned char.

#### **Py\_DEPRECATED** (version)

Use this for deprecated declarations. The macro must be placed before the symbol name.

Exemple :

```
Py_DEPRECATED(3.8) PyAPI_FUNC(int) Py_OldFunction(void);
```

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : MSVC support was added.

#### **Py\_GETENV** (s)

Like `getenv(s)`, but returns NULL if `-E` was passed on the command line (see [PyConfig.use\\_environment](#)).

#### **Py\_MAX** (x, y)

Return the maximum value between x and y.

Added in version 3.3.

#### **Py\_MEMBER\_SIZE** (type, member)

Return the size of a structure (type) member in bytes.

Added in version 3.6.

#### **Py\_MIN** (x, y)

Return the minimum value between x and y.

Added in version 3.3.

#### **Py\_NO\_INLINE**

Disable inlining on a function. For example, it reduces the C stack consumption : useful on LTO+PGO builds which heavily inline code (see [bpo-33720](#)).

Usage :

```
Py_NO_INLINE static int random(void) { return 4; }
```

Added in version 3.11.

#### **Py\_STRINGIFY** (x)

Convert x to a C string. E.g. `Py_STRINGIFY(123)` returns "123".

Added in version 3.4.

#### **Py\_UNREACHABLE** ()

Use this when you have a code path that cannot be reached by design. For example, in the `default:` clause in a `switch` statement for which all possible values are covered in `case` statements. Use this in places where you might be tempted to put an `assert(0)` or `abort()` call.

In release mode, the macro helps the compiler to optimize the code, and avoids a warning about unreachable code. For example, the macro is implemented with `__builtin_unreachable()` on GCC in release mode.

A use for `Py_UNREACHABLE()` is following a call a function that never returns but that is not declared `_Py_NO_RETURN`.

If a code path is very unlikely code but can be reached under exceptional case, this macro must not be used. For example, under low memory condition or if a system call returns a value out of the expected range. In this case, it's better to report the error to the caller. If the error cannot be reported to caller, `Py_FatalError()` can be used.

Added in version 3.7.

#### **Py\_UNUSED** (arg)

Use this for unused arguments in a function definition to silence compiler warnings. Example : `int func(int a, int Py_UNUSED(b)) { return a; }.`

Added in version 3.4.

#### **PyDoc\_STRVAR** (name, str)

Creates a variable with name `name` that can be used in docstrings. If Python is built without docstrings, the value will be empty.

Use `PyDoc_STRVAR` for docstrings to support building Python without docstrings, as specified in [PEP 7](#).

Example :

```
PyDoc_STRVAR(pop_doc, "Remove and return the rightmost element.");

static PyMethodDef deque_methods[] = {
    // ...
    {"pop", (PyCFunction)deque_pop, METH_NOARGS, pop_doc},
    // ...
}
```

#### **PyDoc\_STR** (str)

Creates a docstring for the given input string or an empty string if docstrings are disabled.

Use `PyDoc_STR` in specifying docstrings to support building Python without docstrings, as specified in [PEP 7](#).

Example :

```
static PyMethodDef sqlite_row_methods[] = {
    {"keys", (PyCFunction)sqlite_row_keys, METH_NOARGS,
     PyDoc_STR("Returns the keys of the row.")},
    {NULL, NULL}
};
```

## 1.4 Objects, Types and Reference Counts

Most Python/C API functions have one or more arguments as well as a return value of type `PyObject*`. This type is a pointer to an opaque data type representing an arbitrary Python object. Since all Python object types are treated the same way by the Python language in most situations (e.g., assignments, scope rules, and argument passing), it is only fitting that they should be represented by a single C type. Almost all Python objects live on the heap : you never declare an automatic or static variable of type `PyObject`, only pointer variables of type `PyObject*` can be declared. The sole exception are the type objects ; since these must never be deallocated, they are typically static `PyTypeObject` objects.

All Python objects (even Python integers) have a *type* and a *reference count*. An object's type determines what kind of object it is (e.g., an integer, a list, or a user-defined function ; there are many more as explained in types). For each of the well-known types there is a macro to check whether an object is of that type ; for instance, `PyList_Check(a)` is true if (and only if) the object pointed to by `a` is a Python list.

### 1.4.1 Compteurs de références

The reference count is important because today's computers have a finite (and often severely limited) memory size; it counts how many different places there are that have a *strong reference* to an object. Such a place could be another object, or a global (or static) C variable, or a local variable in some C function. When the last *strong reference* to an object is released (i.e. its reference count becomes zero), the object is deallocated. If it contains references to other objects, those references are released. Those other objects may be deallocated in turn, if there are no more references to them, and so on. (There's an obvious problem with objects that reference each other here; for now, the solution is "don't do that.")

Reference counts are always manipulated explicitly. The normal way is to use the macro `Py_INCREF()` to take a new reference to an object (i.e. increment its reference count by one), and `Py_DECREF()` to release that reference (i.e. decrement the reference count by one). The `Py_DECREF()` macro is considerably more complex than the `Py_INCREF()` one, since it must check whether the reference count becomes zero and then cause the object's deallocator to be called. The deallocator is a function pointer contained in the object's type structure. The type-specific deallocator takes care of releasing references for other objects contained in the object if this is a compound object type, such as a list, as well as performing any additional finalization that's needed. There's no chance that the reference count can overflow; at least as many bits are used to hold the reference count as there are distinct memory locations in virtual memory (assuming `sizeof(Py_ssize_t) >= sizeof(void*)`). Thus, the reference count increment is a simple operation.

It is not necessary to hold a *strong reference* (i.e. increment the reference count) for every local variable that contains a pointer to an object. In theory, the object's reference count goes up by one when the variable is made to point to it and it goes down by one when the variable goes out of scope. However, these two cancel each other out, so at the end the reference count hasn't changed. The only real reason to use the reference count is to prevent the object from being deallocated as long as our variable is pointing to it. If we know that there is at least one other reference to the object that lives at least as long as our variable, there is no need to take a new *strong reference* (i.e. increment the reference count) temporarily. An important situation where this arises is in objects that are passed as arguments to C functions in an extension module that are called from Python; the call mechanism guarantees to hold a reference to every argument for the duration of the call.

However, a common pitfall is to extract an object from a list and hold on to it for a while without taking a new reference. Some other operation might conceivably remove the object from the list, releasing that reference, and possibly deallocating it. The real danger is that innocent-looking operations may invoke arbitrary Python code which could do this; there is a code path which allows control to flow back to the user from a `Py_DECREF()`, so almost any operation is potentially dangerous.

A safe approach is to always use the generic operations (functions whose name begins with `PyObject_`, `PyNumber_`, `PySequence_` or `PyMapping_`). These operations always create a new *strong reference* (i.e. increment the reference count) of the object they return. This leaves the caller with the responsibility to call `Py_DECREF()` when they are done with the result; this soon becomes second nature.

#### Reference Count Details

The reference count behavior of functions in the Python/C API is best explained in terms of *ownership of references*. Ownership pertains to references, never to objects (objects are not owned: they are always shared). "Owning a reference" means being responsible for calling `Py_DECREF()` on it when the reference is no longer needed. Ownership can also be transferred, meaning that the code that receives ownership of the reference then becomes responsible for eventually releasing it by calling `Py_DECREF()` or `Py_XDECREF()` when it's no longer needed---or passing on this responsibility (usually to its caller). When a function passes ownership of a reference on to its caller, the caller is said to receive a *new* reference. When no ownership is transferred, the caller is said to *borrow* the reference. Nothing needs to be done for a *borrowed reference*.

Conversely, when a calling function passes in a reference to an object, there are two possibilities: the function *steals* a reference to the object, or it does not. *Stealing a reference* means that when you pass a reference to a function, that function assumes that it now owns that reference, and you are not responsible for it any longer.

Few functions steal references; the two notable exceptions are `PyList_SetItem()` and `PyTuple_SetItem()`, which steal a reference to the item (but not to the tuple or list into which the item is put!). These functions were designed to steal a reference because of a common idiom for populating a tuple or

list with newly created objects; for example, the code to create the tuple (1, 2, "three") could look like this (forgetting about error handling for the moment; a better way to code this is shown below) :

```
PyObject *t;

t = PyTuple_New(3);
PyTuple_SetItem(t, 0, PyLong_FromLong(1L));
PyTuple_SetItem(t, 1, PyLong_FromLong(2L));
PyTuple_SetItem(t, 2, PyUnicode_FromString("three"));
```

Here, `PyLong_FromLong()` returns a new reference which is immediately stolen by `PyTuple_SetItem()`. When you want to keep using an object although the reference to it will be stolen, use `Py_INCREF()` to grab another reference before calling the reference-stealing function.

Incidentally, `PyTuple_SetItem()` is the *only* way to set tuple items; `PySequence_SetItem()` and `PyObject_SetItem()` refuse to do this since tuples are an immutable data type. You should only use `PyTuple_SetItem()` for tuples that you are creating yourself.

Equivalent code for populating a list can be written using `PyList_New()` and `PyList_SetItem()`.

However, in practice, you will rarely use these ways of creating and populating a tuple or list. There's a generic function, `Py_BuildValue()`, that can create most common objects from C values, directed by a *format string*. For example, the above two blocks of code could be replaced by the following (which also takes care of the error checking) :

```
PyObject *tuple, *list;

tuple = Py_BuildValue("iis", 1, 2, "three");
list = Py_BuildValue("[iis]", 1, 2, "three");
```

It is much more common to use `PyObject_SetItem()` and friends with items whose references you are only borrowing, like arguments that were passed in to the function you are writing. In that case, their behaviour regarding references is much saner, since you don't have to take a new reference just so you can give that reference away ("have it be stolen"). For example, this function sets all items of a list (actually, any mutable sequence) to a given item :

```
int
set_all(PyObject *target, PyObject *item)
{
    Py_ssize_t i, n;

    n = PyObject_Length(target);
    if (n < 0)
        return -1;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        PyObject *index = PyLong_FromSsize_t(i);
        if (!index)
            return -1;
        if (PyObject_SetItem(target, index, item) < 0) {
            Py_DECREF(index);
            return -1;
        }
        Py_DECREF(index);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

The situation is slightly different for function return values. While passing a reference to most functions does not change your ownership responsibilities for that reference, many functions that return a reference to an object give you ownership of the reference. The reason is simple : in many cases, the returned object is created on the fly, and the reference you get is the only reference to the object. Therefore, the generic functions that return object references, like `PyObject_GetItem()` and `PySequence_GetItem()`, always return a new reference (the caller becomes the owner of the reference).



It is important to realize that whether you own a reference returned by a function depends on which function you call only --- *the plumage* (the type of the object passed as an argument to the function) *doesn't enter into it!* Thus, if you extract an item from a list using `PyList_GetItem()`, you don't own the reference --- but if you obtain the same item from the same list using `PySequence_GetItem()` (which happens to take exactly the same arguments), you do own a reference to the returned object.

Here is an example of how you could write a function that computes the sum of the items in a list of integers; once using `PyList_GetItem()`, and once using `PySequence_GetItem()`.

```
long
sum_list(PyObject *list)
{
    Py_ssize_t i, n;
    long total = 0, value;
    PyObject *item;

    n = PyList_Size(list);
    if (n < 0)
        return -1; /* Not a list */
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        item = PyList_GetItem(list, i); /* Can't fail */
        if (!PyLong_Check(item)) continue; /* Skip non-integers */
        value = PyLong_AsLong(item);
        if (value == -1 && PyErr_Occurred())
            /* Integer too big to fit in a C long, bail out */
            return -1;
        total += value;
    }
    return total;
}
```

```
long
sum_sequence(PyObject *sequence)
{
    Py_ssize_t i, n;
    long total = 0, value;
    PyObject *item;
    n = PySequence_Length(sequence);
    if (n < 0)
        return -1; /* Has no length */
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        item = PySequence_GetItem(sequence, i);
        if (item == NULL)
            return -1; /* Not a sequence, or other failure */
        if (PyLong_Check(item)) {
            value = PyLong_AsLong(item);
            Py_DECREF(item);
            if (value == -1 && PyErr_Occurred())
                /* Integer too big to fit in a C long, bail out */
                return -1;
            total += value;
        }
        else {
            Py_DECREF(item); /* Discard reference ownership */
        }
    }
    return total;
}
```

## 1.4.2 Types

There are few other data types that play a significant role in the Python/C API; most are simple C types such as `int`, `long`, `double` and `char*`. A few structure types are used to describe static tables used to list the functions exported by a module or the data attributes of a new object type, and another is used to describe the value of a complex number. These will be discussed together with the functions that use them.

type `Py_ssize_t`

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#). A signed integral type such that `sizeof(Py_ssize_t) == sizeof(size_t)`. C99 doesn't define such a thing directly (`size_t` is an unsigned integral type). See [PEP 353](#) for details. `PY_SSIZE_T_MAX` is the largest positive value of type `Py_ssize_t`.*

## 1.5 Exceptions

The Python programmer only needs to deal with exceptions if specific error handling is required; unhandled exceptions are automatically propagated to the caller, then to the caller's caller, and so on, until they reach the top-level interpreter, where they are reported to the user accompanied by a stack traceback.

For C programmers, however, error checking always has to be explicit. All functions in the Python/C API can raise exceptions, unless an explicit claim is made otherwise in a function's documentation. In general, when a function encounters an error, it sets an exception, discards any object references that it owns, and returns an error indicator. If not documented otherwise, this indicator is either `NULL` or `-1`, depending on the function's return type. A few functions return a Boolean `true/false` result, with `false` indicating an error. Very few functions return no explicit error indicator or have an ambiguous return value, and require explicit testing for errors with `PyErr_Occurred()`. These exceptions are always explicitly documented.

Exception state is maintained in per-thread storage (this is equivalent to using global storage in an unthreaded application). A thread can be in one of two states: an exception has occurred, or not. The function `PyErr_Occurred()` can be used to check for this: it returns a borrowed reference to the exception type object when an exception has occurred, and `NULL` otherwise. There are a number of functions to set the exception state: `PyErr_SetString()` is the most common (though not the most general) function to set the exception state, and `PyErr_Clear()` clears the exception state.

The full exception state consists of three objects (all of which can be `NULL`): the exception type, the corresponding exception value, and the traceback. These have the same meanings as the Python result of `sys.exc_info()`; however, they are not the same: the Python objects represent the last exception being handled by a Python `try ... except` statement, while the C level exception state only exists while an exception is being passed on between C functions until it reaches the Python bytecode interpreter's main loop, which takes care of transferring it to `sys.exc_info()` and friends.

Note that starting with Python 1.5, the preferred, thread-safe way to access the exception state from Python code is to call the function `sys.exc_info()`, which returns the per-thread exception state for Python code. Also, the semantics of both ways to access the exception state have changed so that a function which catches an exception will save and restore its thread's exception state so as to preserve the exception state of its caller. This prevents common bugs in exception handling code caused by an innocent-looking function overwriting the exception being handled; it also reduces the often unwanted lifetime extension for objects that are referenced by the stack frames in the traceback.

As a general principle, a function that calls another function to perform some task should check whether the called function raised an exception, and if so, pass the exception state on to its caller. It should discard any object references that it owns, and return an error indicator, but it should *not* set another exception --- that would overwrite the exception that was just raised, and lose important information about the exact cause of the error.

A simple example of detecting exceptions and passing them on is shown in the `sum_sequence()` example above. It so happens that this example doesn't need to clean up any owned references when it detects an error. The following example function shows some error cleanup. First, to remind you why you like Python, we show the equivalent Python code:

```
def incr_item(dict, key):  
    try:
```

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```

    item = dict[key]
except KeyError:
    item = 0
dict[key] = item + 1

```

Here is the corresponding C code, in all its glory :

```

int
incr_item(PyObject *dict, PyObject *key)
{
    /* Objects all initialized to NULL for Py_XDECREF */
    PyObject *item = NULL, *const_one = NULL, *incremented_item = NULL;
    int rv = -1; /* Return value initialized to -1 (failure) */

    item = PyObject_GetItem(dict, key);
    if (item == NULL) {
        /* Handle KeyError only: */
        if (!PyErr_ExceptionMatches(PyExc_KeyError))
            goto error;

        /* Clear the error and use zero: */
        PyErr_Clear();
        item = PyLong_FromLong(0L);
        if (item == NULL)
            goto error;
    }
    const_one = PyLong_FromLong(1L);
    if (const_one == NULL)
        goto error;

    incremented_item = PyNumber_Add(item, const_one);
    if (incremented_item == NULL)
        goto error;

    if (PyObject_SetItem(dict, key, incremented_item) < 0)
        goto error;
    rv = 0; /* Success */
    /* Continue with cleanup code */

error:
    /* Cleanup code, shared by success and failure path */

    /* Use Py_XDECREF() to ignore NULL references */
    Py_XDECREF(item);
    Py_XDECREF(const_one);
    Py_XDECREF(incremented_item);

    return rv; /* -1 for error, 0 for success */
}

```

This example represents an endorsed use of the `goto` statement in C! It illustrates the use of `PyErr_ExceptionMatches()` and `PyErr_Clear()` to handle specific exceptions, and the use of `Py_XDECREF()` to dispose of owned references that may be NULL (note the 'X' in the name; `Py_DECREF()` would crash when confronted with a NULL reference). It is important that the variables used to hold owned references are initialized to NULL for this to work; likewise, the proposed return value is initialized to -1 (failure) and only set to success after the final call made is successful.

## 1.6 Embarquer Python

The one important task that only embedders (as opposed to extension writers) of the Python interpreter have to worry about is the initialization, and possibly the finalization, of the Python interpreter. Most functionality of the interpreter can only be used after the interpreter has been initialized.

The basic initialization function is `Py_Initialize()`. This initializes the table of loaded modules, and creates the fundamental modules `builtins`, `__main__`, and `sys`. It also initializes the module search path (`sys.path`).

`Py_Initialize()` does not set the “script argument list” (`sys.argv`). If this variable is needed by Python code that will be executed later, setting `PyConfig.argv` and `PyConfig.parse_argv` must be set : see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

On most systems (in particular, on Unix and Windows, although the details are slightly different), `Py_Initialize()` calculates the module search path based upon its best guess for the location of the standard Python interpreter executable, assuming that the Python library is found in a fixed location relative to the Python interpreter executable. In particular, it looks for a directory named `lib/pythonX.Y` relative to the parent directory where the executable named `python` is found on the shell command search path (the environment variable `PATH`).

For instance, if the Python executable is found in `/usr/local/bin/python`, it will assume that the libraries are in `/usr/local/lib/pythonX.Y`. (In fact, this particular path is also the “fallback” location, used when no executable file named `python` is found along `PATH`.) The user can override this behavior by setting the environment variable `PYTHONHOME`, or insert additional directories in front of the standard path by setting `PYTHONPATH`.

The embedding application can steer the search by calling `Py_SetProgramName(file)` *before* calling `Py_Initialize()`. Note that `PYTHONHOME` still overrides this and `PYTHONPATH` is still inserted in front of the standard path. An application that requires total control has to provide its own implementation of `Py_GetPath()`, `Py_GetPrefix()`, `Py_GetExecPrefix()`, and `Py_GetProgramFullPath()` (all defined in `Modules/getpath.c`).

Sometimes, it is desirable to “uninitialize” Python. For instance, the application may want to start over (make another call to `Py_Initialize()`) or the application is simply done with its use of Python and wants to free memory allocated by Python. This can be accomplished by calling `Py_FinalizeEx()`. The function `Py_IsInitialized()` returns true if Python is currently in the initialized state. More information about these functions is given in a later chapter. Notice that `Py_FinalizeEx()` does *not* free all memory allocated by the Python interpreter, e.g. memory allocated by extension modules currently cannot be released.

## 1.7 Debugging Builds

Python can be built with several macros to enable extra checks of the interpreter and extension modules. These checks tend to add a large amount of overhead to the runtime so they are not enabled by default.

A full list of the various types of debugging builds is in the file `Misc/SpecialBuilds.txt` in the Python source distribution. Builds are available that support tracing of reference counts, debugging the memory allocator, or low-level profiling of the main interpreter loop. Only the most frequently used builds will be described in the remainder of this section.

### **Py\_DEBUG**

Compiling the interpreter with the `Py_DEBUG` macro defined produces what is generally meant by a debug build of Python. `Py_DEBUG` is enabled in the Unix build by adding `--with-pydebug` to the `./configure` command. It is also implied by the presence of the not-Python-specific `_DEBUG` macro. When `Py_DEBUG` is enabled in the Unix build, compiler optimization is disabled.

In addition to the reference count debugging described below, extra checks are performed, see Python Debug Build.

Defining `Py_TRACE_REFS` enables reference tracing (see the `configure --with-trace-refs` option). When defined, a circular doubly linked list of active objects is maintained by adding two extra fields to every `PyObject`. Total allocations are tracked as well. Upon exit, all existing references are printed. (In interactive mode this happens after every statement run by the interpreter.)

Please refer to `Misc/SpecialBuilds.txt` in the Python source distribution for more detailed information.



Unless documented otherwise, Python's C API is covered by the Backwards Compatibility Policy, [PEP 387](#). Most changes to it are source-compatible (typically by only adding new API). Changing existing API or removing API is only done after a deprecation period or to fix serious issues.

CPython's Application Binary Interface (ABI) is forward- and backwards-compatible across a minor release (if these are compiled the same way; see *Considérations relatives aux plateformes* below). So, code compiled for Python 3.10.0 will work on 3.10.8 and vice versa, but will need to be compiled separately for 3.9.x and 3.11.x.

There are two tiers of C API with different stability expectations :

- *Unstable API*, may change in minor versions without a deprecation period. It is marked by the `PyUnstable` prefix in names.
- *Limited API*, is compatible across several minor releases. When `Py_LIMITED_API` is defined, only this subset is exposed from `Python.h`.

These are discussed in more detail below.

Names prefixed by an underscore, such as `_Py_InternalState`, are private API that can change without notice even in patch releases. If you need to use this API, consider reaching out to [CPython developers](#) to discuss adding public API for your use case.

## 2.1 Unstable C API

Any API named with the `PyUnstable` prefix exposes CPython implementation details, and may change in every minor release (e.g. from 3.9 to 3.10) without any deprecation warnings. However, it will not change in a bugfix release (e.g. from 3.10.0 to 3.10.1).

It is generally intended for specialized, low-level tools like debuggers.

Projects that use this API are expected to follow CPython development and spend extra effort adjusting to changes.

## 2.2 ABI stable

For simplicity, this document talks about *extensions*, but the Limited API and Stable ABI work the same way for all uses of the API – for example, embedding Python.

### 2.2.1 Limited C API

Python 3.2 introduced the *Limited API*, a subset of Python's C API. Extensions that only use the Limited API can be compiled once and work with multiple versions of Python. Contents of the Limited API are *listed below*.

#### **Py\_LIMITED\_API**

Définissez cette macro avant d'inclure `Python.h` pour n'inclure que l'API restreinte et indiquer sa version.

Define `Py_LIMITED_API` to the value of `PY_VERSION_HEX` corresponding to the lowest Python version your extension supports. The extension will work without recompilation with all Python 3 releases from the specified one onward, and can use Limited API introduced up to that version.

Il est recommandé de renseigner une version mineure minimale (par exemple `0x030A0000` pour Python 3.10) plutôt que d'utiliser directement la macro `PY_VERSION_HEX` pour ne pas dépendre de la version de Python utilisée lors de la compilation.

Vous pouvez aussi définir `Py_LIMITED_API` à 3. Cette valeur est équivalente à `0x03020000` correspondant à Python 3.2, la première version à supporter l'API restreinte.

### 2.2.2 Stable ABI

To enable this, Python provides a *Stable ABI* : a set of symbols that will remain compatible across Python 3.x versions.

The Stable ABI contains symbols exposed in the *Limited API*, but also other ones – for example, functions necessary to support older versions of the Limited API.

Sur Windows les extensions qui utilisent l'ABI stable doivent être liées avec `python3.dll` et non pas avec une bibliothèque spécifique à une version comme `python39.dll`.

Sur certaines plateformes Python essaiera de charger une bibliothèque partagée dont le nom contient `abi3` (par exemple `mymodule.abi3.so`). Il ne vérifie pas si ces extensions respectent l'ABI stable. L'utilisateur (ou ses outils d'administration) doit s'assurer que les extensions compilées avec une version donnée de l'API restreinte, par exemple 3.10+, ne sont pas utilisées avec des versions plus anciennes de Python.

Toutes les fonctions de l'ABI stable sont présentes dans la bibliothèque dynamique de Python en tant que fonction, et pas uniquement comme macro. Elles peuvent donc être utilisées avec des langages qui n'utilisent pas le pré-processeur C.

### 2.2.3 Porté de l'API restreinte et performance

L'objectif de l'API restreinte est de permettre l'ensemble des opérations possibles avec l'API C étendue, mais peut avoir un impact sur les performances.

Par exemple la fonction `PyList_GetItem()` est disponible, mais la macro « dangereuse » `PyList_GET_ITEM()` ne l'est pas. Cette macro peut être plus rapide car elle dépend de détails d'implémentation spécifique à l'objet `list`.

Si `Py_LIMITED_API` n'est pas défini certaines fonctions de l'API C seront remplacées par des macros ou une version en-ligne. Définir `Py_LIMITED_API` désactive cette optimisation, permettant de se garantir contre les évolutions des structures de données utilisées par Python, et peut réduire les performances.

En omettant la définition de `Py_LIMITED_API` il est possible de compiler une extension utilisant l'API restreinte avec une version spécifique de l'ABI. Les performances seront meilleures pour cette version de Python, mais la compatibilité sera réduite. Compiler en définissant `Py_LIMITED_API` produira une extension qui peut être utilisée quand une variante spécifique à une version n'est pas disponible — par exemple pour une version alpha de Python.



## 2.2.4 Inconvénients de l'API restreinte

Note that compiling with `Py_LIMITED_API` is *not* a complete guarantee that code conforms to the *Limited API* or the *Stable ABI*. `Py_LIMITED_API` only covers definitions, but an API also includes other issues, such as expected semantics.

Une des limitations est que `Py_LIMITED_API` ne protège pas contre l'appel d'une fonction avec des arguments qui sont invalides pour une version de Python plus ancienne. Par exemple considérons une fonction qui accepte `NULL` comme argument à partir de 3.9. `NULL` permet maintenant d'utiliser le comportement par défaut, mais Python 3.8 essaiera d'accéder à l'objet pointé et dé-référencera `NULL`, causant un crash. Des problèmes similaires peuvent se produire avec les attributs des structures.

Un autre problème est que certains attributs ne sont pas encore cachés lorsque `Py_LIMITED_API` est défini, même s'ils ne font pas partie de l'API restreinte.

Pour ces raisons il est recommandé de tester une extension avec *l'ensemble des versions mineures* supportées de Python, et généralement de la compiler avec la plus *ancienne* de ces versions.

Il est aussi recommandé de vérifier la documentation de toutes les API utilisées pour vérifier qu'elles fassent bien partie de l'API restreinte. Même lorsque `Py_LIMITED_API` est défini quelques fonctions privées peuvent être exposées aux utilisateurs pour des raisons techniques, ou par erreur.

Notez aussi que l'API restreinte n'est pas forcément stable : compiler avec Python 3.8 en définissant `Py_LIMITED_API` garanti que l'extension fonctionnera avec Python 3.12, mais pas qu'elle pourra *être compilée* avec Python 3.12. En particulier certaines parties de l'API restreinte peuvent être dépréciées et retirées tant que l'ABI stable n'est pas modifiée.

## 2.3 Considérations relatives aux plateformes

ABI stability depends not only on Python, but also on the compiler used, lower-level libraries and compiler options. For the purposes of the *Stable ABI*, these details define a “platform”. They usually depend on the OS type and processor architecture

Les distributeurs de Python doivent s'assurer que toutes les versions de Python pour une plateforme donnée sont compilées de manière à ne pas rompre la compatibilité de l'ABI stable. C'est le cas des versions produites pour Windows et macOS de `python.org` et de la plupart des distributions tierces.

## 2.4 Contenu de l'API restreinte

Currently, the *Limited API* includes the following items :

- `PY_VECTORCALL_ARGUMENTS_OFFSET`
- `PyAIter_Check()`
- `PyArg_Parse()`
- `PyArg_ParseTuple()`
- `PyArg_ParseTupleAndKeywords()`
- `PyArg_UnpackTuple()`
- `PyArg_VaParse()`
- `PyArg_VaParseTupleAndKeywords()`
- `PyArg_ValidateKeywordArguments()`
- `PyBaseObject_Type`
- `PyBool_FromLong()`
- `PyBool_Type`
- `PyBuffer_FillContiguousStrides()`
- `PyBuffer_FillInfo()`
- `PyBuffer_FromContiguous()`
- `PyBuffer_GetPointer()`

- *PyBuffer\_IsContiguous()*
- *PyBuffer\_Release()*
- *PyBuffer\_SizeFromFormat()*
- *PyBuffer\_ToContiguous()*
- *PyByteArrayIter\_Type*
- *PyByteArray\_AsString()*
- *PyByteArray\_Concat()*
- *PyByteArray\_FromObject()*
- *PyByteArray\_FromStringAndSize()*
- *PyByteArray\_Resize()*
- *PyByteArray\_Size()*
- *PyByteArray\_Type*
- *PyBytesIter\_Type*
- *PyBytes\_AsString()*
- *PyBytes\_AsStringAndSize()*
- *PyBytes\_Concat()*
- *PyBytes\_ConcatAndDel()*
- *PyBytes\_DecodeEscape()*
- *PyBytes\_FromFormat()*
- *PyBytes\_FromFormatV()*
- *PyBytes\_FromObject()*
- *PyBytes\_FromString()*
- *PyBytes\_FromStringAndSize()*
- *PyBytes\_Repr()*
- *PyBytes\_Size()*
- *PyBytes\_Type*
- *PyCFunction*
- *PyCFunctionWithKeywords*
- *PyCFunction\_Call()*
- *PyCFunction\_GetFlags()*
- *PyCFunction\_GetFunction()*
- *PyCFunction\_GetSelf()*
- *PyCFunction\_New()*
- *PyCFunction\_NewEx()*
- *PyCFunction\_Type*
- *PyCMethod\_New()*
- *PyCallIter\_New()*
- *PyCallIter\_Type*
- *PyCallable\_Check()*
- *PyCapsule\_Destructor*
- *PyCapsule\_GetContext()*
- *PyCapsule\_GetDestructor()*
- *PyCapsule\_GetName()*
- *PyCapsule\_GetPointer()*
- *PyCapsule\_Import()*
- *PyCapsule\_IsValid()*
- *PyCapsule\_New()*
- *PyCapsule\_SetContext()*
- *PyCapsule\_SetDestructor()*
- *PyCapsule\_SetName()*
- *PyCapsule\_SetPointer()*
- *PyCapsule\_Type*
- *PyClassMethodDescr\_Type*
- *PyCodec\_BackslashReplaceErrors()*
- *PyCodec\_Decode()*
- *PyCodec\_Decoder()*
- *PyCodec\_Encode()*
- *PyCodec\_Encoder()*

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— PyCodec_IgnoreErrors()
— PyCodec_IncrementalDecoder()
— PyCodec_IncrementalEncoder()
— PyCodec_KnownEncoding()
— PyCodec_LookupError()
— PyCodec_NameReplaceErrors()
— PyCodec_Register()
— PyCodec_RegisterError()
— PyCodec_ReplaceErrors()
— PyCodec_StreamReader()
— PyCodec_StreamWriter()
— PyCodec_StrictErrors()
— PyCodec_Unregister()
— PyCodec_XMLCharRefReplaceErrors()
— PyComplex_FromDoubles()
— PyComplex_ImagAsDouble()
— PyComplex_RealAsDouble()
— PyComplex_Type
— PyDescr_NewClassMethod()
— PyDescr_NewGetSet()
— PyDescr_NewMember()
— PyDescr_NewMethod()
— PyDictItems_Type
— PyDictIterItem_Type
— PyDictIterKey_Type
— PyDictIterValue_Type
— PyDictKeys_Type
— PyDictProxy_New()
— PyDictProxy_Type
— PyDictRevIterItem_Type
— PyDictRevIterKey_Type
— PyDictRevIterValue_Type
— PyDictValues_Type
— PyDict_Clear()
— PyDict_Contains()
— PyDict_Copy()
— PyDict_DelItem()
— PyDict_DelItemString()
— PyDict_GetItem()
— PyDict_GetItemString()
— PyDict_GetItemWithError()
— PyDict_Items()
— PyDict_Keys()
— PyDict_Merge()
— PyDict_MergeFromSeq2()
— PyDict_New()
— PyDict_Next()
— PyDict_SetItem()
— PyDict_SetItemString()
— PyDict_Size()
— PyDict_Type
— PyDict_Update()
— PyDict_Values()
— PyEllipsis_Type
— PyEnum_Type
— PyErr_BadArgument()
— PyErr_BadInternalCall()
— PyErr_CheckSignals()

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— PyErr_Clear()
— PyErr_Display()
— PyErr_DisplayException()
— PyErr_ExceptionMatches()
— PyErr_Fetch()
— PyErr_Format()
— PyErr_FormatV()
— PyErr_GetExcInfo()
— PyErr_GetHandledException()
— PyErr_GetRaisedException()
— PyErr_GivenExceptionMatches()
— PyErr_NewException()
— PyErr_NewExceptionWithDoc()
— PyErr_NoMemory()
— PyErr_NormalizeException()
— PyErr_Occurred()
— PyErr_Print()
— PyErr_PrintEx()
— PyErr_ProgramText()
— PyErr_ResourceWarning()
— PyErr_Restore()
— PyErr_SetExcFromWindowsErr()
— PyErr_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilename()
— PyErr_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilenameObject()
— PyErr_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilenameObjects()
— PyErr_SetExcInfo()
— PyErr_SetFromErrno()
— PyErr_SetFromErrnoWithFilename()
— PyErr_SetFromErrnoWithFilenameObject()
— PyErr_SetFromErrnoWithFilenameObjects()
— PyErr_SetFromWindowsErr()
— PyErr_SetFromWindowsErrWithFilename()
— PyErr_SetHandledException()
— PyErr_SetImportError()
— PyErr_SetImportErrorSubclass()
— PyErr_SetInterrupt()
— PyErr_SetInterruptEx()
— PyErr_SetNone()
— PyErr_SetObject()
— PyErr_SetRaisedException()
— PyErr_SetString()
— PyErr_SyntaxLocation()
— PyErr_SyntaxLocationEx()
— PyErr_WarnEx()
— PyErr_WarnExplicit()
— PyErr_WarnFormat()
— PyErr_WriteUnraisable()
— PyEval_AcquireLock()
— PyEval_AcquireThread()
— PyEval_CallFunction()
— PyEval_CallMethod()
— PyEval_CallObjectWithKeywords()
— PyEval_EvalCode()
— PyEval_EvalCodeEx()
— PyEval_EvalFrame()
— PyEval_EvalFrameEx()
— PyEval_GetBuiltins()
— PyEval_GetFrame()
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- `PyEval_GetFuncDesc()`
- `PyEval_GetFuncName()`
- `PyEval_GetGlobals()`
- `PyEval_GetLocals()`
- `PyEval_InitThreads()`
- `PyEval_ReleaseLock()`
- `PyEval_ReleaseThread()`
- `PyEval_RestoreThread()`
- `PyEval_SaveThread()`
- `PyEval_ThreadsInitialized()`
- `PyExc_ArithmeticError`
- `PyExc_AssertionError`
- `PyExc_AttributeError`
- `PyExc_BaseException`
- `PyExc_BaseExceptionGroup`
- `PyExc_BlockingIOError`
- `PyExc_BrokenPipeError`
- `PyExc_BufferError`
- `PyExc_BytesWarning`
- `PyExc_ChildProcessError`
- `PyExc_ConnectionAbortedError`
- `PyExc_ConnectionError`
- `PyExc_ConnectionRefusedError`
- `PyExc_ConnectionResetError`
- `PyExc_DeprecationWarning`
- `PyExc_EOFError`
- `PyExc_EncodingWarning`
- `PyExc_EnvironmentError`
- `PyExc_Exception`
- `PyExc_FileExistsError`
- `PyExc_FileNotFoundError`
- `PyExc_FloatingPointError`
- `PyExc_FutureWarning`
- `PyExc_GeneratorExit`
- `PyExc_IOError`
- `PyExc_ImportError`
- `PyExc_ImportWarning`
- `PyExc_IndentationError`
- `PyExc_IndexError`
- `PyExc_InterruptedError`
- `PyExc_IsADirectoryError`
- `PyExc_KeyError`
- `PyExc_KeyboardInterrupt`
- `PyExc_LookupError`
- `PyExc_MemoryError`
- `PyExc_ModuleNotFoundError`
- `PyExc_NameError`
- `PyExc_NotADirectoryError`
- `PyExc_NotImplementedError`
- `PyExc_OSError`
- `PyExc_OverflowError`
- `PyExc_PendingDeprecationWarning`
- `PyExc_PermissionError`
- `PyExc_ProcessLookupError`
- `PyExc_RecursionError`
- `PyExc_ReferenceError`
- `PyExc_ResourceWarning`
- `PyExc_RuntimeError`

- PyExc\_RuntimeWarning
- PyExc\_StopAsyncIteration
- PyExc\_StopIteration
- PyExc\_SyntaxError
- PyExc\_SyntaxWarning
- PyExc\_SystemError
- PyExc\_SystemExit
- PyExc\_TabError
- PyExc\_TimeoutError
- PyExc\_TypeError
- PyExc\_UnboundLocalError
- PyExc\_UnicodeDecodeError
- PyExc\_UnicodeEncodeError
- PyExc\_UnicodeError
- PyExc\_UnicodeTranslateError
- PyExc\_UnicodeWarning
- PyExc\_UserWarning
- PyExc\_ValueError
- PyExc\_Warning
- PyExc\_WindowsError
- PyExc\_ZeroDivisionError
- PyExceptionClass\_Name()
- *PyException\_GetArgs()*
- *PyException\_GetCause()*
- *PyException\_GetContext()*
- *PyException\_GetTraceback()*
- *PyException\_SetArgs()*
- *PyException\_SetCause()*
- *PyException\_SetContext()*
- *PyException\_SetTraceback()*
- *PyFile\_FromFd()*
- *PyFile\_GetLine()*
- *PyFile\_WriteObject()*
- *PyFile\_WriteString()*
- PyFilter\_Type
- *PyFloat\_AsDouble()*
- *PyFloat\_FromDouble()*
- *PyFloat\_FromString()*
- *PyFloat\_GetInfo()*
- *PyFloat\_GetMax()*
- *PyFloat\_GetMin()*
- *PyFloat\_Type*
- *PyFrameObject*
- *PyFrame\_GetCode()*
- *PyFrame\_GetLineNumber()*
- *PyFrozenSet\_New()*
- *PyFrozenSet\_Type*
- *PyGC\_Collect()*
- *PyGC\_Disable()*
- *PyGC\_Enable()*
- *PyGC\_IsEnabled()*
- *PyGILState\_Ensure()*
- *PyGILState\_GetThisThreadState()*
- *PyGILState\_Release()*
- PyGILState\_STATE
- *PyGetSetDef*
- PyGetSetDescr\_Type
- *PyImport\_AddModule()*

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— PyImport_AddModuleObject ()
— PyImport_AppendInittab ()
— PyImport_ExecCodeModule ()
— PyImport_ExecCodeModuleEx ()
— PyImport_ExecCodeModuleObject ()
— PyImport_ExecCodeModuleWithPathnames ()
— PyImport_GetImporter ()
— PyImport_GetMagicNumber ()
— PyImport_GetMagicTag ()
— PyImport_GetModule ()
— PyImport_GetModuleDict ()
— PyImport_Import ()
— PyImport_ImportFrozenModule ()
— PyImport_ImportFrozenModuleObject ()
— PyImport_ImportModule ()
— PyImport_ImportModuleLevel ()
— PyImport_ImportModuleLevelObject ()
— PyImport_ImportModuleNoBlock ()
— PyImport_ReloadModule ()
— PyIndex_Check ()
— PyInterpreterState
— PyInterpreterState_Clear ()
— PyInterpreterState_Delete ()
— PyInterpreterState_Get ()
— PyInterpreterState_GetDict ()
— PyInterpreterState_GetID ()
— PyInterpreterState_New ()
— PyIter_Check ()
— PyIter_Next ()
— PyIter_Send ()
— PyListIter_Type
— PyListRevIter_Type
— PyList_Append ()
— PyList_AsTuple ()
— PyList_GetItem ()
— PyList_GetSlice ()
— PyList_Insert ()
— PyList_New ()
— PyList_Reverse ()
— PyList_SetItem ()
— PyList_SetSlice ()
— PyList_Size ()
— PyList_Sort ()
— PyList_Type
— PyLongObject
— PyLongRangeIter_Type
— PyLong_AsDouble ()
— PyLong_AsLong ()
— PyLong_AsLongAndOverflow ()
— PyLong_AsLongLong ()
— PyLong_AsLongLongAndOverflow ()
— PyLong_AsSize_t ()
— PyLong_AsSsize_t ()
— PyLong_AsUnsignedLong ()
— PyLong_AsUnsignedLongLong ()
— PyLong_AsUnsignedLongLongMask ()
— PyLong_AsUnsignedLongMask ()
— PyLong_AsVoidPtr ()

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- *PyLong\_FromDouble()*
- *PyLong\_FromLong()*
- *PyLong\_FromLongLong()*
- *PyLong\_FromSize\_t()*
- *PyLong\_FromSsize\_t()*
- *PyLong\_FromString()*
- *PyLong\_FromUnsignedLong()*
- *PyLong\_FromUnsignedLongLong()*
- *PyLong\_FromVoidPtr()*
- *PyLong\_GetInfo()*
- *PyLong\_Type*
- *PyMap\_Type*
- *PyMapping\_Check()*
- *PyMapping\_GetItemString()*
- *PyMapping\_HasKey()*
- *PyMapping\_HasKeyString()*
- *PyMapping\_Items()*
- *PyMapping\_Keys()*
- *PyMapping\_Length()*
- *PyMapping\_SetItemString()*
- *PyMapping\_Size()*
- *PyMapping\_Values()*
- *PyMem\_Calloc()*
- *PyMem\_Free()*
- *PyMem\_Malloc()*
- *PyMem\_Realloc()*
- *PyMemberDef*
- *PyMemberDescr\_Type*
- *PyMember\_GetOne()*
- *PyMember\_SetOne()*
- *PyMemoryView\_FromBuffer()*
- *PyMemoryView\_FromMemory()*
- *PyMemoryView\_FromObject()*
- *PyMemoryView\_GetContiguous()*
- *PyMemoryView\_Type*
- *PyMethodDef*
- *PyMethodDescr\_Type*
- *PyModuleDef*
- *PyModuleDef\_Base*
- *PyModuleDef\_Init()*
- *PyModuleDef\_Type*
- *PyModule\_AddFunctions()*
- *PyModule\_AddIntConstant()*
- *PyModule\_AddObject()*
- *PyModule\_AddObjectRef()*
- *PyModule\_AddStringConstant()*
- *PyModule\_AddType()*
- *PyModule\_Create2()*
- *PyModule\_ExecDef()*
- *PyModule\_FromDefAndSpec2()*
- *PyModule\_GetDef()*
- *PyModule\_GetDict()*
- *PyModule\_GetFilename()*
- *PyModule\_GetFilenameObject()*
- *PyModule\_GetName()*
- *PyModule\_GetNameObject()*
- *PyModule\_GetState()*
- *PyModule\_New()*



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— PyModule_NewObject()
— PyModule_SetDocString()
— PyModule_Type
— PyNumber_Absolute()
— PyNumber_Add()
— PyNumber_And()
— PyNumber_AsSsize_t()
— PyNumber_Check()
— PyNumber_Divmod()
— PyNumber_Float()
— PyNumber_FloorDivide()
— PyNumber_InPlaceAdd()
— PyNumber_InPlaceAnd()
— PyNumber_InPlaceFloorDivide()
— PyNumber_InPlaceLshift()
— PyNumber_InPlaceMatrixMultiply()
— PyNumber_InPlaceMultiply()
— PyNumber_InPlaceOr()
— PyNumber_InPlacePower()
— PyNumber_InPlaceRemainder()
— PyNumber_InPlaceRshift()
— PyNumber_InPlaceSubtract()
— PyNumber_InPlaceTrueDivide()
— PyNumber_InPlaceXor()
— PyNumber_Index()
— PyNumber_Invert()
— PyNumber_Long()
— PyNumber_Lshift()
— PyNumber_MatrixMultiply()
— PyNumber_Multiply()
— PyNumber_Negative()
— PyNumber_Or()
— PyNumber_Positive()
— PyNumber_Power()
— PyNumber_Remainder()
— PyNumber_Rshift()
— PyNumber_Subtract()
— PyNumber_ToBase()
— PyNumber_TrueDivide()
— PyNumber_Xor()
— PyOS_AfterFork()
— PyOS_AfterFork_Child()
— PyOS_AfterFork_Parent()
— PyOS_BeforeFork()
— PyOS_CheckStack()
— PyOS_FSPath()
— PyOS_InputHook
— PyOS_InterruptOccurred()
— PyOS_double_to_string()
— PyOS_getsig()
— PyOS_mystricmp()
— PyOS_mystrnicmp()
— PyOS_setsig()
— PyOS_sighandler_t
— PyOS_snprintf()
— PyOS_string_to_double()
— PyOS_strtol()
— PyOS_strtoul()

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- *PyOS\_vsnprintf()*
- *PyObject*
- *PyObject.ob\_refcnt*
- *PyObject.ob\_type*
- *PyObject\_ASCII()*
- *PyObject\_AsCharBuffer()*
- *PyObject\_AsFileDescriptor()*
- *PyObject\_AsReadBuffer()*
- *PyObject\_AsWriteBuffer()*
- *PyObject\_Bytes()*
- *PyObject\_Call()*
- *PyObject\_CallFunction()*
- *PyObject\_CallFunctionObjArgs()*
- *PyObject\_CallMethod()*
- *PyObject\_CallMethodObjArgs()*
- *PyObject\_CallNoArgs()*
- *PyObject\_CallObject()*
- *PyObject\_Calloc()*
- *PyObject\_CheckBuffer()*
- *PyObject\_CheckReadBuffer()*
- *PyObject\_ClearWeakRefs()*
- *PyObject\_CopyData()*
- *PyObject\_DelItem()*
- *PyObject\_DelItemString()*
- *PyObject\_Dir()*
- *PyObject\_Format()*
- *PyObject\_Free()*
- *PyObject\_GC\_Del()*
- *PyObject\_GC\_IsFinalized()*
- *PyObject\_GC\_IsTracked()*
- *PyObject\_GC\_Track()*
- *PyObject\_GC\_UnTrack()*
- *PyObject\_GenericGetAttr()*
- *PyObject\_GenericGetDict()*
- *PyObject\_GenericSetAttr()*
- *PyObject\_GenericSetDict()*
- *PyObject\_GetAIter()*
- *PyObject\_GetAttr()*
- *PyObject\_GetAttrString()*
- *PyObject\_GetBuffer()*
- *PyObject\_GetItem()*
- *PyObject\_GetIter()*
- *PyObject\_GetTypeData()*
- *PyObject\_HasAttr()*
- *PyObject\_HasAttrString()*
- *PyObject\_Hash()*
- *PyObject\_HashNotImplemented()*
- *PyObject\_Init()*
- *PyObject\_InitVar()*
- *PyObject\_IsInstance()*
- *PyObject\_IsSubclass()*
- *PyObject\_IsTrue()*
- *PyObject\_Length()*
- *PyObject\_Malloc()*
- *PyObject\_Not()*
- *PyObject\_Realloc()*
- *PyObject\_Repr()*
- *PyObject\_RichCompare()*

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— PyObject_RichCompareBool()
— PyObject_SelfIter()
— PyObject_SetAttr()
— PyObject_SetAttrString()
— PyObject_SetItem()
— PyObject_Size()
— PyObject_Str()
— PyObject_Type()
— PyObject_Vectorcall()
— PyObject_VectorcallMethod()
— PyProperty_Type
— PyRangeIter_Type
— PyRange_Type
— PyReversed_Type
— PySeqIter_New()
— PySeqIter_Type
— PySequence_Check()
— PySequence_Concat()
— PySequence_Contains()
— PySequence_Count()
— PySequence_DelItem()
— PySequence_DelSlice()
— PySequence_Fast()
— PySequence_GetItem()
— PySequence_GetSlice()
— PySequence_In()
— PySequence_InPlaceConcat()
— PySequence_InPlaceRepeat()
— PySequence_Index()
— PySequence_Length()
— PySequence_List()
— PySequence_Repeat()
— PySequence_SetItem()
— PySequence_SetSlice()
— PySequence_Size()
— PySequence_Tuple()
— PySetIter_Type
— PySet_Add()
— PySet_Clear()
— PySet_Contains()
— PySet_Discard()
— PySet_New()
— PySet_Pop()
— PySet_Size()
— PySet_Type
— PySlice_AdjustIndices()
— PySlice_GetIndices()
— PySlice_GetIndicesEx()
— PySlice_New()
— PySlice_Type
— PySlice_Unpack()
— PyState_AddModule()
— PyState_FindModule()
— PyState_RemoveModule()
— PyStructSequence_Desc
— PyStructSequence_Field
— PyStructSequence_GetItem()
— PyStructSequence_New()

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— PyStructSequence_NewType()
— PyStructSequence_SetItem()
— PyStructSequence_UnnamedField
— PySuper_Type
— PySys_AddWarnOption()
— PySys_AddWarnOptionUnicode()
— PySys_AddXOption()
— PySys_FormatStderr()
— PySys_FormatStdout()
— PySys_GetObject()
— PySys_GetXOptions()
— PySys_HasWarnOptions()
— PySys_ResetWarnOptions()
— PySys_SetArgv()
— PySys_SetArgvEx()
— PySys_SetObject()
— PySys_SetPath()
— PySys_WriteStderr()
— PySys_WriteStdout()
— PyThreadState
— PyThreadState_Clear()
— PyThreadState_Delete()
— PyThreadState_Get()
— PyThreadState_GetDict()
— PyThreadState_GetFrame()
— PyThreadState_GetID()
— PyThreadState_GetInterpreter()
— PyThreadState_New()
— PyThreadState_SetAsyncExc()
— PyThreadState_Swap()
— PyThread_GetInfo()
— PyThread_ReInitTLS()
— PyThread_acquire_lock()
— PyThread_acquire_lock_timed()
— PyThread_allocate_lock()
— PyThread_create_key()
— PyThread_delete_key()
— PyThread_delete_key_value()
— PyThread_exit_thread()
— PyThread_free_lock()
— PyThread_get_key_value()
— PyThread_get_stacksize()
— PyThread_get_thread_ident()
— PyThread_get_thread_native_id()
— PyThread_init_thread()
— PyThread_release_lock()
— PyThread_set_key_value()
— PyThread_set_stacksize()
— PyThread_start_new_thread()
— PyThread_tss_alloc()
— PyThread_tss_create()
— PyThread_tss_delete()
— PyThread_tss_free()
— PyThread_tss_get()
— PyThread_tss_is_created()
— PyThread_tss_set()
— PyTraceBack_Here()
— PyTraceBack_Print()
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— PyTraceBack_Type
— PyTupleIter_Type
— PyTuple_GetItem()
— PyTuple_GetSlice()
— PyTuple_New()
— PyTuple_Pack()
— PyTuple_SetItem()
— PyTuple_Size()
— PyTuple_Type
— PyTypeObject
— PyType_ClearCache()
— PyType_FromMetaclass()
— PyType_FromModuleAndSpec()
— PyType_FromSpec()
— PyType_FromSpecWithBases()
— PyType_GenericAlloc()
— PyType_GenericNew()
— PyType_GetFlags()
— PyType_GetModule()
— PyType_GetModuleState()
— PyType_GetName()
— PyType_GetQualName()
— PyType_GetSlot()
— PyType_GetTypeDataSize()
— PyType_IsSubtype()
— PyType_Modified()
— PyType_Ready()
— PyType_Slot
— PyType_Spec
— PyType_Type
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_Create()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_GetEncoding()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_GetEnd()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_GetObject()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_GetReason()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_GetStart()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_SetEnd()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_SetReason()
— PyUnicodeDecodeError_SetStart()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_GetEncoding()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_GetEnd()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_GetObject()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_GetReason()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_GetStart()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_SetEnd()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_SetReason()
— PyUnicodeEncodeError_SetStart()
— PyUnicodeIter_Type
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_GetEnd()
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_GetObject()
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_GetReason()
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_GetStart()
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_SetEnd()
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_SetReason()
— PyUnicodeTranslateError_SetStart()
— PyUnicode_Append()
— PyUnicode_AppendAndDel()
— PyUnicode_AsASCIIString()

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— PyUnicode_AsCharmapString()
— PyUnicode_AsDecodedObject()
— PyUnicode_AsDecodedUnicode()
— PyUnicode_AsEncodedObject()
— PyUnicode_AsEncodedString()
— PyUnicode_AsEncodedUnicode()
— PyUnicode_AsLatin1String()
— PyUnicode_AsMBCSString()
— PyUnicode_AsRawUnicodeEscapeString()
— PyUnicode_AsUCS4()
— PyUnicode_AsUCS4Copy()
— PyUnicode_AsUTF16String()
— PyUnicode_AsUTF32String()
— PyUnicode_AsUTF8AndSize()
— PyUnicode_AsUTF8String()
— PyUnicode_AsUnicodeEscapeString()
— PyUnicode_AsWideChar()
— PyUnicode_AsWideCharString()
— PyUnicode_BuildEncodingMap()
— PyUnicode_Compare()
— PyUnicode_CompareWithASCIIString()
— PyUnicode_Concat()
— PyUnicode_Contains()
— PyUnicode_Count()
— PyUnicode_Decode()
— PyUnicode_DecodeASCII()
— PyUnicode_DecodeCharmap()
— PyUnicode_DecodeCodePageStateful()
— PyUnicode_DecodeFSDefault()
— PyUnicode_DecodeFSDefaultAndSize()
— PyUnicode_DecodeLatin1()
— PyUnicode_DecodeLocale()
— PyUnicode_DecodeLocaleAndSize()
— PyUnicode_DecodeMBCS()
— PyUnicode_DecodeMBCSStateful()
— PyUnicode_DecodeRawUnicodeEscape()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF16()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF16Stateful()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF32()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF32Stateful()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF7()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF7Stateful()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF8()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUTF8Stateful()
— PyUnicode_DecodeUnicodeEscape()
— PyUnicode_EncodeCodePage()
— PyUnicode_EncodeFSDefault()
— PyUnicode_EncodeLocale()
— PyUnicode_FSConverter()
— PyUnicode_FSDecoder()
— PyUnicode_Find()
— PyUnicode_FindChar()
— PyUnicode_Format()
— PyUnicode_FromEncodedObject()
— PyUnicode_FromFormat()
— PyUnicode_FromFormatV()
— PyUnicode_FromObject()
— PyUnicode_FromOrdinal()
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— PyUnicode_FromString()
— PyUnicode_FromStringAndSize()
— PyUnicode_FromWideChar()
— PyUnicode_GetDefaultEncoding()
— PyUnicode_GetLength()
— PyUnicode_InternFromString()
— PyUnicode_InternInPlace()
— PyUnicode_IsIdentifier()
— PyUnicode_Join()
— PyUnicode_Partition()
— PyUnicode_RPartition()
— PyUnicode_RSplit()
— PyUnicode_ReadChar()
— PyUnicode_Replace()
— PyUnicode_Resize()
— PyUnicode_RichCompare()
— PyUnicode_Split()
— PyUnicode_Splitlines()
— PyUnicode_Substring()
— PyUnicode_Tailmatch()
— PyUnicode_Translate()
— PyUnicode_Type
— PyUnicode_WriteChar()
— PyVarObject
— PyVarObject.ob_base
— PyVarObject.ob_size
— PyVectorcall_Call()
— PyVectorcall_NARGS()
— PyWeakReference
— PyWeakref_GetObject()
— PyWeakref_NewProxy()
— PyWeakref_NewRef()
— PyWrapperDescr_Type
— PyWrapper_New()
— PyZip_Type
— Py_AddPendingCall()
— Py_AtExit()
— Py_BEGIN_ALLOW_THREADS
— Py_BLOCK_THREADS
— Py_BuildValue()
— Py_BytesMain()
— Py_CompileString()
— Py_DecRef()
— Py_DecodeLocale()
— Py_END_ALLOW_THREADS
— Py_EncodeLocale()
— Py_EndInterpreter()
— Py_EnterRecursiveCall()
— Py_Exit()
— Py_FatalError()
— Py_FileSystemDefaultEncodeErrors
— Py_FileSystemDefaultEncoding
— Py_Finalize()
— Py_FinalizeEx()
— Py_GenericAlias()
— Py_GenericAliasType
— Py_GetBuildInfo()
— Py_GetCompiler()

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- *Py\_GetCopyright()*
- *Py\_GetExecPrefix()*
- *Py\_GetPath()*
- *Py\_GetPlatform()*
- *Py\_GetPrefix()*
- *Py\_GetProgramFullPath()*
- *Py\_GetProgramName()*
- *Py\_GetPythonHome()*
- *Py\_GetRecursionLimit()*
- *Py\_GetVersion()*
- *Py\_HasFileSystemDefaultEncoding*
- *Py\_IncRef()*
- *Py\_Initialize()*
- *Py\_InitializeEx()*
- *Py\_Is()*
- *Py\_IsFalse()*
- *Py\_IsInitialized()*
- *Py\_IsNone()*
- *Py\_IsTrue()*
- *Py\_LeaveRecursiveCall()*
- *Py\_Main()*
- *Py\_MakePendingCalls()*
- *Py\_NewInterpreter()*
- *Py\_NewRef()*
- *Py\_ReprEnter()*
- *Py\_ReprLeave()*
- *Py\_SetPath()*
- *Py\_SetProgramName()*
- *Py\_SetPythonHome()*
- *Py\_SetRecursionLimit()*
- *Py\_UCS4*
- *Py\_UNBLOCK\_THREADS*
- *Py\_UTF8Mode*
- *Py\_VaBuildValue()*
- *Py\_Version*
- *Py\_XNewRef()*
- *Py\_buffer*
- *Py\_intptr\_t*
- *Py\_ssize\_t*
- *Py\_uintptr\_t*
- *allocfunc*
- *binaryfunc*
- *descrgetfunc*
- *descrsetfunc*
- *destructor*
- *getattrfunc*
- *getattrofunc*
- *getbufferproc*
- *getiterfunc*
- *getter*
- *hashfunc*
- *initproc*
- *inquiry*
- *iternextfunc*
- *lenfunc*
- *newfunc*
- *objobjargproc*
- *objobjproc*



- *releasebufferproc*
- *reprfunc*
- *richcmpfunc*
- *setattrfunc*
- *setattrofunc*
- *setter*
- *ssizeargfunc*
- *ssizeobjargproc*
- *ssizessizeargfunc*
- *ssizessizeobjargproc*
- *symtable*
- *ternaryfunc*
- *traverseproc*
- *unaryfunc*
- *vectorcallfunc*
- *visitproc*



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## The Very High Level Layer

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The functions in this chapter will let you execute Python source code given in a file or a buffer, but they will not let you interact in a more detailed way with the interpreter.

Several of these functions accept a start symbol from the grammar as a parameter. The available start symbols are *Py\_eval\_input*, *Py\_file\_input*, and *Py\_single\_input*. These are described following the functions which accept them as parameters.

Note also that several of these functions take `FILE*` parameters. One particular issue which needs to be handled carefully is that the `FILE` structure for different C libraries can be different and incompatible. Under Windows (at least), it is possible for dynamically linked extensions to actually use different libraries, so care should be taken that `FILE*` parameters are only passed to these functions if it is certain that they were created by the same library that the Python runtime is using.

int **Py\_Main** (int argc, wchar\_t \*\*argv)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* The main program for the standard interpreter. This is made available for programs which embed Python. The *argc* and *argv* parameters should be prepared exactly as those which are passed to a C program's `main()` function (converted to `wchar_t` according to the user's locale). It is important to note that the argument list may be modified (but the contents of the strings pointed to by the argument list are not). The return value will be 0 if the interpreter exits normally (i.e., without an exception), 1 if the interpreter exits due to an exception, or 2 if the parameter list does not represent a valid Python command line.

Note that if an otherwise unhandled `SystemExit` is raised, this function will not return 1, but exit the process, as long as *PyConfig.inspect* is zero.

int **Py\_BytesMain** (int argc, char \*\*argv)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.8.* Similar to *Py\_Main()* but *argv* is an array of bytes strings. Added in version 3.8.

int **PyRun\_AnyFile** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_AnyFileExFlags()* below, leaving *closeit* set to 0 and *flags* set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_AnyFileFlags** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_AnyFileExFlags()* below, leaving the *closeit* argument set to 0.

int **PyRun\_AnyFileEx** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int closeit)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_AnyFileExFlags()* below, leaving the *flags* argument set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_AnyFileExFlags** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int closeit, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags)

If *fp* refers to a file associated with an interactive device (console or terminal input or Unix pseudo-terminal), return the value of *PyRun\_InteractiveLoop()*, otherwise return the result of *PyRun\_SimpleFile()*. *filename* is decoded from the filesystem encoding (*sys.getfilesystemencoding()*). If *filename* is NULL, this function uses "???" as the filename. If *closeit* is true, the file is closed before *PyRun\_SimpleFileExFlags()* returns.

int **PyRun\_SimpleString** (const char \*command)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_SimpleStringFlags()* below, leaving the *PyCompilerFlags\** argument set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_SimpleStringFlags** (const char \*command, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags)

Executes the Python source code from *command* in the `__main__` module according to the *flags* argument. If `__main__` does not already exist, it is created. Returns 0 on success or -1 if an exception was raised. If there was an error, there is no way to get the exception information. For the meaning of *flags*, see below.

Note that if an otherwise unhandled `SystemExit` is raised, this function will not return -1, but exit the process, as long as *PyConfig.inspect* is zero.

int **PyRun\_SimpleFile** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_SimpleFileExFlags()* below, leaving *closeit* set to 0 and *flags* set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_SimpleFileEx** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int closeit)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_SimpleFileExFlags()* below, leaving *flags* set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_SimpleFileExFlags** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int closeit, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags)

Similar to *PyRun\_SimpleStringFlags()*, but the Python source code is read from *fp* instead of an in-memory string. *filename* should be the name of the file, it is decoded from *filesystem encoding and error handler*. If *closeit* is true, the file is closed before *PyRun\_SimpleFileExFlags()* returns.

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**Note :** On Windows, *fp* should be opened as binary mode (e.g. `fopen(filename, "rb")`). Otherwise, Python may not handle script file with LF line ending correctly.

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int **PyRun\_InteractiveOne** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_InteractiveOneFlags()* below, leaving *flags* set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_InteractiveOneFlags** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags)

Read and execute a single statement from a file associated with an interactive device according to the *flags* argument. The user will be prompted using `sys.ps1` and `sys.ps2`. *filename* is decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

Returns 0 when the input was executed successfully, -1 if there was an exception, or an error code from the `errcode.h` include file distributed as part of Python if there was a parse error. (Note that `errcode.h` is not included by `Python.h`, so must be included specifically if needed.)

int **PyRun\_InteractiveLoop** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename)

This is a simplified interface to *PyRun\_InteractiveLoopFlags()* below, leaving *flags* set to NULL.

int **PyRun\_InteractiveLoopFlags** (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags)

Read and execute statements from a file associated with an interactive device until EOF is reached. The user will be prompted using `sys.ps1` and `sys.ps2`. *filename* is decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*. Returns 0 at EOF or a negative number upon failure.

int (\***PyOS\_InputHook**)(void)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Can be set to point to a function with the prototype `int func(void)`. The function will be called when Python's interpreter prompt is about to become idle and wait for user input from the terminal. The return value is ignored. Overriding this hook can be used to integrate the interpreter's prompt with other event loops, as done in the `Modules/_tkinter.c` in the Python source code.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : This function is only called from the *main interpreter*.

`char *(*PyOS_ReadlineFunctionPointer)(FILE*, FILE*, const char*)`

Can be set to point to a function with the prototype `char *func(FILE *stdin, FILE *stdout, char *prompt)`, overriding the default function used to read a single line of input at the interpreter's prompt. The function is expected to output the string *prompt* if it's not NULL, and then read a line of input from the provided standard input file, returning the resulting string. For example, The `readline` module sets this hook to provide line-editing and tab-completion features.

The result must be a string allocated by `PyMem_RawMalloc()` or `PyMem_RawRealloc()`, or NULL if an error occurred.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : The result must be allocated by `PyMem_RawMalloc()` or `PyMem_RawRealloc()`, instead of being allocated by `PyMem_Malloc()` or `PyMem_Realloc()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : This function is only called from the *main interpreter*.

`PyObject *PyRun_String` (const char \*str, int start, `PyObject *globals`, `PyObject *locals`)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. This is a simplified interface to `PyRun_StringFlags()` below, leaving *flags* set to NULL.

`PyObject *PyRun_StringFlags` (const char \*str, int start, `PyObject *globals`, `PyObject *locals`, `PyCompilerFlags *flags`)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Execute Python source code from *str* in the context specified by the objects *globals* and *locals* with the compiler flags specified by *flags*. *globals* must be a dictionary; *locals* can be any object that implements the mapping protocol. The parameter *start* specifies the start token that should be used to parse the source code.

Returns the result of executing the code as a Python object, or NULL if an exception was raised.

`PyObject *PyRun_File` (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int start, `PyObject *globals`, `PyObject *locals`)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. This is a simplified interface to `PyRun_FileExFlags()` below, leaving *closeit* set to 0 and *flags* set to NULL.

`PyObject *PyRun_FileEx` (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int start, `PyObject *globals`, `PyObject *locals`, int *closeit*)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. This is a simplified interface to `PyRun_FileExFlags()` below, leaving *flags* set to NULL.

`PyObject *PyRun_FileFlags` (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int start, `PyObject *globals`, `PyObject *locals`, `PyCompilerFlags *flags`)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. This is a simplified interface to `PyRun_FileExFlags()` below, leaving *closeit* set to 0.

`PyObject *PyRun_FileExFlags` (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename, int start, `PyObject *globals`, `PyObject *locals`, int *closeit*, `PyCompilerFlags *flags`)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Similar to `PyRun_StringFlags()`, but the Python source code is read from *fp* instead of an in-memory string. *filename* should be the name of the file, it is decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*. If *closeit* is true, the file is closed before `PyRun_FileExFlags()` returns.

`PyObject *Py_CompileString` (const char \*str, const char \*filename, int start)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). This is a simplified interface to `Py_CompileStringFlags()` below, leaving *flags* set to NULL.

`PyObject *Py_CompileStringFlags` (const char \*str, const char \*filename, int start, `PyCompilerFlags *flags`)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. This is a simplified interface to `Py_CompileStringExFlags()` below, with *optimize* set to -1.

`PyObject *Py_CompileStringObject` (const char \*str, `PyObject *filename`, int start, `PyCompilerFlags *flags`, int *optimize*)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Parse and compile the Python source code in *str*, returning the resulting code object. The start token is given by *start*; this can be used to constrain the code which can be compiled and should be `Py_eval_input`, `Py_file_input`, or `Py_single_input`. The filename specified by *filename* is used to construct the code object and may appear in `tracebacks` or `SyntaxError` exception messages. This returns NULL if the code cannot be parsed or compiled.

The integer *optimize* specifies the optimization level of the compiler; a value of `-1` selects the optimization level of the interpreter as given by `-O` options. Explicit levels are `0` (no optimization; `__debug__` is true), `1` (asserts are removed, `__debug__` is false) or `2` (docstrings are removed too).

Added in version 3.4.

***PyObject \*Py\_CompileStringExFlags*** (const char \*str, const char \*filename, int start, *PyCompilerFlags* \*flags, int optimize)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Like *Py\_CompileStringObject()*, but *filename* is a byte string decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

Added in version 3.2.

***PyObject \*PyEval\_EvalCode*** (*PyObject* \*co, *PyObject* \*globals, *PyObject* \*locals)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. This is a simplified interface to *PyEval\_EvalCodeEx()*, with just the code object, and global and local variables. The other arguments are set to NULL.

***PyObject \*PyEval\_EvalCodeEx*** (*PyObject* \*co, *PyObject* \*globals, *PyObject* \*locals, *PyObject* \*const \*args, int argcount, *PyObject* \*const \*kws, int kwcount, *PyObject* \*const \*defs, int defcount, *PyObject* \*kwdefs, *PyObject* \*closure)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. Evaluate a precompiled code object, given a particular environment for its evaluation. This environment consists of a dictionary of global variables, a mapping object of local variables, arrays of arguments, keywords and defaults, a dictionary of default values for *keyword-only* arguments and a closure tuple of cells.

***PyObject \*PyEval\_EvalFrame*** (*PyFrameObject* \*f)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. Evaluate an execution frame. This is a simplified interface to *PyEval\_EvalFrameEx()*, for backward compatibility.

***PyObject \*PyEval\_EvalFrameEx*** (*PyFrameObject* \*f, int throwflag)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. This is the main, unvarnished function of Python interpretation. The code object associated with the execution frame *f* is executed, interpreting bytecode and executing calls as needed. The additional *throwflag* parameter can mostly be ignored - if true, then it causes an exception to immediately be thrown; this is used for the `throw()` methods of generator objects.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : Cette fonction inclut maintenant une assertion de débogage afin d'assurer qu'elle ne passe pas sous silence une exception active.

**int PyEval\_MergeCompilerFlags** (*PyCompilerFlags* \*cf)

This function changes the flags of the current evaluation frame, and returns true on success, false on failure.

**int Py\_eval\_input**

The start symbol from the Python grammar for isolated expressions; for use with *Py\_CompileString()*.

**int Py\_file\_input**

The start symbol from the Python grammar for sequences of statements as read from a file or other source; for use with *Py\_CompileString()*. This is the symbol to use when compiling arbitrarily long Python source code.

**int Py\_single\_input**

The start symbol from the Python grammar for a single statement; for use with *Py\_CompileString()*. This is the symbol used for the interactive interpreter loop.

**struct PyCompilerFlags**

This is the structure used to hold compiler flags. In cases where code is only being compiled, it is passed as `int flags`, and in cases where code is being executed, it is passed as `PyCompilerFlags *flags`. In this case, from `__future__ import can modify flags`.

Whenever `PyCompilerFlags *flags` is NULL, *cf\_flags* is treated as equal to 0, and any modification due to from `__future__ import` is discarded.

**int cf\_flags**

Compiler flags.

int **cf\_feature\_version**

*cf\_feature\_version* is the minor Python version. It should be initialized to `PY_MINOR_VERSION`.

The field is ignored by default, it is used if and only if `PyCF_ONLY_AST` flag is set in *cf\_flags*.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Added *cf\_feature\_version* field.

int **CO\_FUTURE\_DIVISION**

This bit can be set in *flags* to cause division operator `/` to be interpreted as "true division" according to [PEP 238](#).





## Reference Counting

The functions and macros in this section are used for managing reference counts of Python objects.

**Py\_ssize\_t Py\_REFCNT (PyObject \*o)**

Get the reference count of the Python object *o*.

Note that the returned value may not actually reflect how many references to the object are actually held. For example, some objects are "immortal" and have a very high refcount that does not reflect the actual number of references. Consequently, do not rely on the returned value to be accurate, other than a value of 0 or 1.

Use the `Py_SET_REFCNT()` function to set an object reference count.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : `Py_REFCNT()` is changed to the inline static function.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : The parameter type is no longer `const PyObject*`.

void **Py\_SET\_REFCNT** (PyObject \*o, Py\_ssize\_t refcnt)

Set the object *o* reference counter to *refcnt*.

Note that this function has no effect on `immortal` objects.

Added in version 3.9.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Immortal objects are not modified.

void **Py\_INCREF** (PyObject \*o)

Indicate taking a new *strong reference* to object *o*, indicating it is in use and should not be destroyed.

Cette fonction est souvent utilisée pour convertir une *référence empruntée* en une *référence forte sur place*. La fonction `Py_NewRef()` peut être utilisée pour créer une nouvelle *référence forte*.

When done using the object, release it by calling `Py_DECREF()`.

L'objet ne doit pas être NULL, la fonction `Py_XINCREF()` doit être utilisée s'il est possible qu'il soit NULL.

Do not expect this function to actually modify *o* in any way. For at least *some objects*, this function has no effect.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Immortal objects are not modified.

void **Py\_XINCREF** (PyObject \*o)

Similar to `Py_INCREF()`, but the object *o* can be NULL, in which case this has no effect.

Voir aussi `Py_XNewRef()`.

**PyObject \*Py\_NewRef** (PyObject \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Create a new *strong reference* to an object : call `Py_INCREF()` on *o* and return the object *o*.

When the *strong reference* is no longer needed, `Py_DECREF()` should be called on it to release the reference.

L'objet *o* ne doit pas être NULL et la fonction `Py_XNewRef()` doit être utilisée si *o* peut être NULL.

Par exemple :

```
Py_INCREF(obj);
self->attr = obj;
```

peut s'écrire :

```
self->attr = Py_NewRef(obj);
```

Voir aussi `Py_INCREF()`.

Added in version 3.10.

**PyObject \*Py\_XNewRef (PyObject \*o)**

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Semblable à `Py_NewRef()` mais l'objet *o* peut être NULL.

Cette fonction renvoie NULL si l'objet *o* est NULL.

Added in version 3.10.

**void Py\_DECREF (PyObject \*o)**

Release a *strong reference* to object *o*, indicating the reference is no longer used.

Once the last *strong reference* is released (i.e. the object's reference count reaches 0), the object's type's deallocation function (which must not be NULL) is invoked.

Cette fonction est généralement utilisée pour supprimer une *référence forte* avant qu'elle ne soit plus accessible. L'objet en argument ne doit pas être NULL. `Py_XDECREF()` doit être utilisée si l'objet peut être NULL.

Do not expect this function to actually modify *o* in any way. For at least *some objects*, this function has no effect.

**Avertissement :** The deallocation function can cause arbitrary Python code to be invoked (e.g. when a class instance with a `__del__()` method is deallocated). While exceptions in such code are not propagated, the executed code has free access to all Python global variables. This means that any object that is reachable from a global variable should be in a consistent state before `Py_DECREF()` is invoked. For example, code to delete an object from a list should copy a reference to the deleted object in a temporary variable, update the list data structure, and then call `Py_DECREF()` for the temporary variable.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Immortal objects are not modified.

**void Py\_XDECREF (PyObject \*o)**

Similar to `Py_DECREF()`, but the object *o* can be NULL, in which case this has no effect. The same warning from `Py_DECREF()` applies here as well.

**void Py\_CLEAR (PyObject \*o)**

Release a *strong reference* for object *o*. The object may be NULL, in which case the macro has no effect; otherwise the effect is the same as for `Py_DECREF()`, except that the argument is also set to NULL. The warning for `Py_DECREF()` does not apply with respect to the object passed because the macro carefully uses a temporary variable and sets the argument to NULL before releasing the reference.

It is a good idea to use this macro whenever releasing a reference to an object that might be traversed during garbage collection.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The macro argument is now only evaluated once. If the argument has side effects, these are no longer duplicated.

**void Py\_IncRef (PyObject \*o)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Indicate taking a new *strong reference* to object *o*. A function version of `Py_XINCREF()`. It can be used for runtime dynamic embedding of Python.

**void Py\_DecRef (PyObject \*o)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Release a *strong reference* to object *o*. A function version of `Py_XDECREF()`. It can be used for runtime dynamic embedding of Python.

**Py\_SETREF (dst, src)**

Macro safely releasing a *strong reference* to object *dst* and setting *dst* to *src*.

As in case of `Py_CLEAR()`, "the obvious" code can be deadly :

```
Py_DECREF(dst);  
dst = src;
```

The safe way is :

```
Py_SETREF(dst, src);
```

That arranges to set *dst* to *src* \_before\_ releasing the reference to the old value of *dst*, so that any code triggered as a side-effect of *dst* getting torn down no longer believes *dst* points to a valid object.

Added in version 3.6.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The macro arguments are now only evaluated once. If an argument has side effects, these are no longer duplicated.

**Py\_XSETREF** (dst, src)

Variant of `Py_SETREF` macro that uses `Py_XDECREF()` instead of `Py_DECREF()`.

Added in version 3.6.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The macro arguments are now only evaluated once. If an argument has side effects, these are no longer duplicated.



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## Gestion des exceptions

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The functions described in this chapter will let you handle and raise Python exceptions. It is important to understand some of the basics of Python exception handling. It works somewhat like the POSIX `errno` variable : there is a global indicator (per thread) of the last error that occurred. Most C API functions don't clear this on success, but will set it to indicate the cause of the error on failure. Most C API functions also return an error indicator, usually `NULL` if they are supposed to return a pointer, or `-1` if they return an integer (exception : the `PyArg_*` functions return `1` for success and `0` for failure).

Concretely, the error indicator consists of three object pointers : the exception's type, the exception's value, and the traceback object. Any of those pointers can be `NULL` if non-set (although some combinations are forbidden, for example you can't have a non-`NULL` traceback if the exception type is `NULL`).

When a function must fail because some function it called failed, it generally doesn't set the error indicator ; the function it called already set it. It is responsible for either handling the error and clearing the exception or returning after cleaning up any resources it holds (such as object references or memory allocations) ; it should *not* continue normally if it is not prepared to handle the error. If returning due to an error, it is important to indicate to the caller that an error has been set. If the error is not handled or carefully propagated, additional calls into the Python/C API may not behave as intended and may fail in mysterious ways.

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**Note :** The error indicator is **not** the result of `sys.exc_info()`. The former corresponds to an exception that is not yet caught (and is therefore still propagating), while the latter returns an exception after it is caught (and has therefore stopped propagating).

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### 5.1 Printing and clearing

void **PyErr\_Clear** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Clear the error indicator. If the error indicator is not set, there is no effect.

void **PyErr\_PrintEx** (int set\_sys\_last\_vars)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Print a standard traceback to `sys.stderr` and clear the error indicator. **Unless** the error is a `SystemExit`, in that case no traceback is printed and the Python process will exit with the error code specified by the `SystemExit` instance.

Call this function **only** when the error indicator is set. Otherwise it will cause a fatal error !

If `set_sys_last_vars` is nonzero, the variable `sys.last_exc` is set to the printed exception. For backwards compatibility, the deprecated variables `sys.last_type`, `sys.last_value` and `sys.last_traceback` are also set to the type, value and traceback of this exception, respectively.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The setting of `sys.last_exc` was added.

void **PyErr\_Print** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Alias for `PyErr_PrintEx(1)`.

void **PyErr\_WriteUnraisable** (*PyObject* \*obj)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Call `sys.unraisablehook()` using the current exception and *obj* argument.

This utility function prints a warning message to `sys.stderr` when an exception has been set but it is impossible for the interpreter to actually raise the exception. It is used, for example, when an exception occurs in an `__del__()` method.

The function is called with a single argument *obj* that identifies the context in which the unraisable exception occurred. If possible, the repr of *obj* will be printed in the warning message. If *obj* is `NULL`, only the traceback is printed.

An exception must be set when calling this function.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : Print a traceback. Print only traceback if *obj* is `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `sys.unraisablehook()`.

void **PyErr\_DisplayException** (*PyObject* \*exc)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12.* Print the standard traceback display of *exc* to `sys.stderr`, including chained exceptions and notes.

Added in version 3.12.

## 5.2 Lever des exceptions

These functions help you set the current thread's error indicator. For convenience, some of these functions will always return a `NULL` pointer for use in a `return` statement.

void **PyErr\_SetString** (*PyObject* \*type, const char \*message)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the most common way to set the error indicator. The first argument specifies the exception type; it is normally one of the standard exceptions, e.g. `PyExc_RuntimeError`. You need not create a new *strong reference* to it (e.g. with `Py_INCREF()`). The second argument is an error message; it is decoded from 'utf-8'.

void **PyErr\_SetObject** (*PyObject* \*type, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This function is similar to `PyErr_SetString()` but lets you specify an arbitrary Python object for the "value" of the exception.

*PyObject* \***PyErr\_Format** (*PyObject* \*exception, const char \*format, ...)

*Valeur de retour : toujours NULL.* *Part of the Stable ABI.* This function sets the error indicator and returns `NULL`. *exception* should be a Python exception class. The *format* and subsequent parameters help format the error message; they have the same meaning and values as in `PyUnicode_FromFormat()`. *format* is an ASCII-encoded string.

*PyObject* \***PyErr\_FormatV** (*PyObject* \*exception, const char \*format, va\_list vargs)

*Valeur de retour : toujours NULL.* *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.5.* Same as `PyErr_Format()`, but taking a *va\_list* argument rather than a variable number of arguments.

Added in version 3.5.

void **PyErr\_SetNone** (*PyObject* \*type)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is a shorthand for `PyErr_SetObject(type, Py_None)`.

int **PyErr\_BadArgument** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is a shorthand for `PyErr_SetString(PyExc_TypeError, message)`, where *message* indicates that a built-in operation was invoked with an illegal argument. It is mostly for internal use.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_NoMemory()***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). This is a shorthand for `PyErr_SetNone(PyExc_MemoryError)`; it returns NULL so an object allocation function can write `return PyErr_NoMemory()`; when it runs out of memory.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetFromErrno(PyObject \*type)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). This is a convenience function to raise an exception when a C library function has returned an error and set the C variable `errno`. It constructs a tuple object whose first item is the integer `errno` value and whose second item is the corresponding error message (gotten from `strerror()`), and then calls `PyErr_SetObject(type, object)`. On Unix, when the `errno` value is `EINTR`, indicating an interrupted system call, this calls `PyErr_CheckSignals()`, and if that set the error indicator, leaves it set to that. The function always returns NULL, so a wrapper function around a system call can write `return PyErr_SetFromErrno(type)`; when the system call returns an error.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetFromErrnoWithFilenameObject(PyObject \*type, PyObject \*filenameObject)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Similar to `PyErr_SetFromErrno()`, with the additional behavior that if `filenameObject` is not NULL, it is passed to the constructor of `type` as a third parameter. In the case of `OSError` exception, this is used to define the `filename` attribute of the exception instance.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetFromErrnoWithFilenameObjects(PyObject \*type, PyObject \*filenameObject, PyObject \*filenameObject2)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Similar to `PyErr_SetFromErrnoWithFilenameObject()`, but takes a second filename object, for raising errors when a function that takes two filenames fails.

Added in version 3.4.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetFromErrnoWithFilename(PyObject \*type, const char \*filename)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Similar to `PyErr_SetFromErrnoWithFilenameObject()`, but the filename is given as a C string. `filename` is decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetFromWindowsErr(int ierr)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on Windows since version 3.7. This is a convenience function to raise `OSError`. If called with `ierr` of 0, the error code returned by a call to `GetLastError()` is used instead. It calls the Win32 function `FormatMessage()` to retrieve the Windows description of error code given by `ierr` or `GetLastError()`, then it constructs a `OSError` object with the `winerror` attribute set to the error code, the `strerror` attribute set to the corresponding error message (gotten from `FormatMessage()`), and then calls `PyErr_SetObject(PyExc_OSError, object)`. This function always returns NULL.

Disponibilité : Windows.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetExcFromWindowsErr(PyObject \*type, int ierr)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on Windows since version 3.7. Similar to `PyErr_SetFromWindowsErr()`, with an additional parameter specifying the exception type to be raised.

Disponibilité : Windows.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetFromWindowsErrWithFilename(int ierr, const char \*filename)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on Windows since version 3.7. Similar to `PyErr_SetFromWindowsErr()`, with the additional behavior that if `filename` is not NULL, it is decoded from the filesystem encoding (`os.fsdecode()`) and passed to the constructor of `OSError` as a third parameter to be used to define the `filename` attribute of the exception instance.

Disponibilité : Windows.

***PyObject \*PyErr\_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilenameObject(PyObject \*type, int ierr, PyObject \*filename)***

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on Windows since version 3.7. Similar to `PyErr_SetExcFromWindowsErr()`, with the additional behavior that if `filename` is not NULL, it is passed to the constructor of `OSError` as a third parameter to be used to define the `filename` attribute of the exception instance.

Disponibilité : Windows.

**PyObject \*PyErr\_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilenameObjects** (PyObject \*type, int ierr, PyObject \*filename, PyObject \*filename2)

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on Windows since version 3.7. Similar to [PyErr\\_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilenameObject\(\)](#), but accepts a second filename object.

Disponibilité : Windows.

Added in version 3.4.

**PyObject \*PyErr\_SetExcFromWindowsErrWithFilename** (PyObject \*type, int ierr, const char \*filename)

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on Windows since version 3.7. Similar to [PyErr\\_SetFromWindowsErrWithFilename\(\)](#), with an additional parameter specifying the exception type to be raised.

Disponibilité : Windows.

**PyObject \*PyErr\_SetImportError** (PyObject \*msg, PyObject \*name, PyObject \*path)

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. This is a convenience function to raise `ImportError`. *msg* will be set as the exception's message string. *name* and *path*, both of which can be NULL, will be set as the `ImportError`'s respective `name` and `path` attributes.

Added in version 3.3.

**PyObject \*PyErr\_SetImportErrorSubclass** (PyObject \*exception, PyObject \*msg, PyObject \*name, PyObject \*path)

*Valeur de retour* : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.6. Much like [PyErr\\_SetImportError\(\)](#) but this function allows for specifying a subclass of `ImportError` to raise.

Added in version 3.6.

**void PyErr\_SyntaxLocationObject** (PyObject \*filename, int lineno, int col\_offset)

Set file, line, and offset information for the current exception. If the current exception is not a `SyntaxError`, then it sets additional attributes, which make the exception printing subsystem think the exception is a `SyntaxError`.

Added in version 3.4.

**void PyErr\_SyntaxLocationEx** (const char \*filename, int lineno, int col\_offset)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Like [PyErr\\_SyntaxLocationObject\(\)](#), but *filename* is a byte string decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

Added in version 3.2.

**void PyErr\_SyntaxLocation** (const char \*filename, int lineno)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Like [PyErr\\_SyntaxLocationEx\(\)](#), but the *col\_offset* parameter is omitted.

**void PyErr\_BadInternalCall** ()

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). This is a shorthand for [PyErr\\_SetString\(PyExc\\_SystemError, message\)](#), where *message* indicates that an internal operation (e.g. a Python/C API function) was invoked with an illegal argument. It is mostly for internal use.

## 5.3 Issuing warnings

Use these functions to issue warnings from C code. They mirror similar functions exported by the Python `warnings` module. They normally print a warning message to `sys.stderr`; however, it is also possible that the user has specified that warnings are to be turned into errors, and in that case they will raise an exception. It is also possible that the functions raise an exception because of a problem with the warning machinery. The return value is 0 if no exception is raised, or -1 if an exception is raised. (It is not possible to determine whether a warning message is actually printed, nor what the reason is for the exception; this is intentional.) If an exception is raised, the caller should do its normal exception handling (for example, [Py\\_DECREF\(\)](#) owned references and return an error value).



int **PyErr\_WarnEx** (*PyObject* \*category, const char \*message, *Py\_ssize\_t* stack\_level)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Issue a warning message. The *category* argument is a warning category (see below) or NULL; the *message* argument is a UTF-8 encoded string. *stack\_level* is a positive number giving a number of stack frames; the warning will be issued from the currently executing line of code in that stack frame. A *stack\_level* of 1 is the function calling *PyErr\_WarnEx()*, 2 is the function above that, and so forth.

Warning categories must be subclasses of *PyExc\_Warning*; *PyExc\_Warning* is a subclass of *PyExc\_Exception*; the default warning category is *PyExc\_RuntimeWarning*. The standard Python warning categories are available as global variables whose names are enumerated at *Standard Warning Categories*.

For information about warning control, see the documentation for the `warnings` module and the `-W` option in the command line documentation. There is no C API for warning control.

int **PyErr\_WarnExplicitObject** (*PyObject* \*category, *PyObject* \*message, *PyObject* \*filename, int lineno, *PyObject* \*module, *PyObject* \*registry)

Issue a warning message with explicit control over all warning attributes. This is a straightforward wrapper around the Python function `warnings.warn_explicit()`; see there for more information. The *module* and *registry* arguments may be set to NULL to get the default effect described there.

Added in version 3.4.

int **PyErr\_WarnExplicit** (*PyObject* \*category, const char \*message, const char \*filename, int lineno, const char \*module, *PyObject* \*registry)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Similar to *PyErr\_WarnExplicitObject()* except that *message* and *module* are UTF-8 encoded strings, and *filename* is decoded from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

int **PyErr\_WarnFormat** (*PyObject* \*category, *Py\_ssize\_t* stack\_level, const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Function similar to *PyErr\_WarnEx()*, but use *PyUnicode\_FromFormat()* to format the warning message. *format* is an ASCII-encoded string.

Added in version 3.2.

int **PyErr\_ResourceWarning** (*PyObject* \*source, *Py\_ssize\_t* stack\_level, const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.6.* Function similar to *PyErr\_WarnFormat()*, but *category* is *ResourceWarning* and it passes *source* to `warnings.WarningMessage`.

Added in version 3.6.

## 5.4 Querying the error indicator

*PyObject* \***PyErr\_Occurred** ()

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Test whether the error indicator is set. If set, return the exception *type* (the first argument to the last call to one of the *PyErr\_Set\** functions or to *PyErr\_Restore()*). If not set, return NULL. You do not own a reference to the return value, so you do not need to *Py\_DECREF()* it.

The caller must hold the GIL.

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**Note :** Do not compare the return value to a specific exception; use *PyErr\_ExceptionMatches()* instead, shown below. (The comparison could easily fail since the exception may be an instance instead of a class, in the case of a class exception, or it may be a subclass of the expected exception.)

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int **PyErr\_ExceptionMatches** (*PyObject* \*exc)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Equivalent to *PyErr\_GivenExceptionMatches(PyErr\_Occurred(), exc)*. This should only be called when an exception is actually set; a memory access violation will occur if no exception has been raised.

int **PyErr\_GivenExceptionMatches** (*PyObject* \*given, *PyObject* \*exc)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return true if the *given* exception matches the exception type in *exc*. If *exc* is a class object, this also returns true when *given* is an instance of a subclass. If *exc* is a tuple, all exception types in the tuple (and recursively in sub-tuples) are searched for a match.

*PyObject* \*PyErr\_GetRaisedException (void)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. Return the exception currently being raised, clearing the error indicator at the same time. Return NULL if the error indicator is not set.

This function is used by code that needs to catch exceptions, or code that needs to save and restore the error indicator temporarily.

For example :

```
{
    PyObject *exc = PyErr_GetRaisedException();

    /* ... code that might produce other errors ... */

    PyErr_SetRaisedException(exc);
}
```

**Voir aussi :**

[PyErr\\_GetHandledException\(\)](#), to save the exception currently being handled.

Added in version 3.12.

void PyErr\_SetRaisedException (*PyObject* \*exc)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. Set *exc* as the exception currently being raised, clearing the existing exception if one is set.

**Avertissement :** This call steals a reference to *exc*, which must be a valid exception.

Added in version 3.12.

void PyErr\_Fetch (*PyObject* \*\*ptype, *PyObject* \*\*pvalue, *PyObject* \*\*ptraceback)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Obsolète depuis la version 3.12 : Use [PyErr\\_GetRaisedException\(\)](#) instead. Retrieve the error indicator into three variables whose addresses are passed. If the error indicator is not set, set all three variables to NULL. If it is set, it will be cleared and you own a reference to each object retrieved. The value and traceback object may be NULL even when the type object is not.

**Note :** This function is normally only used by legacy code that needs to catch exceptions or save and restore the error indicator temporarily.

For example :

```
{
    PyObject *type, *value, *traceback;
    PyErr_Fetch(&type, &value, &traceback);

    /* ... code that might produce other errors ... */

    PyErr_Restore(type, value, traceback);
}
```

void PyErr\_Restore (*PyObject* \*type, *PyObject* \*value, *PyObject* \*traceback)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Obsolète depuis la version 3.12 : Use [PyErr\\_SetRaisedException\(\)](#) instead. Set the error indicator from the three objects, *type*, *value*, and *traceback*, clearing the existing exception if one is set. If the objects are NULL, the error indicator is cleared. Do not pass a NULL type and non-NULL value or traceback. The exception type should be a class. Do not pass an invalid exception type or value. (Violating these rules will cause subtle problems later.) This call takes away a reference to each object : you must own a reference to each object before the call and after the call you no longer own these references. (If you don't understand this, don't use this function. I warned you.)

**Note :** This function is normally only used by legacy code that needs to save and restore the error indicator temporarily. Use [PyErr\\_Fetch\(\)](#) to save the current error indicator.

void **PyErr\_NormalizeException** (*PyObject* \*\*exc, *PyObject* \*\*val, *PyObject* \*\*tb)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Obsolète depuis la version 3.12 : Use `PyErr_GetRaisedException()` instead, to avoid any possible de-normalization.

Under certain circumstances, the values returned by `PyErr_Fetch()` below can be “unnormalized”, meaning that `*exc` is a class object but `*val` is not an instance of the same class. This function can be used to instantiate the class in that case. If the values are already normalized, nothing happens. The delayed normalization is implemented to improve performance.

**Note :** This function *does not* implicitly set the `__traceback__` attribute on the exception value. If setting the traceback appropriately is desired, the following additional snippet is needed :

```
if (tb != NULL) {
    PyException_SetTraceback(val, tb);
}
```

*PyObject* \***PyErr\_GetHandledException** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Retrieve the active exception instance, as would be returned by `sys.exception()`. This refers to an exception that was *already caught*, not to an exception that was freshly raised. Returns a new reference to the exception or NULL. Does not modify the interpreter’s exception state.

**Note :** This function is not normally used by code that wants to handle exceptions. Rather, it can be used when code needs to save and restore the exception state temporarily. Use `PyErr_SetHandledException()` to restore or clear the exception state.

Added in version 3.11.

void **PyErr\_SetHandledException** (*PyObject* \*exc)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Set the active exception, as known from `sys.exception()`. This refers to an exception that was *already caught*, not to an exception that was freshly raised. To clear the exception state, pass NULL.

**Note :** This function is not normally used by code that wants to handle exceptions. Rather, it can be used when code needs to save and restore the exception state temporarily. Use `PyErr_GetHandledException()` to get the exception state.

Added in version 3.11.

void **PyErr\_GetExcInfo** (*PyObject* \*\*ptype, *PyObject* \*\*pvalue, *PyObject* \*\*ptraceback)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Retrieve the old-style representation of the exception info, as known from `sys.exc_info()`. This refers to an exception that was *already caught*, not to an exception that was freshly raised. Returns new references for the three objects, any of which may be NULL. Does not modify the exception info state. This function is kept for backwards compatibility. Prefer using `PyErr_GetHandledException()`.

**Note :** This function is not normally used by code that wants to handle exceptions. Rather, it can be used when code needs to save and restore the exception state temporarily. Use `PyErr_SetExcInfo()` to restore or clear the exception state.

Added in version 3.3.

void **PyErr\_SetExcInfo** (*PyObject* \*type, *PyObject* \*value, *PyObject* \*traceback)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Set the exception info, as known from `sys.exc_info()`. This refers to an exception that was *already caught*, not to an exception that was freshly raised. This function steals the references of the arguments. To clear the exception state, pass NULL for all three arguments. This function is kept for backwards compatibility. Prefer using `PyErr_SetHandledException()`.

**Note :** This function is not normally used by code that wants to handle exceptions. Rather, it can be used

when code needs to save and restore the exception state temporarily. Use `PyErr_GetExcInfo()` to read the exception state.

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Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : The `type` and `traceback` arguments are no longer used and can be `NULL`. The interpreter now derives them from the exception instance (the `value` argument). The function still steals references of all three arguments.

## 5.5 Traitement des signaux

**int `PyErr_CheckSignals()`**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* This function interacts with Python's signal handling.

If the function is called from the main thread and under the main Python interpreter, it checks whether a signal has been sent to the processes and if so, invokes the corresponding signal handler. If the `signal` module is supported, this can invoke a signal handler written in Python.

The function attempts to handle all pending signals, and then returns 0. However, if a Python signal handler raises an exception, the error indicator is set and the function returns -1 immediately (such that other pending signals may not have been handled yet : they will be on the next `PyErr_CheckSignals()` invocation).

If the function is called from a non-main thread, or under a non-main Python interpreter, it does nothing and returns 0.

This function can be called by long-running C code that wants to be interruptible by user requests (such as by pressing Ctrl-C).

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**Note :** The default Python signal handler for `SIGINT` raises the `KeyboardInterrupt` exception.

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**void `PyErr_SetInterrupt()`**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Simulate the effect of a `SIGINT` signal arriving. This is equivalent to `PyErr_SetInterruptEx(SIGINT)`.

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**Note :** This function is async-signal-safe. It can be called without the [GIL](#) and from a C signal handler.

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**int `PyErr_SetInterruptEx(int signal)`**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.10.* Simulate the effect of a signal arriving. The next time `PyErr_CheckSignals()` is called, the Python signal handler for the given signal number will be called.

This function can be called by C code that sets up its own signal handling and wants Python signal handlers to be invoked as expected when an interruption is requested (for example when the user presses Ctrl-C to interrupt an operation).

If the given signal isn't handled by Python (it was set to `signal.SIG_DFL` or `signal.SIG_IGN`), it will be ignored.

If `signal` is outside of the allowed range of signal numbers, -1 is returned. Otherwise, 0 is returned. The error indicator is never changed by this function.

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**Note :** This function is async-signal-safe. It can be called without the [GIL](#) and from a C signal handler.

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Added in version 3.10.

**int `PySignal_SetWakeupFd(int fd)`**

This utility function specifies a file descriptor to which the signal number is written as a single byte whenever a signal is received. `fd` must be non-blocking. It returns the previous such file descriptor.

The value -1 disables the feature ; this is the initial state. This is equivalent to `signal.set_wakeup_fd()` in Python, but without any error checking. `fd` should be a valid file descriptor. The function should only be called from the main thread.

Modifié dans la version 3.5 : On Windows, the function now also supports socket handles.

## 5.6 Exception Classes

*PyObject* \*PyErr\_NewException (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*base, *PyObject* \*dict)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. This utility function creates and returns a new exception class. The *name* argument must be the name of the new exception, a C string of the form `module.classname`. The *base* and *dict* arguments are normally NULL. This creates a class object derived from `Exception` (accessible in C as `PyExc_Exception`).

The `__module__` attribute of the new class is set to the first part (up to the last dot) of the *name* argument, and the class name is set to the last part (after the last dot). The *base* argument can be used to specify alternate base classes; it can either be only one class or a tuple of classes. The *dict* argument can be used to specify a dictionary of class variables and methods.

*PyObject* \*PyErr\_NewExceptionWithDoc (const char \*name, const char \*doc, *PyObject* \*base, *PyObject* \*dict)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Same as `PyErr_NewException()`, except that the new exception class can easily be given a docstring: If *doc* is non-NULL, it will be used as the docstring for the exception class.

Added in version 3.2.

## 5.7 Objets exception

*PyObject* \*PyException\_GetTraceback (*PyObject* \*ex)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the traceback associated with the exception as a new reference, as accessible from Python through the `__traceback__` attribute. If there is no traceback associated, this returns NULL.

int PyException\_SetTraceback (*PyObject* \*ex, *PyObject* \*tb)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Set the traceback associated with the exception to *tb*. Use `Py_None` to clear it.

*PyObject* \*PyException\_GetContext (*PyObject* \*ex)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the context (another exception instance during whose handling *ex* was raised) associated with the exception as a new reference, as accessible from Python through the `__context__` attribute. If there is no context associated, this returns NULL.

void PyException\_SetContext (*PyObject* \*ex, *PyObject* \*ctx)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Set the context associated with the exception to *ctx*. Use NULL to clear it. There is no type check to make sure that *ctx* is an exception instance. This steals a reference to *ctx*.

*PyObject* \*PyException\_GetCause (*PyObject* \*ex)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the cause (either an exception instance, or None, set by `raise ... from ...`) associated with the exception as a new reference, as accessible from Python through the `__cause__` attribute.

void PyException\_SetCause (*PyObject* \*ex, *PyObject* \*cause)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Set the cause associated with the exception to *cause*. Use NULL to clear it. There is no type check to make sure that *cause* is either an exception instance or None. This steals a reference to *cause*.

The `__suppress_context__` attribute is implicitly set to True by this function.

*PyObject* \*PyException\_GetArgs (*PyObject* \*ex)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12*. Return args of exception *ex*.

void PyException\_SetArgs (*PyObject* \*ex, *PyObject* \*args)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12*. Set args of exception *ex* to *args*.

*PyObject* \*PyUnstable\_Exc\_PrepReraiseStar (*PyObject* \*orig, *PyObject* \*excs)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Implement part of the interpreter's implementation of `except *`. *orig* is the original exception that was caught, and *excs* is the list of the exceptions that need to be raised. This list contains the unhandled part of *orig*, if any, as well as the exceptions that were raised from the `except *` clauses (so they have a different traceback from *orig*) and those that were reraised (and have the same traceback as *orig*). Return the `ExceptionGroup` that needs to be reraised in the end, or `None` if there is nothing to reraise.

Added in version 3.12.

## 5.8 Objets exception Unicode

The following functions are used to create and modify Unicode exceptions from C.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeDecodeError\_Create (const char \*encoding, const char \*object, *Py\_ssize\_t* length, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* end, const char \*reason)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. Create a `UnicodeDecodeError` object with the attributes *encoding*, *object*, *length*, *start*, *end* and *reason*. *encoding* and *reason* are UTF-8 encoded strings.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeDecodeError\_GetEncoding (*PyObject* \*exc)

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeEncodeError\_GetEncoding (*PyObject* \*exc)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. Return the *encoding* attribute of the given exception object.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeDecodeError\_GetObject (*PyObject* \*exc)

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeEncodeError\_GetObject (*PyObject* \*exc)

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeTranslateError\_GetObject (*PyObject* \*exc)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. Return the *object* attribute of the given exception object.

int PyUnicodeDecodeError\_GetStart (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start)

int PyUnicodeEncodeError\_GetStart (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start)

int PyUnicodeTranslateError\_GetStart (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Get the *start* attribute of the given exception object and place it into \*start. *start* must not be `NULL`. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure.

int PyUnicodeDecodeError\_SetStart (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* start)

int PyUnicodeEncodeError\_SetStart (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* start)

int PyUnicodeTranslateError\_SetStart (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* start)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Set the *start* attribute of the given exception object to *start*. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure.

int PyUnicodeDecodeError\_GetEnd (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*end)

int PyUnicodeEncodeError\_GetEnd (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*end)

int PyUnicodeTranslateError\_GetEnd (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*end)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Get the *end* attribute of the given exception object and place it into \*end. *end* must not be `NULL`. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure.

int PyUnicodeDecodeError\_SetEnd (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* end)

int PyUnicodeEncodeError\_SetEnd (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* end)

int PyUnicodeTranslateError\_SetEnd (*PyObject* \*exc, *Py\_ssize\_t* end)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Set the *end* attribute of the given exception object to *end*. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicodeDecodeError\_GetReason (*PyObject* \*exc)



*PyObject \****PyUnicodeEncodeError\_GetReason** (*PyObject \**exc)

*PyObject \****PyUnicodeTranslateError\_GetReason** (*PyObject \**exc)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the *reason* attribute of the given exception object.

int **PyUnicodeDecodeError\_SetReason** (*PyObject \**exc, const char \*reason)

int **PyUnicodeEncodeError\_SetReason** (*PyObject \**exc, const char \*reason)

int **PyUnicodeTranslateError\_SetReason** (*PyObject \**exc, const char \*reason)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Set the *reason* attribute of the given exception object to *reason*. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure.

## 5.9 Contrôle de la récursion

These two functions provide a way to perform safe recursive calls at the C level, both in the core and in extension modules. They are needed if the recursive code does not necessarily invoke Python code (which tracks its recursion depth automatically). They are also not needed for *tp\_call* implementations because the *call protocol* takes care of recursion handling.

int **Py\_EnterRecursiveCall** (const char \*where)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.9*. Marks a point where a recursive C-level call is about to be performed.

If `USE_STACKCHECK` is defined, this function checks if the OS stack overflowed using `PyOS_CheckStack()`. If this is the case, it sets a `MemoryError` and returns a nonzero value.

The function then checks if the recursion limit is reached. If this is the case, a `RecursionError` is set and a nonzero value is returned. Otherwise, zero is returned.

*where* should be a UTF-8 encoded string such as " in instance check" to be concatenated to the `RecursionError` message caused by the recursion depth limit.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : This function is now also available in the *limited API*.

void **Py\_LeaveRecursiveCall** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.9*. Ends a `Py_EnterRecursiveCall()`. Must be called once for each *successful* invocation of `Py_EnterRecursiveCall()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : This function is now also available in the *limited API*.

Properly implementing *tp\_repr* for container types requires special recursion handling. In addition to protecting the stack, *tp\_repr* also needs to track objects to prevent cycles. The following two functions facilitate this functionality. Effectively, these are the C equivalent to `reprlib.recursive_repr()`.

int **Py\_ReprEnter** (*PyObject \**object)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Called at the beginning of the *tp\_repr* implementation to detect cycles.

If the object has already been processed, the function returns a positive integer. In that case the *tp\_repr* implementation should return a string object indicating a cycle. As examples, `dict` objects return `{ ... }` and `list` objects return `[ ... ]`.

The function will return a negative integer if the recursion limit is reached. In that case the *tp\_repr* implementation should typically return `NULL`.

Otherwise, the function returns zero and the *tp\_repr* implementation can continue normally.

void **Py\_ReprLeave** (*PyObject \**object)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Ends a `Py_ReprEnter()`. Must be called once for each invocation of `Py_ReprEnter()` that returns zero.

## 5.10 Exceptions standards

All standard Python exceptions are available as global variables whose names are `PyExc_` followed by the Python exception name. These have the type `PyObject*`; they are all class objects. For completeness, here are all the variables :

Nom C	Nom Python	Notes
<code>PyExc_BaseException</code>	<code>BaseException</code>	1
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<code>PyExc_EOFError</code>	<code>EOFError</code>	
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<code>PyExc_SystemExit</code>	<code>SystemExit</code>	
<code>PyExc_TabError</code>	<code>TabError</code>	
<code>PyExc_ImportError</code>	<code>TimeoutError</code>	
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Nom C	Nom Python	Notes
PyExc_UnicodeEncodeError	UnicodeEncodeError	
PyExc_UnicodeError	UnicodeError	
PyExc_UnicodeTranslateEr	UnicodeTranslateError	
PyExc_ValueError	ValueError	
PyExc_ZeroDivisionError	ZeroDivisionError	

Added in version 3.3 : PyExc\_BlockingIOError, PyExc\_BrokenPipeError, PyExc\_ChildProcessError, PyExc\_ConnectionError, PyExc\_ConnectionAbortedError, PyExc\_ConnectionRefusedError, PyExc\_ConnectionResetError, PyExc\_FileExistsError, PyExc\_FileNotFoundError, PyExc\_InterruptedError, PyExc\_IsADirectoryError, PyExc\_NotADirectoryError, PyExc\_PermissionError, PyExc\_ProcessLookupError and PyExc\_TimeoutError were introduced following [PEP 3151](#).

Added in version 3.5 : PyExc\_StopAsyncIteration et PyExc\_RecursionError.

Added in version 3.6 : PyExc\_ModuleNotFoundError.

These are compatibility aliases to PyExc\_OSError :

Nom C	Notes
PyExc_EnvironmentError	
PyExc_IOError	
PyExc_WindowsError	<sup>2</sup>

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : These aliases used to be separate exception types.

Notes :

## 5.11 Standard Warning Categories

All standard Python warning categories are available as global variables whose names are `PyExc_` followed by the Python exception name. These have the type `PyObject*`; they are all class objects. For completeness, here are all the variables :

Nom C	Nom Python	Notes
PyExc_Warning	Warning	<sup>3</sup>
PyExc_BytesWarning	BytesWarning	
PyExc_DeprecationWarning	DeprecationWarning	
PyExc_FutureWarning	FutureWarning	
PyExc_ImportWarning	ImportWarning	
PyExc_PendingDeprecationWarning	PendingDeprecationWarning	
PyExc_ResourceWarning	ResourceWarning	
PyExc_RuntimeWarning	RuntimeWarning	
PyExc_SyntaxWarning	SyntaxWarning	
PyExc_UnicodeWarning	UnicodeWarning	
PyExc_UserWarning	UserWarning	

Added in version 3.2 : PyExc\_ResourceWarning.

Notes :

1. C'est la classe de base pour les autres exceptions standards.
2. Only defined on Windows; protect code that uses this by testing that the preprocessor macro `MS_WINDOWS` is defined.
3. C'est la classe de base pour les autres catégories de *warning*.



Les fonctions de ce chapitre sont utilitaires, certaines aident à rendre le code en C plus portable, d'autres à utiliser des modules Python depuis du C, analyser des arguments de fonctions, ou encore construire des valeurs Python à partir de valeurs C.

## 6.1 Operating System Utilities

*PyObject* \*PyOS\_FSPath (*PyObject* \*path)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.6.* Return the file system representation for *path*. If the object is a `str` or `bytes` object, then a new *strong reference* is returned. If the object implements the `os.PathLike` interface, then `__fspath__()` is returned as long as it is a `str` or `bytes` object. Otherwise `TypeError` is raised and `NULL` is returned.

Added in version 3.6.

int Py\_FdIsInteractive (FILE \*fp, const char \*filename)

Return true (nonzero) if the standard I/O file *fp* with name *filename* is deemed interactive. This is the case for files for which `isatty(fileno(fp))` is true. If the *PyConfig.interactive* is non-zero, this function also returns true if the *filename* pointer is `NULL` or if the name is equal to one of the strings '`<stdin>`' or '`???`'.

This function must not be called before Python is initialized.

void PyOS\_BeforeFork ()

*Part of the Stable ABI on platforms with fork() since version 3.7.* Function to prepare some internal state before a process fork. This should be called before calling `fork()` or any similar function that clones the current process. Only available on systems where `fork()` is defined.

**Avertissement** : The C `fork()` call should only be made from the *"main" thread* (of the *"main" interpreter*). The same is true for `PyOS_BeforeFork()`.

Added in version 3.7.

void PyOS\_AfterFork\_Parent ()

*Part of the Stable ABI on platforms with fork() since version 3.7.* Function to update some internal state after a process fork. This should be called from the parent process after calling `fork()` or any similar function that

clones the current process, regardless of whether process cloning was successful. Only available on systems where `fork()` is defined.

**Avertissement :** The C `fork()` call should only be made from the *"main" thread* (of the *"main" interpreter*). The same is true for `PyOS_AfterFork_Parent()`.

Added in version 3.7.

void **PyOS\_AfterFork\_Child()**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on platforms with `fork()` since version 3.7.* Function to update internal interpreter state after a process fork. This must be called from the child process after calling `fork()`, or any similar function that clones the current process, if there is any chance the process will call back into the Python interpreter. Only available on systems where `fork()` is defined.

**Avertissement :** The C `fork()` call should only be made from the *"main" thread* (of the *"main" interpreter*). The same is true for `PyOS_AfterFork_Child()`.

Added in version 3.7.

**Voir aussi :**

`os.register_at_fork()` allows registering custom Python functions to be called by `PyOS_BeforeFork()`, `PyOS_AfterFork_Parent()` and `PyOS_AfterFork_Child()`.

void **PyOS\_AfterFork()**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on platforms with `fork()`.* Function to update some internal state after a process fork; this should be called in the new process if the Python interpreter will continue to be used. If a new executable is loaded into the new process, this function does not need to be called.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.7 : This function is superseded by `PyOS_AfterFork_Child()`.

int **PyOS\_CheckStack()**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) on platforms with `USE_STACKCHECK` since version 3.7.* Return true when the interpreter runs out of stack space. This is a reliable check, but is only available when `USE_STACKCHECK` is defined (currently on certain versions of Windows using the Microsoft Visual C++ compiler). `USE_STACKCHECK` will be defined automatically; you should never change the definition in your own code.

typedef void (\***PyOS\_sighandler\_t**)(int)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*

*PyOS\_sighandler\_t* **PyOS\_getsig**(int i)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Return the current signal handler for signal *i*. This is a thin wrapper around either `sigaction()` or `signal()`. Do not call those functions directly!

*PyOS\_sighandler\_t* **PyOS\_setsig**(int i, *PyOS\_sighandler\_t* h)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Set the signal handler for signal *i* to be *h*; return the old signal handler. This is a thin wrapper around either `sigaction()` or `signal()`. Do not call those functions directly!

wchar\_t \***Py\_DecodeLocale**(const char \*arg, size\_t \*size)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7.*

**Avertissement :** This function should not be called directly : use the `PyConfig` API with the `PyConfig_SetBytesString()` function which ensures that *Python is preinitialized*. This function must not be called before *Python is preinitialized* and so that the `LC_CTYPE` locale is properly configured : see the `Py_PreInitialize()` function.

Decode a byte string from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*. If the error handler is surrogateescape error handler, undecodable bytes are decoded as characters in range U+DC80..U+DCFF; and if a byte sequence can be decoded as a surrogate character, the bytes are escaped using the surrogateescape error handler instead of decoding them.

Return a pointer to a newly allocated wide character string, use `PyMem_RawFree()` to free the memory. If `size` is not NULL, write the number of wide characters excluding the null character into `*size`.

Return NULL on decoding error or memory allocation error. If `size` is not NULL, `*size` is set to `(size_t)-1` on memory error or set to `(size_t)-2` on decoding error.

The *filesystem encoding and error handler* are selected by `PyConfig_Read()` : see *filesystem\_encoding* and *filesystem\_errors* members of `PyConfig`.

Decoding errors should never happen, unless there is a bug in the C library.

Use the `Py_EncodeLocale()` function to encode the character string back to a byte string.

**Voir aussi :**

The `PyUnicode_DecodeFSDefaultAndSize()` and `PyUnicode_DecodeLocaleAndSize()` functions.

Added in version 3.5.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The function now uses the UTF-8 encoding in the Python UTF-8 Mode.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : The function now uses the UTF-8 encoding on Windows if `PyPreConfig.legacy_windows_fs_encoding` is zero;

char `*Py_EncodeLocale` (const wchar\_t \*text, size\_t \*error\_pos)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Encode a wide character string to the *filesystem encoding and error handler*. If the error handler is surrogateescape error handler, surrogate characters in the range U+DC80..U+DCFF are converted to bytes 0x80..0xFF.

Return a pointer to a newly allocated byte string, use `PyMem_Free()` to free the memory. Return NULL on encoding error or memory allocation error.

If `error_pos` is not NULL, `*error_pos` is set to `(size_t)-1` on success, or set to the index of the invalid character on encoding error.

The *filesystem encoding and error handler* are selected by `PyConfig_Read()` : see *filesystem\_encoding* and *filesystem\_errors* members of `PyConfig`.

Use the `Py_DecodeLocale()` function to decode the bytes string back to a wide character string.

**Avertissement :** This function must not be called before *Python is preinitialized* and so that the LC\_CTYPE locale is properly configured : see the `Py_PreInitialize()` function.

**Voir aussi :**

The `PyUnicode_EncodeFSDefault()` and `PyUnicode_EncodeLocale()` functions.

Added in version 3.5.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The function now uses the UTF-8 encoding in the Python UTF-8 Mode.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : The function now uses the UTF-8 encoding on Windows if `PyPreConfig.legacy_windows_fs_encoding` is zero.

## 6.2 System Functions

These are utility functions that make functionality from the `sys` module accessible to C code. They all work with the current interpreter thread's `sys` module's dict, which is contained in the internal thread state structure.

*PyObject* `*PySys_GetObject` (const char \*name)

*Valeur de retour :* référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the object `name` from the `sys` module or NULL if it does not exist, without setting an exception.

int `PySys_SetObject` (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*v)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set `name` in the `sys` module to `v` unless `v` is NULL, in which case `name` is deleted from the `sys` module. Returns 0 on success, -1 on error.

void `PySys_ResetWarnOptions` ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Reset `sys.warnoptions` to an empty list. This function may be called prior to `Py_Initialize()`.

void **PySys\_AddWarnOption** (const wchar\_t \*s)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.warnoptions` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Append `s` to `sys.warnoptions`. This function must be called prior to `Py_Initialize()` in order to affect the warnings filter list.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

void **PySys\_AddWarnOptionUnicode** (PyObject \*unicode)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.warnoptions` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Append `unicode` to `sys.warnoptions`.

Note : this function is not currently usable from outside the CPython implementation, as it must be called prior to the implicit import of `warnings` in `Py_Initialize()` to be effective, but can't be called until enough of the runtime has been initialized to permit the creation of Unicode objects.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

void **PySys\_SetPath** (const wchar\_t \*path)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.module_search_paths` and `PyConfig.module_search_paths_set` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Set `sys.path` to a list object of paths found in `path` which should be a list of paths separated with the platform's search path delimiter ( : on Unix, ; on Windows).

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

void **PySys\_WriteStdout** (const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Write the output string described by `format` to `sys.stdout`. No exceptions are raised, even if truncation occurs (see below).

`format` should limit the total size of the formatted output string to 1000 bytes or less -- after 1000 bytes, the output string is truncated. In particular, this means that no unrestricted `"%s"` formats should occur ; these should be limited using `"%.<N>s"` where `<N>` is a decimal number calculated so that `<N>` plus the maximum size of other formatted text does not exceed 1000 bytes. Also watch out for `"%f"`, which can print hundreds of digits for very large numbers.

If a problem occurs, or `sys.stdout` is unset, the formatted message is written to the real (C level) `stdout`.

void **PySys\_WriteStderr** (const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* As `PySys_WriteStdout()`, but write to `sys.stderr` or `stderr` instead.

void **PySys\_FormatStdout** (const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Function similar to `PySys_WriteStdout()` but format the message using `PyUnicode_FromFormatV()` and don't truncate the message to an arbitrary length.

Added in version 3.2.

void **PySys\_FormatStderr** (const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* As `PySys_FormatStdout()`, but write to `sys.stderr` or `stderr` instead.

Added in version 3.2.

void **PySys\_AddXOption** (const wchar\_t \*s)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.xoptions` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Parse `s` as a set of `-X` options and add them to the current options mapping as returned by `PySys_GetXOptions()`. This function may be called prior to `Py_Initialize()`.

Added in version 3.2.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

PyObject \***PySys\_GetXOptions** ()

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Return the current dictionary of `-X` options, similarly to `sys._xoptions`. On error, `NULL` is returned and an exception is set.

Added in version 3.2.

int **PySys\_Audit** (const char \*event, const char \*format, ...)

Raise an auditing event with any active hooks. Return zero for success and non-zero with an exception set on failure.

If any hooks have been added, *format* and other arguments will be used to construct a tuple to pass. Apart from `N`, the same format characters as used in `Py_BuildValue()` are available. If the built value is not a tuple, it will be added into a single-element tuple. (The `N` format option consumes a reference, but since there is no way to know whether arguments to this function will be consumed, using it may cause reference leaks.)

Note that `#` format characters should always be treated as `Py_ssize_t`, regardless of whether `PY_SSIZE_T_CLEAN` was defined.

`sys.audit()` performs the same function from Python code.

Added in version 3.8.

Modifié dans la version 3.8.2 : Require `Py_ssize_t` for `#` format characters. Previously, an unavoidable deprecation warning was raised.

int **PySys\_AddAuditHook** (`Py_AuditHookFunction` hook, void \*userData)

Append the callable *hook* to the list of active auditing hooks. Return zero on success and non-zero on failure. If the runtime has been initialized, also set an error on failure. Hooks added through this API are called for all interpreters created by the runtime.

The *userData* pointer is passed into the hook function. Since hook functions may be called from different runtimes, this pointer should not refer directly to Python state.

This function is safe to call before `Py_Initialize()`. When called after runtime initialization, existing audit hooks are notified and may silently abort the operation by raising an error subclassed from `Exception` (other errors will not be silenced).

The hook function is always called with the GIL held by the Python interpreter that raised the event.

See [PEP 578](#) for a detailed description of auditing. Functions in the runtime and standard library that raise events are listed in the audit events table. Details are in each function's documentation.

Déclenche un événement d'audit `sys.addaudithook` sans arguments.

typedef int (\***Py\_AuditHookFunction**)(const char \*event, *PyObject* \*args, void \*userData)

The type of the hook function. *event* is the C string event argument passed to `PySys_Audit()`. *args* is guaranteed to be a `PyTupleObject`. *userData* is the argument passed to `PySys_AddAuditHook()`.

Added in version 3.8.

## 6.3 Process Control

void **Py\_FatalError** (const char \*message)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Print a fatal error message and kill the process. No cleanup is performed. This function should only be invoked when a condition is detected that would make it dangerous to continue using the Python interpreter; e.g., when the object administration appears to be corrupted. On Unix, the standard C library function `abort()` is called which will attempt to produce a `core` file.

The `Py_FatalError()` function is replaced with a macro which logs automatically the name of the current function, unless the `PY_LIMITED_API` macro is defined.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : Log the function name automatically.

void **Py\_Exit** (int status)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Exit the current process. This calls `Py_FinalizeEx()` and then calls the standard C library function `exit(status)`. If `Py_FinalizeEx()` indicates an error, the exit status is set to 120.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : Errors from finalization no longer ignored.

int **Py\_AtExit** (void (\*func)())

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Register a cleanup function to be called by `Py_FinalizeEx()`. The cleanup function will be called with no arguments and should return no value. At most 32 cleanup functions can be registered. When the registration is successful, `Py_AtExit()` returns 0; on failure, it returns -1. The cleanup function registered last is called first. Each cleanup function will be called at most once. Since Python's internal finalization will have completed before the cleanup function, no Python APIs should be called by *func*.



## 6.4 Importer des modules

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_ImportModule** (const char \*name)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. This is a wrapper around `PyImport_Import()` which takes a `const char*` as an argument instead of a *PyObject*\*.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_ImportModuleNoBlock** (const char \*name)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. This function is a deprecated alias of `PyImport_ImportModule()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : This function used to fail immediately when the import lock was held by another thread. In Python 3.3 though, the locking scheme switched to per-module locks for most purposes, so this function's special behaviour isn't needed anymore.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_ImportModuleEx** (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*globals, *PyObject* \*locals, *PyObject* \*fromlist)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Import a module. This is best described by referring to the built-in Python function `__import__()`.

The return value is a new reference to the imported module or top-level package, or NULL with an exception set on failure. Like for `__import__()`, the return value when a submodule of a package was requested is normally the top-level package, unless a non-empty *fromlist* was given.

Failing imports remove incomplete module objects, like with `PyImport_ImportModule()`.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_ImportModuleLevelObject** (*PyObject* \*name, *PyObject* \*globals, *PyObject* \*locals, *PyObject* \*fromlist, int level)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7*. Import a module. This is best described by referring to the built-in Python function `__import__()`, as the standard `__import__()` function calls this function directly.

The return value is a new reference to the imported module or top-level package, or NULL with an exception set on failure. Like for `__import__()`, the return value when a submodule of a package was requested is normally the top-level package, unless a non-empty *fromlist* was given.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_ImportModuleLevel** (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*globals, *PyObject* \*locals, *PyObject* \*fromlist, int level)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Similar to `PyImport_ImportModuleLevelObject()`, but the name is a UTF-8 encoded string instead of a Unicode object.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : Negative values for *level* are no longer accepted.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_Import** (*PyObject* \*name)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. This is a higher-level interface that calls the current "import hook function" (with an explicit *level* of 0, meaning absolute import). It invokes the `__import__()` function from the `__builtins__` of the current globals. This means that the import is done using whatever import hooks are installed in the current environment.

This function always uses absolute imports.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_ReloadModule** (*PyObject* \*m)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Reload a module. Return a new reference to the reloaded module, or NULL with an exception set on failure (the module still exists in this case).

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_AddModuleObject** (*PyObject* \*name)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7*. Return the module object corresponding to a module name. The *name* argument may be of the form `package.module`. First check the modules dictionary if there's one there, and if not, create a new one and insert it in the modules dictionary. Return NULL with an exception set on failure.



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**Note :** This function does not load or import the module; if the module wasn't already loaded, you will get an empty module object. Use `PyImport_ImportModule()` or one of its variants to import a module. Package structures implied by a dotted name for *name* are not created if not already present.

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Added in version 3.3.

**PyObject \*PyImport\_AddModule** (const char \*name)

*Valeur de retour :* référence empruntée. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Similar to `PyImport_AddModuleObject()`, but the name is a UTF-8 encoded string instead of a Unicode object.

**PyObject \*PyImport\_ExecCodeModule** (const char \*name, PyObject \*co)

*Valeur de retour :* nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Given a module name (possibly of the form `package.module`) and a code object read from a Python bytecode file or obtained from the built-in function `compile()`, load the module. Return a new reference to the module object, or NULL with an exception set if an error occurred. *name* is removed from `sys.modules` in error cases, even if *name* was already in `sys.modules` on entry to `PyImport_ExecCodeModule()`. Leaving incompletely initialized modules in `sys.modules` is dangerous, as imports of such modules have no way to know that the module object is an unknown (and probably damaged with respect to the module author's intents) state.

The module's `__spec__` and `__loader__` will be set, if not set already, with the appropriate values. The spec's loader will be set to the module's `__loader__` (if set) and to an instance of `SourceFileLoader` otherwise.

The module's `__file__` attribute will be set to the code object's `co_filename`. If applicable, `__cached__` will also be set.

This function will reload the module if it was already imported. See `PyImport_ReloadModule()` for the intended way to reload a module.

If *name* points to a dotted name of the form `package.module`, any package structures not already created will still not be created.

See also `PyImport_ExecCodeModuleEx()` and `PyImport_ExecCodeModuleWithPathnames()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The setting of `__cached__` and `__loader__` is deprecated. See `ModuleSpec` for alternatives.

**PyObject \*PyImport\_ExecCodeModuleEx** (const char \*name, PyObject \*co, const char \*pathname)

*Valeur de retour :* nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Like `PyImport_ExecCodeModule()`, but the `__file__` attribute of the module object is set to *pathname* if it is non-NULL.

See also `PyImport_ExecCodeModuleWithPathnames()`.

**PyObject \*PyImport\_ExecCodeModuleObject** (PyObject \*name, PyObject \*co, PyObject \*pathname, PyObject \*cpathname)

*Valeur de retour :* nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Like `PyImport_ExecCodeModuleEx()`, but the `__cached__` attribute of the module object is set to *cpathname* if it is non-NULL. Of the three functions, this is the preferred one to use.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Setting `__cached__` is deprecated. See `ModuleSpec` for alternatives.

**PyObject \*PyImport\_ExecCodeModuleWithPathnames** (const char \*name, PyObject \*co, const char \*pathname, const char \*cpathname)

*Valeur de retour :* nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Like `PyImport_ExecCodeModuleObject()`, but *name*, *pathname* and *cpathname* are UTF-8 encoded strings. Attempts are also made to figure out what the value for *pathname* should be from *cpathname* if the former is set to NULL.

Added in version 3.2.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : Uses `imp.source_from_cache()` in calculating the source path if only the bytecode path is provided.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : No longer uses the removed `imp` module.

long **PyImport\_GetMagicNumber** ()

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Return the magic number for Python bytecode files (a.k.a. .pyc file). The magic number should be present in the first four bytes of the bytecode file, in little-endian byte order. Returns -1 on error.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : Return value of -1 upon failure.

const char \***PyImport\_GetMagicTag** ()

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Return the magic tag string for [PEP 3147](#) format Python bytecode file names. Keep in mind that the value at `sys.implementation.cache_tag` is authoritative and should be used instead of this function.

Added in version 3.2.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_GetModuleDict** ()

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Return the dictionary used for the module administration (a.k.a. `sys.modules`). Note that this is a per-interpreter variable.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_GetModule** (*PyObject* \*name)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.8.* Return the already imported module with the given name. If the module has not been imported yet then returns NULL but does not set an error. Returns NULL and sets an error if the lookup failed.

Added in version 3.7.

*PyObject* \***PyImport\_GetImporter** (*PyObject* \*path)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Return a finder object for a `sys.path/pkg.__path__` item *path*, possibly by fetching it from the `sys.path_importer_cache` dict. If it wasn't yet cached, traverse `sys.path_hooks` until a hook is found that can handle the path item. Return None if no hook could; this tells our caller that the *path based finder* could not find a finder for this path item. Cache the result in `sys.path_importer_cache`. Return a new reference to the finder object.

int **PyImport\_ImportFrozenModuleObject** (*PyObject* \*name)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7.* Load a frozen module named *name*. Return 1 for success, 0 if the module is not found, and -1 with an exception set if the initialization failed. To access the imported module on a successful load, use *PyImport\_ImportModule* (). (Note the misnomer --- this function would reload the module if it was already imported.)

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : The `__file__` attribute is no longer set on the module.

int **PyImport\_ImportFrozenModule** (const char \*name)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Similar to *PyImport\_ImportFrozenModuleObject* (), but the name is a UTF-8 encoded string instead of a Unicode object.

struct **\_frozen**

This is the structure type definition for frozen module descriptors, as generated by the **freeze** utility (see `Tools/freeze/` in the Python source distribution). Its definition, found in `Include/import.h`, is :

```
struct _frozen {
    const char *name;
    const unsigned char *code;
    int size;
    bool is_package;
};
```

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : The new `is_package` field indicates whether the module is a package or not. This replaces setting the `size` field to a negative value.

const struct *\_frozen* \***PyImport\_FrozenModules**

This pointer is initialized to point to an array of *\_frozen* records, terminated by one whose members are all NULL or zero. When a frozen module is imported, it is searched in this table. Third-party code could play tricks with this to provide a dynamically created collection of frozen modules.

int **PyImport\_AppendInittab** (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*(\*initfunc)(void))

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Add a single module to the existing table of built-in modules. This is a convenience wrapper around *PyImport\_ExtendInittab()*, returning `-1` if the table could not be extended. The new module can be imported by the name *name*, and uses the function *initfunc* as the initialization function called on the first attempted import. This should be called before *Py\_Initialize()*.

struct **\_inittab**

Structure describing a single entry in the list of built-in modules. Programs which embed Python may use an array of these structures in conjunction with *PyImport\_ExtendInittab()* to provide additional built-in modules. The structure consists of two members :

const char \***name**

The module name, as an ASCII encoded string.

*PyObject* \*(\***initfunc**)(void)

Initialization function for a module built into the interpreter.

int **PyImport\_ExtendInittab** (struct *\_inittab* \*newtab)

Add a collection of modules to the table of built-in modules. The *newtab* array must end with a sentinel entry which contains NULL for the *name* field; failure to provide the sentinel value can result in a memory fault. Returns 0 on success or `-1` if insufficient memory could be allocated to extend the internal table. In the event of failure, no modules are added to the internal table. This must be called before *Py\_Initialize()*.

If Python is initialized multiple times, *PyImport\_AppendInittab()* or *PyImport\_ExtendInittab()* must be called before each Python initialization.

## 6.5 Data marshalling support

These routines allow C code to work with serialized objects using the same data format as the `marshal` module. There are functions to write data into the serialization format, and additional functions that can be used to read the data back. Files used to store marshalled data must be opened in binary mode.

Numeric values are stored with the least significant byte first.

The module supports two versions of the data format : version 0 is the historical version, version 1 shares interned strings in the file, and upon unmarshalling. Version 2 uses a binary format for floating point numbers. `Py_MARSHAL_VERSION` indicates the current file format (currently 2).

void **PyMarshal\_WriteLongToFile** (long value, FILE \*file, int version)

Marshal a long integer, *value*, to *file*. This will only write the least-significant 32 bits of *value*; regardless of the size of the native long type. *version* indicates the file format.

This function can fail, in which case it sets the error indicator. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to check for that.

void **PyMarshal\_WriteObjectToFile** (*PyObject* \*value, FILE \*file, int version)

Marshal a Python object, *value*, to *file*. *version* indicates the file format.

This function can fail, in which case it sets the error indicator. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to check for that.

*PyObject* \***PyMarshal\_WriteObjectToString** (*PyObject* \*value, int version)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Return a bytes object containing the marshalled representation of *value*. *version* indicates the file format.

The following functions allow marshalled values to be read back in.

long **PyMarshal\_ReadLongFromFile** (FILE \*file)

Return a C long from the data stream in a FILE\* opened for reading. Only a 32-bit value can be read in using this function, regardless of the native size of long.

On error, sets the appropriate exception (`EOFError`) and returns `-1`.

int **PyMarshal\_ReadShortFromFile** (FILE \*file)

Return a C short from the data stream in a FILE\* opened for reading. Only a 16-bit value can be read in using this function, regardless of the native size of short.

On error, sets the appropriate exception (`EOFError`) and returns `-1`.

*PyObject* \*PyMarshal\_ReadObjectFromFile (FILE \*file)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Return a Python object from the data stream in a FILE\* opened for reading.

On error, sets the appropriate exception (EOFError, ValueError or TypeError) and returns NULL.

*PyObject* \*PyMarshal\_ReadLastObjectFromFile (FILE \*file)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Return a Python object from the data stream in a FILE\* opened for reading. Unlike *PyMarshal\_ReadObjectFromFile()*, this function assumes that no further objects will be read from the file, allowing it to aggressively load file data into memory so that the de-serialization can operate from data in memory rather than reading a byte at a time from the file. Only use these variant if you are certain that you won't be reading anything else from the file.

On error, sets the appropriate exception (EOFError, ValueError or TypeError) and returns NULL.

*PyObject* \*PyMarshal\_ReadObjectFromString (const char \*data, Py\_ssize\_t len)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Return a Python object from the data stream in a byte buffer containing len bytes pointed to by data.

On error, sets the appropriate exception (EOFError, ValueError or TypeError) and returns NULL.

## 6.6 Analyse des arguments et construction des valeurs

Ces fonctions sont utiles pour créer vos propres fonctions et méthodes d'extensions. Des informations supplémentaires et des exemples sont disponibles ici : [extending-index](#).

Dans Les trois premières de ces fonctions décrites, *PyArg\_ParseTuple()*, *PyArg\_ParseTupleAndKeywords()*, et *PyArg\_Parse()*, toutes utilisent des chaînes de format qui sont utilisées pour indiquer à la fonction les arguments attendus. Les chaînes de format utilise la même syntaxe pour chacune de ces fonctions.

### 6.6.1 Analyse des arguments

Une chaîne de format se compose de zéro ou plusieurs "unités de format". Une unité de format décrit un objet Python, elle est généralement composée d'un seul caractère ou d'une séquence d'unités de format entre parenthèses. À quelques exceptions près, une unité de format qui n'est pas une séquence entre parenthèses correspond normalement à un argument d'une seule adresse pour ces fonctions. Dans la description qui suit, la forme entre guillemets est l'unité de format, l'entrée entre parenthèses est le type d'objet Python qui correspond à l'unité de format, et l'entrée entre crochets est le type de la variable C (ou des variables) dont l'adresse doit être donnée.

#### Chaînes et tampons

Ces formats permettent d'accéder à un objet sous forme d'un fragment de mémoire contiguë. Il n'est pas nécessaire d'allouer la mémoire pour l'unicode ou le bytes renvoyé.

Sauf indication contraire, les tampons ne se terminent pas par NUL.

There are three ways strings and buffers can be converted to C :

- Formats such as *y\** and *s\** fill a *Py\_buffer* structure. This locks the underlying buffer so that the caller can subsequently use the buffer even inside a *Py\_BEGIN\_ALLOW\_THREADS* block without the risk of mutable data being resized or destroyed. As a result, **you have to call** *PyBuffer\_Release()* after you have finished processing the data (or in any early abort case).
- The *es*, *es#*, *et* and *et#* formats allocate the result buffer. **You have to call** *PyMem\_Free()* after you have finished processing the data (or in any early abort case).
- Other formats take a *str* or a read-only *bytes-like object*, such as *bytes*, and provide a *const char \** pointer to its buffer. In this case the buffer is "borrowed" : it is managed by the corresponding Python object, and shares the lifetime of this object. You won't have to release any memory yourself.

To ensure that the underlying buffer may be safely borrowed, the object's `PyBufferProcs.bf_releasebuffer` field must be `NULL`. This disallows common mutable objects such as `bytearray`, but also some read-only objects such as `memoryview` of `bytes`.

Besides this `bf_releasebuffer` requirement, there is no check to verify whether the input object is immutable (e.g. whether it would honor a request for a writable buffer, or whether another thread can mutate the data).

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**Note :** For all # variants of formats (`s#`, `y#`, etc.), the macro `PY_SSIZE_T_CLEAN` must be defined before including `Python.h`. On Python 3.9 and older, the type of the length argument is `Py_ssize_t` if the `PY_SSIZE_T_CLEAN` macro is defined, or `int` otherwise.

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#### **s(str)[const char \*]**

Convertit un objet Unicode en un pointeur vers une chaîne de caractères. S'il s'agit d'un pointeur vers une chaîne de caractères déjà existante, il est stocké dans la variable de type pointeur vers un caractère dont vous avez donné l'adresse. Une chaîne de caractères en C se termine par `NULL`. La chaîne de caractères Python ne doit donc pas contenir de caractère dont le code est `null`. Si elle en contient, une exception `ValueError` est levée. Si la conversion échoue, une `UnicodeError` est levée.

---

**Note :** Ce format n'accepte pas les *objets compatibles avec une chaîne d'octets*. Si vous voulez accepter les chemins du système de fichiers et les convertir vers des chaînes de caractères C, il est préférable d'utiliser le format `O&` avec `PyUnicode_FSConverter()` en tant que *converter*.

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Modifié dans la version 3.5 : Auparavant, une `TypeError` était levée quand la chaîne de caractères Python contenait des codes `NULL`.

#### **s\*(str ou bytes-like object)[Py\_buffer]**

Ce format accepte les objets Unicode et les *bytes-like object*. Cela remplit une structure `Py_buffer` qui est fournie par l'appelant. Dans ce cas, la chaîne de caractères C qui en résulte peut contenir des octets `NULL`. Les objets Unicode sont convertis en chaînes de caractères C en utilisant l'encodage `'utf-8'`.

#### **s#(str, read-only bytes-like object)[const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Like `s*`, except that it provides a *borrowed buffer*. The result is stored into two C variables, the first one a pointer to a C string, the second one its length. The string may contain embedded null bytes. Unicode objects are converted to C strings using `'utf-8'` encoding.

#### **z(str ou None)[const char \*]**

Like `s`, but the Python object may also be `None`, in which case the C pointer is set to `NULL`.

#### **z\*(str, bytes-like object ou None)[Py\_buffer]**

Comme `s*`, mais l'objet Python peut aussi être `None`, auquel cas le membre `buf`, dont la structure est `Py_buffer` est fixée à `NULL`.

#### **z#(str, read-only bytes-like object or None)[const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Like `s#`, but the Python object may also be `None`, in which case the C pointer is set to `NULL`.

#### **y(lecture seule objet compatible avec une chaîne d'octets)[constante char \*]**

This format converts a bytes-like object to a C pointer to a *borrowed* character string; it does not accept Unicode objects. The bytes buffer must not contain embedded null bytes; if it does, a `ValueError` exception is raised.

Modifié dans la version 3.5 : Auparavant, `TypeError` était levée lorsque des octets *null* étaient rencontrés dans le tampon d'octets.

#### **y\*(bytes-like object)[Py\_buffer]**

This variant on `s*` doesn't accept Unicode objects, only bytes-like objects. **This is the recommended way to accept binary data.**

#### **y#(read-only bytes-like object)[const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Cette variante de `s#` n'accepte pas les objets Unicode, uniquement des objets assimilés à des octets.

#### **S(bytes)[PyBytesObject \*]**

Requires that the Python object is a `bytes` object, without attempting any conversion. Raises `TypeError` if the object is not a `bytes` object. The C variable may also be declared as `PyObject*`.



**Y (bytearray) [PyByteArrayObject \*]**

Requires that the Python object is a `bytearray` object, without attempting any conversion. Raises `TypeError` if the object is not a `bytearray` object. The C variable may also be declared as `PyObject*`.

**U (str) [PyObject \*]**

Requires that the Python object is a Unicode object, without attempting any conversion. Raises `TypeError` if the object is not a Unicode object. The C variable may also be declared as `PyObject*`.

**w\* (lecture-écriture *bytes-like object*) [Py\_buffer]**

This format accepts any object which implements the read-write buffer interface. It fills a `Py_buffer` structure provided by the caller. The buffer may contain embedded null bytes. The caller have to call `PyBuffer_Release()` when it is done with the buffer.

**es (str) [const char \*encoding, char \*\*buffer]**

This variant on `s` is used for encoding Unicode into a character buffer. It only works for encoded data without embedded NUL bytes.

This format requires two arguments. The first is only used as input, and must be a `const char*` which points to the name of an encoding as a NUL-terminated string, or `NULL`, in which case `'utf-8'` encoding is used. An exception is raised if the named encoding is not known to Python. The second argument must be a `char**`; the value of the pointer it references will be set to a buffer with the contents of the argument text. The text will be encoded in the encoding specified by the first argument.

`PyArg_ParseTuple()` will allocate a buffer of the needed size, copy the encoded data into this buffer and adjust `*buffer` to reference the newly allocated storage. The caller is responsible for calling `PyMem_Free()` to free the allocated buffer after use.

**et (str, bytes or bytearray) [const char \*encoding, char \*\*buffer]**

Same as `es` except that byte string objects are passed through without recoding them. Instead, the implementation assumes that the byte string object uses the encoding passed in as parameter.

**es# (str) [const char \*encoding, char \*\*buffer, Py\_ssize\_t \*buffer\_length]**

This variant on `s#` is used for encoding Unicode into a character buffer. Unlike the `es` format, this variant allows input data which contains NUL characters.

It requires three arguments. The first is only used as input, and must be a `const char*` which points to the name of an encoding as a NUL-terminated string, or `NULL`, in which case `'utf-8'` encoding is used. An exception is raised if the named encoding is not known to Python. The second argument must be a `char**`; the value of the pointer it references will be set to a buffer with the contents of the argument text. The text will be encoded in the encoding specified by the first argument. The third argument must be a pointer to an integer; the referenced integer will be set to the number of bytes in the output buffer.

Il existe deux modes de fonctionnement :

If `*buffer` points a `NULL` pointer, the function will allocate a buffer of the needed size, copy the encoded data into this buffer and set `*buffer` to reference the newly allocated storage. The caller is responsible for calling `PyMem_Free()` to free the allocated buffer after usage.

If `*buffer` points to a non-`NULL` pointer (an already allocated buffer), `PyArg_ParseTuple()` will use this location as the buffer and interpret the initial value of `*buffer_length` as the buffer size. It will then copy the encoded data into the buffer and NUL-terminate it. If the buffer is not large enough, a `ValueError` will be set.

Dans les deux cas, `*buffer_length` est la longueur des données encodées, sans l'octet NUL de fin.

**et# (str, bytes or bytearray) [const char \*encoding, char \*\*buffer, Py\_ssize\_t \*buffer\_length]**

Same as `es#` except that byte string objects are passed through without recoding them. Instead, the implementation assumes that the byte string object uses the encoding passed in as parameter.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : `u`, `u#`, `Z`, and `Z#` are removed because they used a legacy `Py_UNICODE*` representation.

## Les nombres

**b(int)[unsigned char]**

Convert a nonnegative Python integer to an unsigned tiny int, stored in a C `unsigned char`.

**B(int)[unsigned char]**

Convert a Python integer to a tiny int without overflow checking, stored in a C `unsigned char`.

**h(int)[short int]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `short int`.

**H(int)[unsigned short int]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `unsigned short int`, without overflow checking.

**i(int)[int]**

Convert a Python integer to a plain C `int`.

**I(int)[unsigned int]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `unsigned int`, without overflow checking.

**l(int)[long int]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `long int`.

**k(int)[unsigned long]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `unsigned long` without overflow checking.

**L(int)[long long]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `long long`.

**K(int)[unsigned long long]**

Convert a Python integer to a C `unsigned long long` without overflow checking.

**n(int)[Py\_ssize\_t]**

Convertit un entier Python en un `Py_ssize_t`.

**c(bytes ou bytearray de longueur 1)[char]**

Convert a Python byte, represented as a `bytes` or `bytearray` object of length 1, to a C `char`.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : Allow `bytearray` objects.

**C(str de longueur 1)[int]**

Convert a Python character, represented as a `str` object of length 1, to a C `int`.

**f(float)[float]**

Convert a Python floating point number to a C `float`.

**d(float)[double]**

Convert a Python floating point number to a C `double`.

**D(complex)[Py\_complex]**

Convertit un nombre complexe Python vers une structure `Py_complex` C.

## Autres objets

**O(objet)[PyObject\*]**

Store a Python object (without any conversion) in a C object pointer. The C program thus receives the actual object that was passed. A new *strong reference* to the object is not created (i.e. its reference count is not increased). The pointer stored is not `NULL`.

**O!(objet)[PyObject\*, PyObject\*]**

Store a Python object in a C object pointer. This is similar to `O`, but takes two C arguments : the first is the address of a Python type object, the second is the address of the C variable (of type `PyObject*`) into which the object pointer is stored. If the Python object does not have the required type, `TypeError` is raised.

**O&(objet)[converter, anything]**

Convert a Python object to a C variable through a *converter* function. This takes two arguments : the first is a function, the second is the address of a C variable (of arbitrary type), converted to `void*`. The *converter* function in turn is called as follows :

```
status = converter(object, address);
```

where *object* is the Python object to be converted and *address* is the `void*` argument that was passed to the `PyArg_Parse*` function. The returned *status* should be 1 for a successful conversion and 0 if the conversion has failed. When the conversion fails, the *converter* function should raise an exception and leave the content of *address* unmodified.

If the *converter* returns `Py_CLEANUP_SUPPORTED`, it may get called a second time if the argument parsing eventually fails, giving the converter a chance to release any memory that it had already allocated. In this second call, the *object* parameter will be `NULL`; *address* will have the same value as in the original call.

Modifié dans la version 3.1 : `Py_CLEANUP_SUPPORTED` à été ajouté.

#### **p (bool) [int]**

Tests the value passed in for truth (a boolean **p**redicate) and converts the result to its equivalent C true/false integer value. Sets the int to 1 if the expression was true and 0 if it was false. This accepts any valid Python value. See `truth` for more information about how Python tests values for truth.

Added in version 3.3.

#### **(items) (tuple) [matching-items]**

L'objet doit être une séquence Python dont la longueur est le nombre d'unités de formats dans *articles*. Les arguments C doivent correspondre à chaque unité de format particulière dans *articles*. Les unités de formats pour les séquences peuvent être imbriquées.

It is possible to pass "long" integers (integers whose value exceeds the platform's `LONG_MAX`) however no proper range checking is done --- the most significant bits are silently truncated when the receiving field is too small to receive the value (actually, the semantics are inherited from downcasts in C --- your mileage may vary).

Quelques autres caractères ont un sens dans une chaîne de format. On ne doit pas les trouver dans des parenthèses imbriquées. Ce sont :

|

Indicates that the remaining arguments in the Python argument list are optional. The C variables corresponding to optional arguments should be initialized to their default value --- when an optional argument is not specified, `PyArg_ParseTuple()` does not touch the contents of the corresponding C variable(s).

\$

`PyArg_ParseTupleAndKeywords()` only : Indicates that the remaining arguments in the Python argument list are keyword-only. Currently, all keyword-only arguments must also be optional arguments, so | must always be specified before \$ in the format string.

Added in version 3.3.

:

The list of format units ends here; the string after the colon is used as the function name in error messages (the "associated value" of the exception that `PyArg_ParseTuple()` raises).

;

La liste des unités de format s'arrête ici; la chaîne après le point-virgule est utilisée comme message d'erreur *au lieu* du message d'erreur par défaut. : et ; sont mutuellement exclusifs.

Note that any Python object references which are provided to the caller are *borrowed* references; do not release them (i.e. do not decrement their reference count)!

Les arguments additionnels qui sont donnés à ces fonctions doivent être des adresses de variables dont le type est déterminé par la chaîne de format. Elles sont utilisées pour stocker les valeurs du *n*-uplet d'entrée. Il y a quelques cas, comme décrit précédemment dans la liste des unités de formats, où ces paramètres sont utilisés comme valeurs d'entrée. Dans ce cas, ils devraient correspondre à ce qui est spécifié pour l'unité de format correspondante.

For the conversion to succeed, the *arg* object must match the format and the format must be exhausted. On success, the `PyArg_Parse*` functions return true, otherwise they return false and raise an appropriate exception. When the `PyArg_Parse*` functions fail due to conversion failure in one of the format units, the variables at the addresses corresponding to that and the following format units are left untouched.



## Fonction de l'API

int **PyArg\_ParseTuple** (*PyObject* \*args, const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Parse the parameters of a function that takes only positional parameters into local variables. Returns true on success; on failure, it returns false and raises the appropriate exception.

int **PyArg\_VaParse** (*PyObject* \*args, const char \*format, va\_list vargs)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Identical to *PyArg\_ParseTuple()*, except that it accepts a *va\_list* rather than a variable number of arguments.

int **PyArg\_ParseTupleAndKeywords** (*PyObject* \*args, *PyObject* \*kw, const char \*format, char \*keywords[], ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Parse the parameters of a function that takes both positional and keyword parameters into local variables. The *keywords* argument is a NULL-terminated array of keyword parameter names. Empty names denote *positional-only parameters*. Returns true on success; on failure, it returns false and raises the appropriate exception.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : Added support for *positional-only parameters*.

int **PyArg\_VaParseTupleAndKeywords** (*PyObject* \*args, *PyObject* \*kw, const char \*format, char \*keywords[], va\_list vargs)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Identical to *PyArg\_ParseTupleAndKeywords()*, except that it accepts a *va\_list* rather than a variable number of arguments.

int **PyArg\_ValidateKeywordArguments** (*PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Ensure that the keys in the keywords argument dictionary are strings. This is only needed if *PyArg\_ParseTupleAndKeywords()* is not used, since the latter already does this check.

Added in version 3.2.

int **PyArg\_Parse** (*PyObject* \*args, const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Function used to deconstruct the argument lists of "old-style" functions --- these are functions which use the METH\_OLDARGS parameter parsing method, which has been removed in Python 3. This is not recommended for use in parameter parsing in new code, and most code in the standard interpreter has been modified to no longer use this for that purpose. It does remain a convenient way to decompose other tuples, however, and may continue to be used for that purpose.

int **PyArg\_UnpackTuple** (*PyObject* \*args, const char \*name, *Py\_ssize\_t* min, *Py\_ssize\_t* max, ...)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* A simpler form of parameter retrieval which does not use a format string to specify the types of the arguments. Functions which use this method to retrieve their parameters should be declared as *METH\_VARARGS* in function or method tables. The tuple containing the actual parameters should be passed as *args*; it must actually be a tuple. The length of the tuple must be at least *min* and no more than *max*; *min* and *max* may be equal. Additional arguments must be passed to the function, each of which should be a pointer to a *PyObject\** variable; these will be filled in with the values from *args*; they will contain *borrowed references*. The variables which correspond to optional parameters not given by *args* will not be filled in; these should be initialized by the caller. This function returns true on success and false if *args* is not a tuple or contains the wrong number of elements; an exception will be set if there was a failure.

This is an example of the use of this function, taken from the sources for the *\_weakref* helper module for weak references :

```
static PyObject *
weakref_ref(PyObject *self, PyObject *args)
{
    PyObject *object;
    PyObject *callback = NULL;
    PyObject *result = NULL;

    if (PyArg_UnpackTuple(args, "ref", 1, 2, &object, &callback)) {
        result = PyWeakref_NewRef(object, callback);
    }
    return result;
}
```

The call to `PyArg_UnpackTuple()` in this example is entirely equivalent to this call to `PyArg_ParseTuple()` :

```
PyArg_ParseTuple(args, "O|O:ref", &object, &callback)
```

## 6.6.2 Construction des valeurs

*PyObject* \***Py\_BuildValue** (const char \*format, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a new value based on a format string similar to those accepted by the `PyArg_Parse*` family of functions and a sequence of values. Returns the value or NULL in the case of an error; an exception will be raised if NULL is returned.

`Py_BuildValue()` does not always build a tuple. It builds a tuple only if its format string contains two or more format units. If the format string is empty, it returns None; if it contains exactly one format unit, it returns whatever object is described by that format unit. To force it to return a tuple of size 0 or one, parenthesize the format string.

When memory buffers are passed as parameters to supply data to build objects, as for the `s` and `s#` formats, the required data is copied. Buffers provided by the caller are never referenced by the objects created by `Py_BuildValue()`. In other words, if your code invokes `malloc()` and passes the allocated memory to `Py_BuildValue()`, your code is responsible for calling `free()` for that memory once `Py_BuildValue()` returns.

In the following description, the quoted form is the format unit; the entry in (round) parentheses is the Python object type that the format unit will return; and the entry in [square] brackets is the type of the C value(s) to be passed.

The characters space, tab, colon and comma are ignored in format strings (but not within format units such as `s#`). This can be used to make long format strings a tad more readable.

**s (str ou None) [const char \*]**

Convert a null-terminated C string to a Python `str` object using 'utf-8' encoding. If the C string pointer is NULL, None is used.

**s# (str or None) [const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Convert a C string and its length to a Python `str` object using 'utf-8' encoding. If the C string pointer is NULL, the length is ignored and None is returned.

**y (bytes) [const char \*]**

This converts a C string to a Python `bytes` object. If the C string pointer is NULL, None is returned.

**y# (bytes) [const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

This converts a C string and its lengths to a Python object. If the C string pointer is NULL, None is returned.

**z (str ou None) [const char \*]**

Same as `s`.

**z# (str or None) [const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Same as `s#`.

**u (str) [const wchar\_t \*]**

Convert a null-terminated `wchar_t` buffer of Unicode (UTF-16 or UCS-4) data to a Python Unicode object. If the Unicode buffer pointer is NULL, None is returned.

**u# (str) [const wchar\_t \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Convert a Unicode (UTF-16 or UCS-4) data buffer and its length to a Python Unicode object. If the Unicode buffer pointer is NULL, the length is ignored and None is returned.

**U (str ou None) [const char \*]**

Same as `s`.

**U# (str or None) [const char \*, Py\_ssize\_t]**

Same as `s#`.

**i (int) [int]**

Convert a plain C `int` to a Python integer object.

**b (int) [char]**

Convert a plain C `char` to a Python integer object.

- h(int)[short int]**  
Convert a plain C `short int` to a Python integer object.
- l(int)[long int]**  
Convert a C `long int` to a Python integer object.
- B(int)[unsigned char]**  
Convert a C `unsigned char` to a Python integer object.
- H(int)[unsigned short int]**  
Convert a C `unsigned short int` to a Python integer object.
- I(int)[unsigned int]**  
Convert a C `unsigned int` to a Python integer object.
- k(int)[unsigned long]**  
Convert a C `unsigned long` to a Python integer object.
- L(int)[long long]**  
Convert a C `long long` to a Python integer object.
- K(int)[unsigned long long]**  
Convert a C `unsigned long long` to a Python integer object.
- n(int)[Py\_ssize\_t]**  
Convert a C `Py_ssize_t` to a Python integer.
- c(bytes de taille 1)[char]**  
Convert a C `int` representing a byte to a Python `bytes` object of length 1.
- C(str de longueur 1)[int]**  
Convert a C `int` representing a character to Python `str` object of length 1.
- d(float)[double]**  
Convert a C `double` to a Python floating point number.
- f(float)[float]**  
Convert a C `float` to a Python floating point number.
- D(complex)[Py\_complex \*]**  
Convert a C `Py_complex` structure to a Python complex number.
- O(objet)[PyObject \*]**  
Pass a Python object untouched but create a new *strong reference* to it (i.e. its reference count is incremented by one). If the object passed in is a NULL pointer, it is assumed that this was caused because the call producing the argument found an error and set an exception. Therefore, `Py_BuildValue()` will return NULL but won't raise an exception. If no exception has been raised yet, `SystemError` is set.
- S(objet)[PyObject \*]**  
Same as O.
- N(objet)[PyObject \*]**  
Same as O, except it doesn't create a new *strong reference*. Useful when the object is created by a call to an object constructor in the argument list.
- O&(objet)[converter, anything]**  
Convert *anything* to a Python object through a *converter* function. The function is called with *anything* (which should be compatible with `void*`) as its argument and should return a "new" Python object, or NULL if an error occurred.
- (items)(tuple)[matching-items]**  
Convert a sequence of C values to a Python tuple with the same number of items.
- [items](list)[matching-items]**  
Convert a sequence of C values to a Python list with the same number of items.
- {items}(dict)[matching-items]**  
Convert a sequence of C values to a Python dictionary. Each pair of consecutive C values adds one item to the dictionary, serving as key and value, respectively.
- If there is an error in the format string, the `SystemError` exception is set and NULL returned.

*PyObject \****Py\_VaBuildValue** (const char \*format, va\_list args)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Identical to `Py_BuildValue()`, except that it accepts a `va_list` rather than a variable number of arguments.

## 6.7 Conversion et formatage de chaînes

Fonctions de conversion pour les nombres et pour la sortie des chaînes formatées.

int **PyOS\_snprintf** (char \*str, size\_t size, const char \*format, ...)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Output not more than *size* bytes to *str* according to the format string *format* and the extra arguments. See the Unix man page [snprintf\(3\)](#).

int **PyOS\_vsnprintf** (char \*str, size\_t size, const char \*format, va\_list va)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Output not more than *size* bytes to *str* according to the format string *format* and the variable argument list *va*. Unix man page [vsnprintf\(3\)](#).

[PyOS\\_snprintf\(\)](#) and [PyOS\\_vsnprintf\(\)](#) wrap the Standard C library functions [snprintf\(\)](#) and [vsnprintf\(\)](#). Their purpose is to guarantee consistent behavior in corner cases, which the Standard C functions do not.

The wrappers ensure that `str[size-1]` is always `'\0'` upon return. They never write more than *size* bytes (including the trailing `'\0'`) into *str*. Both functions require that `str != NULL`, `size > 0`, `format != NULL` and `size < INT_MAX`. Note that this means there is no equivalent to the C99 `n = snprintf(NULL, 0, ...)` which would determine the necessary buffer size.

The return value (*rv*) for these functions should be interpreted as follows :

- When  $0 \leq rv < size$ , the output conversion was successful and *rv* characters were written to *str* (excluding the trailing `'\0'` byte at `str[rv]`).
- When  $rv \geq size$ , the output conversion was truncated and a buffer with  $rv + 1$  bytes would have been needed to succeed. `str[size-1]` is `'\0'` in this case.
- When  $rv < 0$ , "something bad happened." `str[size-1]` is `'\0'` in this case too, but the rest of *str* is undefined. The exact cause of the error depends on the underlying platform.

The following functions provide locale-independent string to number conversions.

unsigned long **PyOS\_strtoul** (const char \*str, char \*\*ptr, int base)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Convert the initial part of the string in *str* to an unsigned long value according to the given *base*, which must be between 2 and 36 inclusive, or be the special value 0.

Leading white space and case of characters are ignored. If *base* is zero it looks for a leading `0b`, `0o` or `0x` to tell which base. If these are absent it defaults to 10. *Base* must be 0 or between 2 and 36 (inclusive). If *ptr* is non-NULL it will contain a pointer to the end of the scan.

If the converted value falls out of range of corresponding return type, range error occurs (`errno` is set to `ERANGE`) and `ULONG_MAX` is returned. If no conversion can be performed, 0 is returned.

See also the Unix man page [strtoul\(3\)](#).

Added in version 3.2.

long **PyOS\_strtol** (const char \*str, char \*\*ptr, int base)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Convert the initial part of the string in *str* to an long value according to the given *base*, which must be between 2 and 36 inclusive, or be the special value 0.

Same as [PyOS\\_strtoul\(\)](#), but return a long value instead and `LONG_MAX` on overflows.

See also the Unix man page [strtol\(3\)](#).

Added in version 3.2.

double **PyOS\_string\_to\_double** (const char \*s, char \*\*endptr, [PyObject](#) \*overflow\_exception)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Convert a string *s* to a double, raising a Python exception on failure. The set of accepted strings corresponds to the set of strings accepted by Python's `float()` constructor, except that *s* must not have leading or trailing whitespace. The conversion is independent of the current locale.

If *endptr* is NULL, convert the whole string. Raise `ValueError` and return `-1.0` if the string is not a valid representation of a floating-point number.

If *endptr* is not NULL, convert as much of the string as possible and set *\*endptr* to point to the first unconverted character. If no initial segment of the string is the valid representation of a floating-point number, set *\*endptr* to point to the beginning of the string, raise `ValueError`, and return `-1.0`.

If *s* represents a value that is too large to store in a float (for example, `"1e500"` is such a string on many platforms) then if *overflow\_exception* is NULL return `Py_HUGE_VAL` (with an appropriate sign) and

don't set any exception. Otherwise, `overflow_exception` must point to a Python exception object; raise that exception and return `-1.0`. In both cases, set `*endptr` to point to the first character after the converted value.

If any other error occurs during the conversion (for example an out-of-memory error), set the appropriate Python exception and return `-1.0`.

Added in version 3.1.

char **\*PyOS\_double\_to\_string** (double *val*, char *format\_code*, int *precision*, int *flags*, int *\*ptype*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Convert a double *val* to a string using supplied *format\_code*, *precision*, and *flags*.

*format\_code* must be one of 'e', 'E', 'f', 'F', 'g', 'G' or 'r'. For 'r', the supplied *precision* must be 0 and is ignored. The 'r' format code specifies the standard `repr()` format.

*flags* can be zero or more of the values `Py_DTSF_SIGN`, `Py_DTSF_ADD_DOT_0`, or `Py_DTSF_ALT`, or-ed together :

- `Py_DTSF_SIGN` means to always precede the returned string with a sign character, even if *val* is non-negative.
- `Py_DTSF_ADD_DOT_0` means to ensure that the returned string will not look like an integer.
- `Py_DTSF_ALT` means to apply "alternate" formatting rules. See the documentation for the `PyOS_snprintf()` '#' specifier for details.

If *ptype* is non-NULL, then the value it points to will be set to one of `Py_DTST_FINITE`, `Py_DTST_INFINITE`, or `Py_DTST_NAN`, signifying that *val* is a finite number, an infinite number, or not a number, respectively.

The return value is a pointer to *buffer* with the converted string or NULL if the conversion failed. The caller is responsible for freeing the returned string by calling `PyMem_Free()`.

Added in version 3.1.

int **PyOS\_stricmp** (const char *\*s1*, const char *\*s2*)

Case insensitive comparison of strings. The function works almost identically to `strcmp()` except that it ignores the case.

int **PyOS\_strnicmp** (const char *\*s1*, const char *\*s2*, *Py\_ssize\_t* *size*)

Case insensitive comparison of strings. The function works almost identically to `strncmp()` except that it ignores the case.

## 6.8 PyHash API

See also the `PyTypeObject.tp_hash` member.

type **Py\_hash\_t**

Hash value type : signed integer.

Added in version 3.2.

type **Py\_uhash\_t**

Hash value type : unsigned integer.

Added in version 3.2.

type **PyHash\_FuncDef**

Hash function definition used by `PyHash_GetFuncDef()`.

const char **\*name**

Hash function name (UTF-8 encoded string).

const int **hash\_bits**

Internal size of the hash value in bits.

const int **seed\_bits**

Size of seed input in bits.

Added in version 3.4.

*PyHash\_FuncDef* \***PyHash\_GetFuncDef** (void)

Get the hash function definition.

**Voir aussi :**

**PEP 456** "Secure and interchangeable hash algorithm".

Added in version 3.4.

## 6.9 Réflexion

*PyObject* \***PyEval\_GetBuiltins** (void)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie un dictionnaire des fonctions natives de la *frame* en cours d'exécution, ou si aucune *frame* n'est exécutée, les fonctions natives du *thread* indiqué par le *thread state*.

*PyObject* \***PyEval\_GetLocals** (void)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a dictionary of the local variables in the current execution frame, or NULL if no frame is currently executing.

*PyObject* \***PyEval\_GetGlobals** (void)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a dictionary of the global variables in the current execution frame, or NULL if no frame is currently executing.

*PyFrameObject* \***PyEval\_GetFrame** (void)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the current thread state's frame, which is NULL if no frame is currently executing.

See also *PyThreadState\_GetFrame()*.

const char \***PyEval\_GetFuncName** (*PyObject* \*func)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie le nom de *func* s'il s'agit d'une fonction, d'une classe ou d'un objet d'instance, sinon le nom du type de *func*

const char \***PyEval\_GetFuncDesc** (*PyObject* \*func)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie une description en chaîne de caractères, en fonction du type de *func*. Les valeurs renvoyées peuvent être " () " pour les fonction et les méthodes, "\" constructor\"", "\" instance\"", "\" object\"". Concaténé avec le résultat de *PyEval\_GetFuncName()*, le résultat sera une description de *func*

## 6.10 Codec registry and support functions

int **PyCodec\_Register** (*PyObject* \*search\_function)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Register a new codec search function.

As side effect, this tries to load the `encodings` package, if not yet done, to make sure that it is always first in the list of search functions.

int **PyCodec\_Unregister** (*PyObject* \*search\_function)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Unregister a codec search function and clear the registry's cache. If the search function is not registered, do nothing. Return 0 on success. Raise an exception and return -1 on error.

Added in version 3.10.

int **PyCodec\_KnownEncoding** (const char \*encoding)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return 1 or 0 depending on whether there is a registered codec for the given *encoding*. This function always succeeds.



*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_Encode (*PyObject* \*object, const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Generic codec based encoding API.

*object* is passed through the encoder function found for the given *encoding* using the error handling method defined by *errors*. *errors* may be NULL to use the default method defined for the codec. Raises a `LookupError` if no encoder can be found.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_Decode (*PyObject* \*object, const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Generic codec based decoding API.

*object* is passed through the decoder function found for the given *encoding* using the error handling method defined by *errors*. *errors* may be NULL to use the default method defined for the codec. Raises a `LookupError` if no encoder can be found.

### 6.10.1 Codec lookup API

In the following functions, the *encoding* string is looked up converted to all lower-case characters, which makes encodings looked up through this mechanism effectively case-insensitive. If no codec is found, a `KeyError` is set and NULL returned.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_Encoder (const char \*encoding)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Get an encoder function for the given *encoding*.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_Decoder (const char \*encoding)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Get a decoder function for the given *encoding*.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_IncrementalEncoder (const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Get an `IncrementalEncoder` object for the given *encoding*.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_IncrementalDecoder (const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Get an `IncrementalDecoder` object for the given *encoding*.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_StreamReader (const char \*encoding, *PyObject* \*stream, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Get a `StreamReader` factory function for the given *encoding*.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_StreamWriter (const char \*encoding, *PyObject* \*stream, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Get a `StreamWriter` factory function for the given *encoding*.

### 6.10.2 Registry API for Unicode encoding error handlers

int PyCodec\_RegisterError (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*error)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Register the error handling callback function *error* under the given *name*. This callback function will be called by a codec when it encounters unencodable characters/undecodable bytes and *name* is specified as the error parameter in the call to the encode/decode function.

The callback gets a single argument, an instance of `UnicodeEncodeError`, `UnicodeDecodeError` or `UnicodeTranslateError` that holds information about the problematic sequence of characters or bytes and their offset in the original string (see [Objets exception Unicode](#) for functions to extract this information). The callback must either raise the given exception, or return a two-item tuple containing the replacement for the problematic sequence, and an integer giving the offset in the original string at which encoding/decoding should be resumed.

Return 0 on success, -1 on error.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_LookupError (const char \*name)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Lookup the error handling callback function registered under *name*. As a special case NULL can be passed, in which case the error handling callback for "strict" will be returned.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_StrictErrors (*PyObject* \*exc)

Valeur de retour : toujours NULL. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Raise exc as an exception.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_IgnoreErrors (*PyObject* \*exc)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Ignore the unicode error, skipping the faulty input.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_ReplaceErrors (*PyObject* \*exc)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Replace the unicode encode error with ? or U+FFFD.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_XMLCharRefReplaceErrors (*PyObject* \*exc)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Replace the unicode encode error with XML character references.

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_BackslashReplaceErrors (*PyObject* \*exc)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Replace the unicode encode error with backslash escapes (\x, \u and \U).

*PyObject* \*PyCodec\_NameReplaceErrors (*PyObject* \*exc)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Replace the unicode encode error with \N{...} escapes.

Added in version 3.5.

## 6.11 Support for Perf Maps

On supported platforms (as of this writing, only Linux), the runtime can take advantage of *perf map files* to make Python functions visible to an external profiling tool (such as [perf](#)). A running process may create a file in the `/tmp` directory, which contains entries that can map a section of executable code to a name. This interface is described in the [documentation of the Linux Perf tool](#).

In Python, these helper APIs can be used by libraries and features that rely on generating machine code on the fly.

Note that holding the Global Interpreter Lock (GIL) is not required for these APIs.

int PyUnstable\_PerfMapState\_Init (void)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Open the `/tmp/perf-$pid.map` file, unless it's already opened, and create a lock to ensure thread-safe writes to the file (provided the writes are done through `PyUnstable_WritePerfMapEntry()`). Normally, there's no need to call this explicitly; just use `PyUnstable_WritePerfMapEntry()` and it will initialize the state on first call.

Returns 0 on success, -1 on failure to create/open the perf map file, or -2 on failure to create a lock. Check `errno` for more information about the cause of a failure.

int PyUnstable\_WritePerfMapEntry (const void \*code\_addr, unsigned int code\_size, const char \*entry\_name)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Write one single entry to the `/tmp/perf-$pid.map` file. This function is thread safe. Here is what an example entry looks like :

```
# address      size  name
7f3529fcf759 b     py:bar:/run/t.py
```

Will call `PyUnstable_PerfMapState_Init()` before writing the entry, if the perf map file is not already opened. Returns 0 on success, or the same error codes as `PyUnstable_PerfMapState_Init()` on failure.



void **PyUnstable\_PerfMapState\_Fini** (void)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Close the perf map file opened by `PyUnstable_PerfMapState_Init()`. This is called by the runtime itself during interpreter shut-down. In general, there shouldn't be a reason to explicitly call this, except to handle specific scenarios such as forking.



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## Couche d'abstraction des objets

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Dans ce chapitre, les fonctions s'appliquent à des objets Python sans tenir compte de leur type, ou des classes d'objets au sens large (par exemple, tous les types numériques, ou tous les types de séquence). Quand ils sont utilisés sur des types d'objets qui ne correspondent pas, ils lèveront une exception Python.

Il n'est pas possible d'utiliser ces fonctions sur des objets qui n'ont pas été correctement initialisés, comme un objet liste qui a été créé avec `PyList_New()` mais dont les éléments n'ont pas encore été mis à une valeur non-NULL.

### 7.1 Protocole Objet

#### *PyObject* \*Py\_NotImplemented

Le singleton `NotImplemented`, utilisé pour signaler qu'une opération n'est pas implémentée pour la combinaison de types en question.

#### Py\_RETURN\_NOTIMPLEMENTED

Properly handle returning *Py\_NotImplemented* from within a C function (that is, create a new *strong reference* to `NotImplemented` and return it).

#### Py\_PRINT\_RAW

Flag to be used with multiple functions that print the object (like *PyObject\_Print()* and *PyFile\_WriteObject()*). If passed, these function would use the `str()` of the object instead of the `repr()`.

#### 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 *Py\_PRINT\_RAW*; if given, the `str()` of the object is written instead of the `repr()`.

#### int PyObject\_HasAttr (PyObject \*o, PyObject \*attr\_name)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Renvoie 1 si *o* a l'attribut *attr\_name*, et 0 sinon. Ceci est équivalent à l'expression Python `hasattr(o, attr_name)`. Cette fonction réussit toujours.

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**Note :** Exceptions that occur when this calls `__getattr__()` and `__getattribute__()` methods are silently ignored. For proper error handling, use *PyObject\_GetAttr()* instead.

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**int PyObject\_HasAttrString** (*PyObject* \*o, const char \*attr\_name)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyObject\_HasAttr()*, but *attr\_name* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

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**Note :** Exceptions that occur when this calls *\_\_getattr\_\_()* and *\_\_getattribute\_\_()* methods or while creating the temporary str object are silently ignored. For proper error handling, use *PyObject\_GetAttrString()* instead.

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*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GetAttr** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*attr\_name)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* 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*.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GetAttrString** (*PyObject* \*o, const char \*attr\_name)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyObject\_GetAttr()*, but *attr\_name* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GenericGetAttr** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*name)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Accesseur d'attribut générique destiné à être mis dans le slot *tp\_getattro* d'un objet type. Recherche un descripteur dans le dictionnaire de classes du MRO de l'objet ainsi qu'un attribut dans le *\_\_dict\_\_* de l'objet (si présent). Comme défini dans descriptors, les descripteurs de données sont prioritaires sur les attributs d'instance, contrairement aux autres descripteurs. Sinon, une *AttributeError* est levée.

**int PyObject\_SetAttr** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*attr\_name, *PyObject* \*v)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Définit la valeur de l'attribut nommé *attr\_name*, pour l'objet *o*, à la valeur *v*. Lève une exception et renvoie -1 en cas d'échec; renvoie 0 en cas de succès. Ceci est équivalent à l'instruction Python *o.attr\_name = v*.

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

**int PyObject\_SetAttrString** (*PyObject* \*o, const char \*attr\_name, *PyObject* \*v)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyObject\_SetAttr()*, but *attr\_name* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

If *v* is NULL, the attribute is deleted, but this feature is deprecated in favour of using *PyObject\_DelAttrString()*.

**int PyObject\_GenericSetAttr** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*name, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Accesseur et supprimeur générique d'attributs qui est fait pour être mis dans le *tp\_setattro* d'un objet type. Il cherche un descripteur de données dans le dictionnaire de classes dans le MRO de l'objet et, si ce descripteur est trouvé, c'est lui qui est utilisé de préférence pour la suppression et la définition de l'attribut dans le dictionnaire d'instance. Sinon, l'attribut est défini ou supprimé dans le *\_\_dict\_\_* de l'objet (si présent). En cas de succès, 0 est renvoyé, sinon une *AttributeError* est levée et -1 est renvoyé.

**int PyObject\_DelAttr** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*attr\_name)

Supprime l'attribut nommé *attr\_name*, pour l'objet *o*. Renvoie -1 en cas d'échec. Ceci est l'équivalent de l'expression Python *del o.attr\_name*.

**int PyObject\_DelAttrString** (*PyObject* \*o, const char \*attr\_name)

This is the same as *PyObject\_DelAttr()*, but *attr\_name* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GenericGetDict** (*PyObject* \*o, void \*context)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Une implémentation générique de l'accesseur d'un descripteur d'un *\_\_dict\_\_*. Crée le dictionnaire si nécessaire.

This function may also be called to get the *\_\_dict\_\_* of the object *o*. Pass NULL for *context* when calling it. Since this function may need to allocate memory for the dictionary, it may be more efficient to call *PyObject\_GetAttr()* when accessing an attribute on the object.

On failure, returns NULL with an exception set.

Added in version 3.3.

int **PyObject\_GenericSetDict** (PyObject \*o, PyObject \*value, void \*context)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Une implémentation générique du mutateur d'un descripteur de `__dict__`. Cette implémentation n'autorise pas la suppression du dictionnaire.

Added in version 3.3.

PyObject \*\***PyObject\_GetDictPtr** (PyObject \*obj)

Return a pointer to `__dict__` of the object *obj*. If there is no `__dict__`, return NULL without setting an exception.

This function may need to allocate memory for the dictionary, so it may be more efficient to call `PyObject_GetAttr()` when accessing an attribute on the object.

PyObject \***PyObject\_RichCompare** (PyObject \*o1, PyObject \*o2, int opid)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Compare the values of *o1* and *o2* using the operation specified by *opid*, which must be one of `Py_LT`, `Py_LE`, `Py_EQ`, `Py_NE`, `Py_GT`, or `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.

int **PyObject\_RichCompareBool** (PyObject \*o1, PyObject \*o2, int opid)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Compare the values of *o1* and *o2* using the operation specified by *opid*, like `PyObject_RichCompare()`, but returns `-1` on error, `0` if the result is false, `1` otherwise.

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**Note :** If *o1* and *o2* are the same object, `PyObject_RichCompareBool()` will always return `1` for `Py_EQ` and `0` for `Py_NE`.

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PyObject \***PyObject\_Format** (PyObject \*obj, PyObject \*format\_spec)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Format *obj* using *format\_spec*. This is equivalent to the Python expression `format(obj, format_spec)`.

*format\_spec* may be NULL. In this case the call is equivalent to `format(obj)`. Returns the formatted string on success, NULL on failure.

PyObject \***PyObject\_Repr** (PyObject \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). 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 `repr()` built-in function.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : Cette fonction inclut maintenant une assertion de débogage afin d'assurer qu'elle ne passe pas sous silence une exception active.

PyObject \***PyObject\_ASCII** (PyObject \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Comme `PyObject_Repr()`, calcule une représentation en chaîne de caractères de l'objet *o*, mais échappe les caractères non ASCII dans la chaîne de caractères renvoyée par `PyObject_Repr()` avec `'\x'`, `'\u'` ou `'\U'`. Cela génère une chaîne de caractères similaire à celle renvoyée par `PyObject_Repr()` en Python 2. Appelée par la fonction native `ascii()`.

PyObject \***PyObject\_Str** (PyObject \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). 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 `str()` built-in function and, therefore, by the `print()` function.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : Cette fonction inclut maintenant une assertion de débogage afin d'assurer qu'elle ne passe pas sous silence une exception active.

PyObject \***PyObject\_Bytes** (PyObject \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). 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.

**int PyObject\_IsSubclass** (*PyObject* \*derived, *PyObject* \*cls)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie 1 si la classe *derived* est identique à ou dérivée de la classe *cls*, renvoie 0 sinon. En cas d'erreur, renvoie -1.

Si *cls* est un *n*-uplet, la vérification est menée sur chaque entrée de *cls*. Le résultat sera 1 quand au moins une des vérifications renvoie 1, sinon ce sera 0.

Si *cls* a une méthode `__subclasscheck__()`, elle est appelée pour déterminer le statut de la sous-classe comme décrit dans [PEP 3119](#). Sinon, *derived* est une sous-classe de *cls* si c'est une sous-classe directe ou indirecte, c'est-à-dire contenue dans `cls.__mro__`.

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

**int PyObject\_IsInstance** (*PyObject* \*inst, *PyObject* \*cls)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie 1 si *inst* est une instance de la classe *cls* ou une sous-classe de *cls*, ou 0 sinon. En cas d'erreur, renvoie -1 et initialise une exception.

Si *cls* est un *n*-uplet, la vérification est menée sur chaque entrée de *cls*. Le résultat sera 1 quand au moins une des vérifications renvoie 1, sinon ce sera 0.

Si *cls* a une méthode `__subclasscheck__()`, elle sera appelée pour déterminer le statut de la sous-classe comme décrit dans [PEP 3119](#). Sinon, *inst* est une instance *cls* si sa classe est une sous-classe de *cls*.

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

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

*Py\_hash\_t* **PyObject\_Hash** (*PyObject* \*o)

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

Modifié dans la version 3.2 : The return type is now `Py_hash_t`. This is a signed integer the same size as `Py_ssize_t`.

*Py\_hash\_t* **PyObject\_HashNotImplemented** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set a `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.

**int PyObject\_IsTrue** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* 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.

**int PyObject\_Not** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* 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.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_Type** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* When *o* is non-NULL, returns a type object corresponding to the object type of object *o*. On failure, raises `SystemError` and returns NULL. This is equivalent to the Python expression `type(o)`. This function creates a new *strong reference* to the return value. There's really no reason to use this function instead of the `Py_TYPE()` function, which returns a pointer of type `PyTypeObject*`, except when a new *strong reference* is needed.

**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.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyObject\_Size** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyObject\_Length** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* 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)`.

*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 `__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)`.

Added in version 3.4.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GetItem** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*key)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return element of *o* corresponding to the object *key* or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o[key]`.

int **PyObject\_SetItem** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*key, *PyObject* \*v)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. 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*.

int **PyObject\_DelItem** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*key)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. 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]`.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_Dir** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. 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 `PyErr_Occurred()` will return false.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GetIter** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. 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 `TypeError` and returns `NULL` if the object cannot be iterated.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_GetAIter** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10*. This is the equivalent to the Python expression `aiter(o)`. Takes an `AsyncIterable` object and returns an `AsyncIterator` for it. This is typically a new iterator but if the argument is an `AsyncIterator`, this returns itself. Raises `TypeError` and returns `NULL` if the object cannot be iterated.

Added in version 3.10.

void \***PyObject\_GetTypeData** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyTypeObject* \*cls)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12*. Get a pointer to subclass-specific data reserved for *cls*.

The object *o* must be an instance of *cls*, and *cls* must have been created using negative `PyType_Spec.basicsize`. Python does not check this.

On error, set an exception and return `NULL`.

Added in version 3.12.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyType\_GetTypeDataSize** (*PyTypeObject* \*cls)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12*. Return the size of the instance memory space reserved for *cls*, i.e. the size of the memory `PyObject_GetTypeData()` returns.

This may be larger than requested using `-PyType_Spec.basicsize`; it is safe to use this larger size (e.g. with `memset()`).

The type *cls* **must** have been created using negative `PyType_Spec.basicsize`. Python does not check this.

On error, set an exception and return a negative value.

Added in version 3.12.

void \***PyObject\_GetItemData** (*PyObject* \*o)

Get a pointer to per-item data for a class with `Py_TPFLAGS_ITEMS_AT_END`.

On error, set an exception and return `NULL`. `TypeError` is raised if *o* does not have `Py_TPFLAGS_ITEMS_AT_END` set.

Added in version 3.12.

## 7.2 Call Protocol

CPython supports two different calling protocols : `tp_call` and `vectorcall`.

### 7.2.1 The `tp_call` Protocol

Instances of classes that set `tp_call` are callable. The signature of the slot is :

```
PyObject *tp_call(PyObject *callable, PyObject *args, PyObject *kwargs);
```

A call is made using a tuple for the positional arguments and a dict for the keyword arguments, similarly to `callable(*args, **kwargs)` in Python code. `args` must be non-NULL (use an empty tuple if there are no arguments) but `kwargs` may be `NULL` if there are no keyword arguments.

This convention is not only used by `tp_call` : `tp_new` and `tp_init` also pass arguments this way.

To call an object, use `PyObject_Call()` or another *call API*.

### 7.2.2 The Vectorcall Protocol

Added in version 3.9.

The vectorcall protocol was introduced in **PEP 590** as an additional protocol for making calls more efficient.

As rule of thumb, CPython will prefer the vectorcall for internal calls if the callable supports it. However, this is not a hard rule. Additionally, some third-party extensions use `tp_call` directly (rather than using `PyObject_Call()`). Therefore, a class supporting vectorcall must also implement `tp_call`. Moreover, the callable must behave the same regardless of which protocol is used. The recommended way to achieve this is by setting `tp_call` to `PyVectorcall_Call()`. This bears repeating :

**Avertissement :** A class supporting vectorcall **must** also implement `tp_call` with the same semantics.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_VECTORCALL` flag is now removed from a class when the class's `__call__()` method is reassigned. (This internally sets `tp_call` only, and thus may make it behave differently than the vectorcall function.) In earlier Python versions, vectorcall should only be used with *immutable* or static types.

A class should not implement vectorcall if that would be slower than `tp_call`. For example, if the callee needs to convert the arguments to an args tuple and kwargs dict anyway, then there is no point in implementing vectorcall.

Classes can implement the vectorcall protocol by enabling the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_VECTORCALL` flag and setting `tp_vectorcall_offset` to the offset inside the object structure where a `vectorcallfunc` appears. This is a pointer to a function with the following signature :

```
typedef PyObject *(*vectorcallfunc)(PyObject *callable, PyObject *const *args, size_t nargsf, PyObject *kwnames)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12.*

- `callable` is the object being called.
- `args` is a C array consisting of the positional arguments followed by the values of the keyword arguments. This can be `NULL` if there are no arguments.
- `nargsf` is the number of positional arguments plus possibly the `PY_VECTORCALL_ARGUMENTS_OFFSET` flag. To get the actual number of positional arguments from `nargsf`, use `PyVectorcall_NARGS()`.
- `kwnames` is a tuple containing the names of the keyword arguments ; in other words, the keys of the kwargs dict. These names must be strings (instances of `str` or a subclass) and they must be unique. If there are no keyword arguments, then `kwnames` can instead be `NULL`.



**PY\_VECTORCALL\_ARGUMENTS\_OFFSET**

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. If this flag is set in a vectorcall *nargsf* argument, the callee is allowed to temporarily change `args[-1]`. In other words, *args* points to argument 1 (not 0) in the allocated vector. The callee must restore the value of `args[-1]` before returning.

For `PyObject_VectorcallMethod()`, this flag means instead that `args[0]` may be changed.

Whenever they can do so cheaply (without additional allocation), callers are encouraged to use `PY_VECTORCALL_ARGUMENTS_OFFSET`. Doing so will allow callables such as bound methods to make their onward calls (which include a prepended *self* argument) very efficiently.

Added in version 3.8.

To call an object that implements vectorcall, use a [call API](#) function as with any other callable. `PyObject_Vectorcall()` will usually be most efficient.

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**Note :** In CPython 3.8, the vectorcall API and related functions were available provisionally under names with a leading underscore : `_PyObject_Vectorcall`, `_Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_VECTORCALL`, `_PyObject_VectorcallMethod`, `_PyVectorcall_Function`, `_PyObject_CallOneArg`, `_PyObject_CallMethodNoArgs`, `_PyObject_CallMethodOneArg`. Additionally, `PyObject_VectorcallDict` was available as `_PyObject_FastCallDict`. The old names are still defined as aliases of the new, non-underscored names.

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**Contrôle de la récursion**

When using *tp\_call*, callees do not need to worry about [recursion](#) : CPython uses `Py_EnterRecursiveCall()` and `Py_LeaveRecursiveCall()` for calls made using *tp\_call*.

For efficiency, this is not the case for calls done using vectorcall : the callee should use `Py_EnterRecursiveCall` and `Py_LeaveRecursiveCall` if needed.

**Vectorcall Support API**

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyVectorcall\_NARGS** (*size\_t* nargsf)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. Given a vectorcall *nargsf* argument, return the actual number of arguments. Currently equivalent to :

```
(Py_ssize_t)(nargsf & ~PY_VECTORCALL_ARGUMENTS_OFFSET)
```

However, the function `PyVectorcall_NARGS` should be used to allow for future extensions.

Added in version 3.8.

*vectorcallfunc* **PyVectorcall\_Function** (*PyObject* \*op)

If *op* does not support the vectorcall protocol (either because the type does not or because the specific instance does not), return `NULL`. Otherwise, return the vectorcall function pointer stored in *op*. This function never raises an exception.

This is mostly useful to check whether or not *op* supports vectorcall, which can be done by checking `PyVectorcall_Function(op) != NULL`.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyObject* \***PyVectorcall\_Call** (*PyObject* \*callable, *PyObject* \*tuple, *PyObject* \*dict)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. Call *callable*'s *vectorcallfunc* with positional and keyword arguments given in a tuple and dict, respectively.

This is a specialized function, intended to be put in the *tp\_call* slot or be used in an implementation of *tp\_call*. It does not check the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_VECTORCALL` flag and it does not fall back to *tp\_call*.

Added in version 3.8.

## 7.2.3 Object Calling API

Various functions are available for calling a Python object. Each converts its arguments to a convention supported by the called object – either *tp\_call* or *vectorcall*. In order to do as little conversion as possible, pick one that best fits the format of data you have available.

The following table summarizes the available functions; please see individual documentation for details.

Fonction	callable	args	kwargs
<code>PyObject_Call()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	tuple	dict/NULL
<code>PyObject_CallNoArgs()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	---	---
<code>PyObject_CallOneArg()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	1 object	---
<code>PyObject_CallObject()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	tuple/NULL	---
<code>PyObject_CallFunction()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	format	---
<code>PyObject_CallMethod()</code>	<code>obj + char*</code>	format	---
<code>PyObject_CallFunctionObjArgs()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	variadic	---
<code>PyObject_CallMethodObjArgs()</code>	<code>obj + name</code>	variadic	---
<code>PyObject_CallMethodNoArgs()</code>	<code>obj + name</code>	---	---
<code>PyObject_CallMethodOneArg()</code>	<code>obj + name</code>	1 object	---
<code>PyObject_Vectorcall()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	vectorcall	vectorcall
<code>PyObject_VectorcallDict()</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	vectorcall	dict/NULL
<code>PyObject_VectorcallMethod()</code>	<code>arg + name</code>	vectorcall	vectorcall

**`PyObject *``PyObject_Call` (`PyObject *`callable, `PyObject *`args, `PyObject *`kwargs)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Appelle un objet Python appellable *callable*, avec des arguments donnés par le *n*-uplet *args*, et des arguments nommés donnés par le dictionnaire *kwargs*.

*args* must not be *NULL*; use an empty tuple if no arguments are needed. If no named arguments are needed, *kwargs* can be *NULL*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Ceci est l'équivalent de l'expression Python : `callable(*args, **kwargs)`.

**`PyObject *``PyObject_CallNoArgs` (`PyObject *`callable)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.10. Call a callable Python object *callable* without any arguments. It is the most efficient way to call a callable Python object without any argument.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Added in version 3.9.

**`PyObject *``PyObject_CallOneArg` (`PyObject *`callable, `PyObject *`arg)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Call a callable Python object *callable* with exactly 1 positional argument *arg* and no keyword arguments.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Added in version 3.9.

**`PyObject *``PyObject_CallObject` (`PyObject *`callable, `PyObject *`args)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Call a callable Python object *callable*, with arguments given by the tuple *args*. If no arguments are needed, then *args* can be *NULL*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Ceci est l'équivalent de l'expression Python : `callable(*args)`.

**`PyObject *``PyObject_CallFunction` (`PyObject *`callable, const char \*format, ...)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Call a callable Python object *callable*, with a variable number of C arguments. The C arguments are described using a `Py_BuildValue()` style format string. The format can be *NULL*, indicating that no arguments are provided.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Ceci est l'équivalent de l'expression Python : `callable(*args)`.

Note that if you only pass `PyObject *` args, `PyObject_CallFunctionObjArgs()` is a faster alternative.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : The type of *format* was changed from `char *`.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_CallMethod*** (*PyObject \*obj*, const char \**name*, const char \**format*, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Call the method named *name* of object *obj* with a variable number of C arguments. The C arguments are described by a *Py\_BuildValue()* format string that should produce a tuple.

The format can be *NULL*, indicating that no arguments are provided.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

This is the equivalent of the Python expression : `obj.name(arg1, arg2, ...)`.

Note that if you only pass *PyObject\** args, *PyObject\_CallMethodObjArgs()* is a faster alternative.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : The types of *name* and *format* were changed from `char *`.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_CallFunctionObjArgs*** (*PyObject \*callable*, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Call a callable Python object *callable*, with a variable number of *PyObject\** arguments. The arguments are provided as a variable number of parameters followed by *NULL*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

This is the equivalent of the Python expression : `callable(arg1, arg2, ...)`.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_CallMethodObjArgs*** (*PyObject \*obj*, *PyObject \*name*, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Call a method of the Python object *obj*, where the name of the method is given as a Python string object in *name*. It is called with a variable number of *PyObject\** arguments. The arguments are provided as a variable number of parameters followed by *NULL*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_CallMethodNoArgs*** (*PyObject \*obj*, *PyObject \*name*)

Call a method of the Python object *obj* without arguments, where the name of the method is given as a Python string object in *name*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Added in version 3.9.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_CallMethodOneArg*** (*PyObject \*obj*, *PyObject \*name*, *PyObject \*arg*)

Call a method of the Python object *obj* with a single positional argument *arg*, where the name of the method is given as a Python string object in *name*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Added in version 3.9.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_Vectorcall*** (*PyObject \*callable*, *PyObject \*const \*args*, size\_t nargsf, *PyObject \*kwnames*)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. Call a callable Python object *callable*. The arguments are the same as for *vectorcallfunc*. If *callable* supports *vectorcall*, this directly calls the *vectorcall* function stored in *callable*.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return *NULL* on failure.

Added in version 3.9.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_VectorcallDict*** (*PyObject \*callable*, *PyObject \*const \*args*, size\_t nargsf, *PyObject \*kwdict*)

Call *callable* with positional arguments passed exactly as in the *vectorcall* protocol, but with keyword arguments passed as a dictionary *kwdict*. The *args* array contains only the positional arguments.

Regardless of which protocol is used internally, a conversion of arguments needs to be done. Therefore, this function should only be used if the caller already has a dictionary ready to use for the keyword arguments, but not a tuple for the positional arguments.

Added in version 3.9.

***PyObject \*PyObject\_VectorcallMethod*** (*PyObject \*name*, *PyObject \*const \*args*, size\_t nargsf, *PyObject \*kwnames*)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.12. Call a method using the *vectorcall* calling convention. The name of the method is given as a Python string *name*. The object whose method is called is *args[0]*, and the *args* array

starting at `args[1]` represents the arguments of the call. There must be at least one positional argument. `nargsf` is the number of positional arguments including `args[0]`, plus `PY_VECTORCALL_ARGUMENTS_OFFSET` if the value of `args[0]` may temporarily be changed. Keyword arguments can be passed just like in `PyObject_Vectorcall()`.

If the object has the `PY_TPFLAGS_METHOD_DESCRIPTOR` feature, this will call the unbound method object with the full `args` vector as arguments.

Return the result of the call on success, or raise an exception and return `NULL` on failure.

Added in version 3.9.

## 7.2.4 Call Support API

int **PyCallable\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Détermine si l'objet *o* est callable. Renvoie 1 si c'est le cas, et 0 sinon. Cette fonction réussit toujours.

## 7.3 Number Protocol

int **PyNumber\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Returns 1 if the object *o* provides numeric protocols, and false otherwise. This function always succeeds.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Returns 1 if *o* is an index integer.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_Add** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Returns the result of adding *o1* and *o2*, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 + o2`.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_Subtract** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Returns the result of subtracting *o2* from *o1*, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 - o2`.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_Multiply** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Returns the result of multiplying *o1* and *o2*, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 * o2`.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_MatrixMultiply** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Returns the result of matrix multiplication on *o1* and *o2*, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 @ o2`.

Added in version 3.5.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_FloorDivide** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the floor of *o1* divided by *o2*, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 // o2`.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_TrueDivide** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a reasonable approximation for the mathematical value of *o1* divided by *o2*, or `NULL` on failure. The return value is "approximate" because binary floating point numbers are approximate; it is not possible to represent all real numbers in base two. This function can return a floating point value when passed two integers. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 / o2`.

*PyObject* \***PyNumber\_Remainder** (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Returns the remainder of dividing *o1* by *o2*, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 % o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Divmod (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). See the built-in function `divmod()`. Returns `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `divmod(o1, o2)`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Power (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2, *PyObject* \*o3)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). See the built-in function `pow()`. Returns `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `pow(o1, o2, o3)`, where `o3` is optional. If `o3` is to be ignored, pass `Py_None` in its place (passing `NULL` for `o3` would cause an illegal memory access).

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Negative (*PyObject* \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the negation of `o` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `-o`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Positive (*PyObject* \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns `o` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `+o`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Absolute (*PyObject* \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the absolute value of `o`, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `abs(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Invert (*PyObject* \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the bitwise negation of `o` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `~o`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Lshift (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of left shifting `o1` by `o2` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 << o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Rshift (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of right shifting `o1` by `o2` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 >> o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_And (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the "bitwise and" of `o1` and `o2` on success and `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 & o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Xor (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the "bitwise exclusive or" of `o1` by `o2` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 ^ o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Or (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the "bitwise or" of `o1` and `o2` on success, or `NULL` on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 | o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceAdd (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of adding `o1` and `o2`, or `NULL` on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when `o1` supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 += o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceSubtract (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of subtracting `o2` from `o1`, or `NULL` on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when `o1` supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 -= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceMultiply (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of multiplying `o1` and `o2`, or `NULL` on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when `o1` supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 *= o2`.



*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceMatrixMultiply (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Returns the result of matrix multiplication on *o1* and *o2*, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 @= o2`.

Added in version 3.5.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceFloorDivide (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the mathematical floor of dividing *o1* by *o2*, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 //= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceTrueDivide (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a reasonable approximation for the mathematical value of *o1* divided by *o2*, or NULL on failure. The return value is "approximate" because binary floating point numbers are approximate; it is not possible to represent all real numbers in base two. This function can return a floating point value when passed two integers. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 /= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceRemainder (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the remainder of dividing *o1* by *o2*, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 %= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlacePower (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2, *PyObject* \*o3)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). See the built-in function `pow()`. Returns NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 **= o2` when *o3* is `Py_None`, or an in-place variant of `pow(o1, o2, o3)` otherwise. If *o3* is to be ignored, pass `Py_None` in its place (passing NULL for *o3* would cause an illegal memory access).

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceLshift (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of left shifting *o1* by *o2* on success, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 <= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceRshift (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the result of right shifting *o1* by *o2* on success, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 >= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceAnd (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the "bitwise and" of *o1* and *o2* on success and NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 &= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceXor (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the "bitwise exclusive or" of *o1* by *o2* on success, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 ^= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_InPlaceOr (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the "bitwise or" of *o1* and *o2* on success, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o1 |= o2`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Long (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the *o* converted to an integer object on success, or NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `int(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Float (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Returns the *o* converted to a float object on success, or NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `float(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_Index (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Returns the *o* converted to a Python int on success or NULL with a `TypeError` exception raised on failure.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : The result always has exact type `int`. Previously, the result could have been an instance of a subclass of `int`.

*PyObject* \*PyNumber\_ToBase (*PyObject* \*n, int base)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Returns the integer *n* converted to base *base* as a string. The *base* argument must be one of 2, 8, 10, or 16. For base 2, 8, or 16, the returned string is prefixed with a base marker of `'0b'`, `'0o'`, or `'0x'`, respectively. If *n* is not a Python int, it is converted with `PyNumber_Index()` first.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyNumber\_AsSsize\_t (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*exc)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Returns *o* converted to a *Py\_ssize\_t* value if *o* can be interpreted as an integer. If the call fails, an exception is raised and `-1` is returned.

If *o* can be converted to a Python int but the attempt to convert to a *Py\_ssize\_t* value would raise an `OverflowError`, then the *exc* argument is the type of exception that will be raised (usually `IndexError` or `OverflowError`). If *exc* is NULL, then the exception is cleared and the value is clipped to `PY_SSIZE_T_MIN` for a negative integer or `PY_SSIZE_T_MAX` for a positive integer.

int PyIndex\_Check (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.8*. Returns 1 if *o* is an index integer (has the `nb_index` slot of the `tp_as_number` structure filled in), and 0 otherwise. This function always succeeds.

## 7.4 Sequence Protocol

int PySequence\_Check (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Return 1 if the object provides the sequence protocol, and 0 otherwise. Note that it returns 1 for Python classes with a `__getitem__()` method, unless they are `dict` subclasses, since in general it is impossible to determine what type of keys the class supports. This function always succeeds.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PySequence\_Size (*PyObject* \*o)

*Py\_ssize\_t* PySequence\_Length (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Returns the number of objects in sequence *o* on success, and `-1` on failure. This is equivalent to the Python expression `len(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_Concat (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the concatenation of *o1* and *o2* on success, and NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 + o2`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_Repeat (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* count)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the result of repeating sequence object *o* *count* times, or NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o * count`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_InPlaceConcat (*PyObject* \*o1, *PyObject* \*o2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the concatenation of *o1* and *o2* on success, and NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o1* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o1 += o2`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_InPlaceRepeat (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* count)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the result of repeating sequence object *o* *count* times, or NULL on failure. The operation is done *in-place* when *o* supports it. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o *= count`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_GetItem (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the *i*th element of *o*, or NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o[i]`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_GetSlice (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i1, *Py\_ssize\_t* i2)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the slice of sequence object *o* between *i1* and *i2*, or NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `o[i1:i2]`.

int PySequence\_SetItem (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i, *PyObject* \*v)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Assign object *v* to the *i*th element of *o*. Raise an exception and return -1 on failure; return 0 on success. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o[i] = v`. This function *does not* steal a reference to *v*.

If *v* is NULL, the element is deleted, but this feature is deprecated in favour of using `PySequence_DelItem()`.

int PySequence\_DelItem (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Delete the *i*th element of object *o*. Returns -1 on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `del o[i]`.

int PySequence\_SetSlice (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i1, *Py\_ssize\_t* i2, *PyObject* \*v)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Assign the sequence object *v* to the slice in sequence object *o* from *i1* to *i2*. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `o[i1:i2] = v`.

int PySequence\_DelSlice (*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i1, *Py\_ssize\_t* i2)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Delete the slice in sequence object *o* from *i1* to *i2*. Returns -1 on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python statement `del o[i1:i2]`.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PySequence\_Count (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the number of occurrences of *value* in *o*, that is, return the number of keys for which `o[key] == value`. On failure, return -1. This is equivalent to the Python expression `o.count(value)`.

int PySequence\_Contains (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Determine if *o* contains *value*. If an item in *o* is equal to *value*, return 1, otherwise return 0. On error, return -1. This is equivalent to the Python expression `value in o`.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PySequence\_Index (*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the first index *i* for which `o[i] == value`. On error, return -1. This is equivalent to the Python expression `o.index(value)`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_List (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a list object with the same contents as the sequence or iterable *o*, or NULL on failure. The returned list is guaranteed to be new. This is equivalent to the Python expression `list(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_Tuple (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a tuple object with the same contents as the sequence or iterable *o*, or NULL on failure. If *o* is a tuple, a new reference will be returned, otherwise a tuple will be constructed with the appropriate contents. This is equivalent to the Python expression `tuple(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_Fast (*PyObject* \*o, const char \*m)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the sequence or iterable *o* as an object usable by the other `PySequence_Fast*` family of functions. If the object is not a sequence or iterable, raises `TypeError` with *m* as the message text. Returns NULL on failure.

The `PySequence_Fast*` functions are thus named because they assume *o* is a `PyTupleObject` or a `PyListObject` and access the data fields of *o* directly.

As a CPython implementation detail, if *o* is already a sequence or list, it will be returned.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PySequence\_Fast\_GET\_SIZE (*PyObject* \*o)

Returns the length of *o*, assuming that *o* was returned by `PySequence_Fast()` and that *o* is not NULL. The size can also be retrieved by calling `PySequence_Size()` on *o*, but `PySequence_Fast_GET_SIZE()` is faster because it can assume *o* is a list or tuple.



*PyObject* \*PySequence\_Fast\_GET\_ITEM(*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Return the *i*th element of *o*, assuming that *o* was returned by *PySequence\_Fast()*, *o* is not NULL, and that *i* is within bounds.

*PyObject* \*\*PySequence\_Fast\_ITEMS(*PyObject* \*o)

Return the underlying array of *PyObject* pointers. Assumes that *o* was returned by *PySequence\_Fast()* and *o* is not NULL.

Note, if a list gets resized, the reallocation may relocate the items array. So, only use the underlying array pointer in contexts where the sequence cannot change.

*PyObject* \*PySequence\_ITEM(*PyObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* i)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Return the *i*th element of *o* or NULL on failure. Faster form of *PySequence\_GetItem()* but without checking that *PySequence\_Check()* on *o* is true and without adjustment for negative indices.

## 7.5 Protocole de correspondance

Voir aussi *PyObject\_GetItem()*, *PyObject\_SetItem()* et *PyObject\_DelItem()*.

int PyMapping\_Check(*PyObject* \*o)

Part of the Stable ABI. Return 1 if the object provides the mapping protocol or supports slicing, and 0 otherwise. Note that it returns 1 for Python classes with a `__getitem__()` method, since in general it is impossible to determine what type of keys the class supports. This function always succeeds.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyMapping\_Size(*PyObject* \*o)

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyMapping\_Length(*PyObject* \*o)

Part of the Stable ABI. Renvoie le nombre de clefs dans l'objet *o* et -1 en cas d'échec. C'est l'équivalent de l'expression Python `len(o)`.

*PyObject* \*PyMapping\_GetItemString(*PyObject* \*o, const char \*key)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI. This is the same as *PyObject\_GetItem()*, but *key* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

int PyMapping\_SetItemString(*PyObject* \*o, const char \*key, *PyObject* \*v)

Part of the Stable ABI. This is the same as *PyObject\_SetItem()*, but *key* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

int PyMapping\_DelItem(*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*key)

This is an alias of *PyObject\_DelItem()*.

int PyMapping\_DelItemString(*PyObject* \*o, const char \*key)

This is the same as *PyObject\_DelItem()*, but *key* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

int PyMapping\_HasKey(*PyObject* \*o, *PyObject* \*key)

Part of the Stable ABI. Renvoie 1 si l'objet de correspondance possède une clef *key* et 0 sinon. C'est l'équivalent de l'expression Python `key in o`. Cette fonction ne provoque jamais d'erreur.

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**Note :** Exceptions which occur when this calls `__getitem__()` method are silently ignored. For proper error handling, use *PyObject\_GetItem()* instead.

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int PyMapping\_HasKeyString(*PyObject* \*o, const char \*key)

Part of the Stable ABI. This is the same as *PyMapping\_HasKey()*, but *key* is specified as a const char\* UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

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**Note :** Exceptions that occur when this calls `__getitem__()` method or while creating the temporary str object are silently ignored. For proper error handling, use *PyMapping\_GetItemString()* instead.

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*PyObject* \***PyMapping\_Keys** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie la liste des clefs dans l'objet *o*. En cas d'échec, renvoie *NULL*.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : Auparavant, la fonction renvoyait une liste ou un *n*-uplet.

*PyObject* \***PyMapping\_Values** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie la liste des valeurs dans l'objet *o*. En cas d'échec, renvoie *NULL*.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : Auparavant, la fonction renvoyait une liste ou un *n*-uplet.

*PyObject* \***PyMapping\_Items** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie la liste des éléments dans l'objet *o*, où chaque élément est un *n*-uplet contenant une paire clef-valeur. En cas d'échec, renvoie *NULL*.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : Auparavant, la fonction renvoyait une liste ou un *n*-uplet.

## 7.6 Protocole d'itération

Il existe deux fonctions dédiées à l'interaction avec les itérateurs.

int **PyIter\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.8*. Return non-zero if the object *o* can be safely passed to *PyIter\_Next()*, and 0 otherwise. This function always succeeds.

int **PyAsyncIter\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10*. Return non-zero if the object *o* provides the *AsyncIterator* protocol, and 0 otherwise. This function always succeeds.

Added in version 3.10.

*PyObject* \***PyIter\_Next** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the next value from the iterator *o*. The object must be an iterator according to *PyIter\_Check()* (it is up to the caller to check this). If there are no remaining values, returns *NULL* with no exception set. If an error occurs while retrieving the item, returns *NULL* and passes along the exception.

Pour écrire une boucle itérant un itérateur, le code C devrait ressembler à :

```
PyObject *iterator = PyObject_GetIter(obj);
PyObject *item;

if (iterator == NULL) {
    /* propagate error */
}

while ((item = PyIter_Next(iterator))) {
    /* do something with item */
    ...
    /* release reference when done */
    Py_DECREF(item);
}

Py_DECREF(iterator);

if (PyErr_Occurred()) {
    /* propagate error */
}
else {
    /* continue doing useful work */
}
```

**type `PySendResult`**

The enum value used to represent different results of `PyIter_Send()`.  
Added in version 3.10.

*PySendResult* **`PyIter_Send`** (*PyObject* \*iter, *PyObject* \*arg, *PyObject* \*\*presult)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Sends the *arg* value into the iterator *iter*. Returns :

- `PYGEN_RETURN` if iterator returns. Return value is returned via *presult*.
- `PYGEN_NEXT` if iterator yields. Yielded value is returned via *presult*.
- `PYGEN_ERROR` if iterator has raised an exception. *presult* is set to `NULL`.

Added in version 3.10.

## 7.7 Protocole tampon

Certains objets Python enveloppent l'accès à un tableau de mémoire sous-jacente (nommée zone tampon ou simplement tampon, *buffer* en anglais). Les objets natifs `bytes` et `bytearray` en sont des exemples, ainsi que quelques types d'extension comme `array.array`. Les bibliothèques tierces peuvent définir leurs propres types à des fins spéciales, telles que le traitement d'image ou l'analyse numérique.

Alors que chacun de ces types a sa propre sémantique, ils partagent la caractéristique commune d'être soutenus par un tampon de mémoire important. Il est donc souhaitable, dans certains cas, d'accéder à cette mémoire directement sans l'étape intermédiaire de copie.

Python fournit une telle facilité au niveau du C sous la forme de *protocole tampon*. Ce protocole comporte deux aspects :

- du côté producteur, un type peut exporter une "interface tampon" qui permet aux objets de ce type d'exposer des informations concernant leur tampon sous-jacent. Cette interface est décrite dans la section *Buffer Object Structures*;
- du côté consommateur, plusieurs moyens sont disponibles pour obtenir un pointeur vers les données sous-jacentes brutes d'un objet (par exemple un paramètre de méthode).

Des objets simples tels que `bytes` et `bytearray` exposent leur tampon sous-jacent dans un format orienté octet. D'autres formes sont possibles ; par exemple, les éléments exposés par un `array.array` peuvent être des valeurs multi-octets.

An example consumer of the buffer interface is the `write()` method of file objects : any object that can export a series of bytes through the buffer interface can be written to a file. While `write()` only needs read-only access to the internal contents of the object passed to it, other methods such as `readinto()` need write access to the contents of their argument. The buffer interface allows objects to selectively allow or reject exporting of read-write and read-only buffers.

Un consommateur de l'interface tampon peut acquérir un tampon sur un objet cible de deux manières :

- appelez `PyObject_GetBuffer()` avec les paramètres appropriés ;
- appelez `PyArg_ParseTuple()` (ou l'un de ses fonctions sœurs) avec l'un des `y*`, `w*` ou `s*` *format codes*.

Dans les deux cas, `PyBuffer_Release()` doit être appelée quand le tampon n'est plus nécessaire. Ne pas le faire peut conduire à divers problèmes tels que des fuites de ressources.

### 7.7.1 La structure *buffer*

Les structures tampons (ou simplement les "tampons", *buffers* en anglais) sont utiles pour exposer les données binaires d'un autre objet au programmeur Python. Elles peuvent également être utilisées comme un mécanisme de découpage sans copie. En utilisant leur capacité à référencer un bloc de mémoire, il est possible d'exposer toutes les données au programmeur Python assez facilement. La mémoire peut être un grand tableau constant dans une extension C, il peut s'agir d'un bloc brut de mémoire à manipuler avant de passer à une bibliothèque de système d'exploitation ou être utilisé pour transmettre des données structurées dans son format natif en mémoire.

Contrairement à la plupart des types de données exposés par l'interpréteur Python, les tampons ne sont pas de simples pointeurs vers *PyObject* mais plutôt des structures C simples. Cela leur permet d'être créés et copiés très simple-

ment. lorsque vous avez besoin d'une enveloppe générique (*wrapper* en anglais) pour un tampon, un objet *memoryview* peut être créé.

For short instructions how to write an exporting object, see *Buffer Object Structures*. For obtaining a buffer, see *PyObject\_GetBuffer()*.

type **Py\_buffer**

*Part of the Stable ABI (including all members) since version 3.11.*

void **\*buf**

A pointer to the start of the logical structure described by the buffer fields. This can be any location within the underlying physical memory block of the exporter. For example, with negative *strides* the value may point to the end of the memory block.

For *contiguous* arrays, the value points to the beginning of the memory block.

*PyObject* **\*obj**

A new reference to the exporting object. The reference is owned by the consumer and automatically released (i.e. reference count decremented) and set to NULL by *PyBuffer\_Release()*. The field is the equivalent of the return value of any standard C-API function.

As a special case, for *temporary* buffers that are wrapped by *PyMemoryView\_FromBuffer()* or *PyBuffer\_FillInfo()* this field is NULL. In general, exporting objects MUST NOT use this scheme.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **len**

product(shape) \* itemsize. For contiguous arrays, this is the length of the underlying memory block. For non-contiguous arrays, it is the length that the logical structure would have if it were copied to a contiguous representation.

Accessing ((char \*)buf)[0] up to ((char \*)buf)[len-1] is only valid if the buffer has been obtained by a request that guarantees contiguity. In most cases such a request will be *PyBUF\_SIMPLE* or *PyBUF\_WRITABLE*.

int **readonly**

An indicator of whether the buffer is read-only. This field is controlled by the *PyBUF\_WRITABLE* flag.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **itemsize**

Item size in bytes of a single element. Same as the value of *struct.calcsize()* called on non-NULL *format* values.

Important exception : If a consumer requests a buffer without the *PyBUF\_FORMAT* flag, *format* will be set to NULL, but *itemsize* still has the value for the original format.

If *shape* is present, the equality product(shape) \* itemsize == len still holds and the consumer can use *itemsize* to navigate the buffer.

If *shape* is NULL as a result of a *PyBUF\_SIMPLE* or a *PyBUF\_WRITABLE* request, the consumer must disregard *itemsize* and assume itemsize == 1.

const char **\*format**

A NUL terminated string in *struct* module style syntax describing the contents of a single item. If this is NULL, "B" (unsigned bytes) is assumed.

This field is controlled by the *PyBUF\_FORMAT* flag.

int **ndim**

The number of dimensions the memory represents as an n-dimensional array. If it is 0, *buf* points to a single item representing a scalar. In this case, *shape*, *strides* and *suboffsets* MUST be NULL. The maximum number of dimensions is given by *PyBUF\_MAX\_NDIM*.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **\*shape**

An array of *Py\_ssize\_t* of length *ndim* indicating the shape of the memory as an n-dimensional array. Note that shape[0] \* ... \* shape[ndim-1] \* itemsize MUST be equal to len. Shape values are restricted to shape[n] >= 0. The case shape[n] == 0 requires special attention. See *complex arrays* for further information.

The shape array is read-only for the consumer.

**`Py_ssize_t *strides`**

An array of `Py_ssize_t` of length `ndim` giving the number of bytes to skip to get to a new element in each dimension.

Stride values can be any integer. For regular arrays, strides are usually positive, but a consumer **MUST** be able to handle the case `strides[n] <= 0`. See [complex arrays](#) for further information.

The strides array is read-only for the consumer.

**`Py_ssize_t *suboffsets`**

An array of `Py_ssize_t` of length `ndim`. If `suboffsets[n] >= 0`, the values stored along the `n`th dimension are pointers and the suboffset value dictates how many bytes to add to each pointer after de-referencing. A suboffset value that is negative indicates that no de-referencing should occur (striding in a contiguous memory block).

If all suboffsets are negative (i.e. no de-referencing is needed), then this field must be `NULL` (the default value).

This type of array representation is used by the Python Imaging Library (PIL). See [complex arrays](#) for further information how to access elements of such an array.

The suboffsets array is read-only for the consumer.

**`void *internal`**

This is for use internally by the exporting object. For example, this might be re-cast as an integer by the exporter and used to store flags about whether or not the shape, strides, and suboffsets arrays must be freed when the buffer is released. The consumer **MUST NOT** alter this value.

Constants :

**`PyBUF_MAX_NDIM`**

The maximum number of dimensions the memory represents. Exporters **MUST** respect this limit, consumers of multi-dimensional buffers **SHOULD** be able to handle up to `PyBUF_MAX_NDIM` dimensions. Currently set to 64.

## 7.7.2 Buffer request types

Buffers are usually obtained by sending a buffer request to an exporting object via `PyObject_GetBuffer()`. Since the complexity of the logical structure of the memory can vary drastically, the consumer uses the `flags` argument to specify the exact buffer type it can handle.

All `Py_buffer` fields are unambiguously defined by the request type.

### request-independent fields

The following fields are not influenced by `flags` and must always be filled in with the correct values : `obj`, `buf`, `len`, `itemsize`, `ndim`.

### readonly, format

**`PyBUF_WRITABLE`**

Controls the `readonly` field. If set, the exporter **MUST** provide a writable buffer or else report failure. Otherwise, the exporter **MAY** provide either a read-only or writable buffer, but the choice **MUST** be consistent for all consumers.

**`PyBUF_FORMAT`**

Controls the `format` field. If set, this field **MUST** be filled in correctly. Otherwise, this field **MUST** be `NULL`.

`PyBUF_WRITABLE` can be l'd to any of the flags in the next section. Since `PyBUF_SIMPLE` is defined as 0, `PyBUF_WRITABLE` can be used as a stand-alone flag to request a simple writable buffer.

`PyBUF_FORMAT` can be l'd to any of the flags except `PyBUF_SIMPLE`. The latter already implies format B (unsigned bytes).

### shape, strides, suboffsets

The flags that control the logical structure of the memory are listed in decreasing order of complexity. Note that each flag contains all bits of the flags below it.

Request	shape	strides	suboffsets
<b>PyBUF_INDIRECT</b>	oui	oui	si nécessaire
<b>PyBUF_STRIDES</b>	oui	oui	NULL
<b>PyBUF_ND</b>	oui	NULL	NULL
<b>PyBUF_SIMPLE</b>	NULL	NULL	NULL

### contiguity requests

C or Fortran *contiguity* can be explicitly requested, with and without stride information. Without stride information, the buffer must be C-contiguous.

Request	shape	strides	suboffsets	contig
<b>PyBUF_C_CONTIGUOUS</b>	oui	oui	NULL	C
<b>PyBUF_F_CONTIGUOUS</b>	oui	oui	NULL	F
<b>PyBUF_ANY_CONTIGUOUS</b>	oui	oui	NULL	C or F
<i>PyBUF_ND</i>	oui	NULL	NULL	C

## compound requests

All possible requests are fully defined by some combination of the flags in the previous section. For convenience, the buffer protocol provides frequently used combinations as single flags.

In the following table *U* stands for undefined contiguity. The consumer would have to call `PyBuffer_IsContiguous()` to determine contiguity.

Request	shape	strides	suboffsets	contig	lecture seule	format
<b>PyBUF_FULL</b>	oui	oui	si nécessaire	U	0	oui
<b>PyBUF_FULL_RO</b>	oui	oui	si nécessaire	U	0 ou 1	oui
<b>PyBUF_RECORDS</b>	oui	oui	NULL	U	0	oui
<b>PyBUF_RECORDS_RO</b>	oui	oui	NULL	U	0 ou 1	oui
<b>PyBUF_STRIDED</b>	oui	oui	NULL	U	0	NULL
<b>PyBUF_STRIDED_RO</b>	oui	oui	NULL	U	0 ou 1	NULL
<b>PyBUF_CONTIG</b>	oui	NULL	NULL	C	0	NULL
<b>PyBUF_CONTIG_RO</b>	oui	NULL	NULL	C	0 ou 1	NULL

## 7.7.3 Complex arrays

### NumPy-style : shape and strides

The logical structure of NumPy-style arrays is defined by *itemsizes*, *ndim*, *shape* and *strides*.

If *ndim* == 0, the memory location pointed to by *buf* is interpreted as a scalar of size *itemsizes*. In that case, both *shape* and *strides* are NULL.

If *strides* is NULL, the array is interpreted as a standard n-dimensional C-array. Otherwise, the consumer must access an n-dimensional array as follows :

```
ptr = (char *)buf + indices[0] * strides[0] + ... + indices[n-1] * strides[n-1];
item = *((typeof(item) *)ptr);
```

As noted above, *buf* can point to any location within the actual memory block. An exporter can check the validity of a buffer with this function :

```
def verify_structure(memlen, itemsizes, ndim, shape, strides, offset):
    """Verify that the parameters represent a valid array within
    the bounds of the allocated memory:
        char *mem: start of the physical memory block
        memlen: length of the physical memory block
        offset: (char *)buf - mem
```

(suite sur la page suivante)

```

"""
if offset % itemsize:
    return False
if offset < 0 or offset+itemsize > memlen:
    return False
if any(v % itemsize for v in strides):
    return False

if ndim <= 0:
    return ndim == 0 and not shape and not strides
if 0 in shape:
    return True

imin = sum(strides[j]*(shape[j]-1) for j in range(ndim)
            if strides[j] <= 0)
imax = sum(strides[j]*(shape[j]-1) for j in range(ndim)
            if strides[j] > 0)

return 0 <= offset+imin and offset+imax+itemsize <= memlen

```

## PIL-style : shape, strides and suboffsets

In addition to the regular items, PIL-style arrays can contain pointers that must be followed in order to get to the next element in a dimension. For example, the regular three-dimensional C-array `char v[2][2][3]` can also be viewed as an array of 2 pointers to 2 two-dimensional arrays : `char (*v[2])[2][3]`. In suboffsets representation, those two pointers can be embedded at the start of `buf`, pointing to two `char x[2][3]` arrays that can be located anywhere in memory.

Here is a function that returns a pointer to the element in an N-D array pointed to by an N-dimensional index when there are both non-NULL strides and suboffsets :

```

void *get_item_pointer(int ndim, void *buf, Py_ssize_t *strides,
                      Py_ssize_t *suboffsets, Py_ssize_t *indices) {
    char *pointer = (char*)buf;
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < ndim; i++) {
        pointer += strides[i] * indices[i];
        if (suboffsets[i] >= 0) {
            pointer = *((char**)pointer) + suboffsets[i];
        }
    }
    return (void*)pointer;
}

```

## 7.7.4 Fonctions relatives aux tampons

int **PyObject\_CheckBuffer** (*PyObject* \*obj)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Return 1 if *obj* supports the buffer interface otherwise 0. When 1 is returned, it doesn't guarantee that *PyObject\_GetBuffer()* will succeed. This function always succeeds.

int **PyObject\_GetBuffer** (*PyObject* \*exporter, *Py\_buffer* \*view, int flags)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Send a request to *exporter* to fill in *view* as specified by *flags*. If the exporter cannot provide a buffer of the exact type, it MUST raise `BufferError`, set *view->obj* to `NULL` and return `-1`.

On success, fill in *view*, set *view->obj* to a new reference to *exporter* and return 0. In the case of chained buffer providers that redirect requests to a single object, *view->obj* MAY refer to this object instead of *exporter* (See *Buffer Object Structures*).



Successful calls to `PyObject_GetBuffer()` must be paired with calls to `PyBuffer_Release()`, similar to `malloc()` and `free()`. Thus, after the consumer is done with the buffer, `PyBuffer_Release()` must be called exactly once.

void **PyBuffer\_Release** (*Py\_buffer* \*view)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Release the buffer *view* and release the *strong reference* (i.e. decrement the reference count) to the view's supporting object, `view->obj`. This function **MUST** be called when the buffer is no longer being used, otherwise reference leaks may occur.

It is an error to call this function on a buffer that was not obtained via `PyObject_GetBuffer()`.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyBuffer\_SizeFromFormat** (const char \*format)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Return the implied *itemsize* from *format*. On error, raise an exception and return -1.

Added in version 3.9.

int **PyBuffer\_IsContiguous** (const *Py\_buffer* \*view, char order)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Return 1 if the memory defined by the *view* is C-style (*order* is 'C') or Fortran-style (*order* is 'F') *contiguous* or either one (*order* is 'A'). Return 0 otherwise. This function always succeeds.

void \***PyBuffer\_GetPointer** (const *Py\_buffer* \*view, const *Py\_ssize\_t* \*indices)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Get the memory area pointed to by the *indices* inside the given *view*. *indices* must point to an array of `view->ndim` indices.

int **PyBuffer\_FromContiguous** (const *Py\_buffer* \*view, const void \*buf, *Py\_ssize\_t* len, char fort)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Copy contiguous *len* bytes from *buf* to *view*. *fort* can be 'C' or 'F' (for C-style or Fortran-style ordering). 0 is returned on success, -1 on error.

int **PyBuffer\_ToContiguous** (void \*buf, const *Py\_buffer* \*src, *Py\_ssize\_t* len, char order)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Copy *len* bytes from *src* to its contiguous representation in *buf*. *order* can be 'C' or 'F' or 'A' (for C-style or Fortran-style ordering or either one). 0 is returned on success, -1 on error.

This function fails if *len* != *src->len*.

int **PyObject\_CopyData** (*PyObject* \*dest, *PyObject* \*src)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Copy data from *src* to *dest* buffer. Can convert between C-style and or Fortran-style buffers.

0 is returned on success, -1 on error.

void **PyBuffer\_FillContiguousStrides** (int ndims, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*shape, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*strides, int itemsize, char order)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Fill the *strides* array with byte-strides of a *contiguous* (C-style if *order* is 'C' or Fortran-style if *order* is 'F') array of the given shape with the given number of bytes per element.

int **PyBuffer\_FillInfo** (*Py\_buffer* \*view, *PyObject* \*exporter, void \*buf, *Py\_ssize\_t* len, int readonly, int flags)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Handle buffer requests for an exporter that wants to expose *buf* of size *len* with writability set according to *readonly*. *buf* is interpreted as a sequence of unsigned bytes.

The *flags* argument indicates the request type. This function always fills in *view* as specified by flags, unless *buf* has been designated as read-only and `PyBUF_WRITABLE` is set in *flags*.

On success, set `view->obj` to a new reference to *exporter* and return 0. Otherwise, raise `BufferError`, set `view->obj` to NULL and return -1;

If this function is used as part of a *getbufferproc*, *exporter* **MUST** be set to the exporting object and *flags* must be passed unmodified. Otherwise, *exporter* **MUST** be NULL.

## 7.8 Ancien Protocole Tampon

Obsolète depuis la version 3.0.

Ces fonctions faisaient partie de l'API de l'ancien protocole de tampons dans Python 2. Dans Python 3, ce protocole n'existe plus, mais les fonctions sont toujours exposées pour simplifier le portage de code Python 2.x. Elles se comportent comme une abstraction de compatibilité du *nouveau protocole de tampons*, mais sans vous donner de contrôle sur la durée de vie des ressources acquises lorsqu'un tampon est exporté.

Il est donc recommandé d'appeler `PyObject_GetBuffer()` (ou les *codes* `y*` ou `w*` à la famille de fonctions `PyArg_ParseTuple()`) pour obtenir une vue d'un tampon sur un objet, et `PyBuffer_Release()` lorsque la vue peut être libérée.

int **PyObject\_AsCharBuffer** (*PyObject* \*obj, const char \*\*buffer, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*buffer\_len)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Retourne un pointeur vers un emplacement de mémoire en lecture seule utilisable en tant qu'entrée basée sur des caractères. L'argument *obj* doit prendre en charge l'interface de tampon de caractère à segment unique. En cas de succès, retourne 0, définit *buffer* à l'emplacement de la mémoire et *buffer\_len* à la longueur de la mémoire tampon. Retourne -1 et affecte une exception `TypeError` en cas d'erreur.

int **PyObject\_AsReadBuffer** (*PyObject* \*obj, const void \*\*buffer, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*buffer\_len)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Retourne un pointeur vers un emplacement de mémoire en lecture seule contenant des données arbitraires. L'argument *obj* doit prendre en charge l'interface de tampon lisible à segment unique. En cas de succès, retourne 0, définit *buffer* à l'emplacement de la mémoire et *buffer\_len* à la longueur de la mémoire tampon. Renvoie -1 et affecte l'exception `TypeError` en cas d'erreur.

int **PyObject\_CheckReadBuffer** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Retourne 1 si *o* prend en charge l'interface de mémoire tampon lisible à segment unique. Sinon, renvoie 0. Cette fonction réussit toujours.

Notez que cette fonction tente d'obtenir et de libérer une mémoire tampon, et les exceptions qui se produisent lors de l'appel des fonctions correspondantes seront supprimées. Pour que les erreurs vous soient signalées, utilisez `PyObject_GetBuffer()` à la place.

int **PyObject\_AsWriteBuffer** (*PyObject* \*obj, void \*\*buffer, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*buffer\_len)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Retourne un pointeur vers un emplacement de mémoire accessible en écriture. L'argument *obj* doit prendre en charge l'interface de mémoire tampon de caractère à segment unique. En cas de succès, retourne 0, définit *buffer* à l'emplacement de la mémoire et *buffer\_len* à la longueur de la mémoire tampon. Renvoie -1 et affecte l'exception `TypeError` en cas d'erreur.

## Couche des objets concrets

Les fonctions de ce chapitre sont spécifiques à certains types d'objets Python. Leur donner un objet du mauvais type n'est pas une bonne idée, si vous recevez un objet d'un programme Python, et que vous n'êtes pas sûr qu'il soit du bon type, vous devez vérifier son type en premier. Par exemple, pour vérifier qu'un objet est un dictionnaire, utilisez `PyDict_Check()`. Ce chapitre est organisé comme un arbre généalogique de types d'objets Python.

**Avertissement :** Tandis que les fonctions décrites dans ce chapitre vérifient avec soin le type des objets qui leur sont passés, beaucoup d'entre elles ne vérifient pas que `NULL` est passé au lieu d'un objet valide. Autoriser `NULL` à être passé peut provoquer des violations d'accès à la mémoire et ainsi terminer immédiatement l'interpréteur.

## 8.1 Objets fondamentaux

Cette section décrit les objets de type Python et l'objet singleton `None`.

### 8.1.1 Objets type

type **PyTypeObject**

*Part of the Limited API (as an opaque struct).* The C structure of the objects used to describe built-in types.

*PyTypeObject* **PyType\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the type object for type objects; it is the same object as `type` in the Python layer.

int **PyType\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return non-zero if the object *o* is a type object, including instances of types derived from the standard type object. Return 0 in all other cases. This function always succeeds.

int **PyType\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return non-zero if the object *o* is a type object, but not a subtype of the standard type object. Return 0 in all other cases. This function always succeeds.

unsigned int **PyType\_ClearCache** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Clear the internal lookup cache. Return the current version tag.

unsigned long **PyType\_GetFlags** (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the `tp_flags` member of *type*. This function is primarily meant for use with `Py_LIMITED_API`; the individual flag bits are guaranteed to be stable across Python releases, but access to `tp_flags` itself is not part of the *limited API*.

Added in version 3.2.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : The return type is now `unsigned long` rather than `long`.

*PyObject* \***PyType\_GetDict** (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

Return the type object's internal namespace, which is otherwise only exposed via a read-only proxy (`cls.__dict__`). This is a replacement for accessing `tp_dict` directly. The returned dictionary must be treated as read-only.

This function is meant for specific embedding and language-binding cases, where direct access to the dict is necessary and indirect access (e.g. via the proxy or `PyObject_GetAttr()`) isn't adequate.

Extension modules should continue to use `tp_dict`, directly or indirectly, when setting up their own types.

Added in version 3.12.

void **PyType\_Modified** (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Invalidate the internal lookup cache for the type and all of its subtypes. This function must be called after any manual modification of the attributes or base classes of the type.

int **PyType\_AddWatcher** (*PyType\_WatchCallback* callback)

Register *callback* as a type watcher. Return a non-negative integer ID which must be passed to future calls to `PyType_Watch()`. In case of error (e.g. no more watcher IDs available), return `-1` and set an exception.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyType\_ClearWatcher** (int watcher\_id)

Clear watcher identified by *watcher\_id* (previously returned from `PyType_AddWatcher()`). Return `0` on success, `-1` on error (e.g. if *watcher\_id* was never registered.)

An extension should never call `PyType_ClearWatcher` with a *watcher\_id* that was not returned to it by a previous call to `PyType_AddWatcher()`.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyType\_Watch** (int watcher\_id, *PyObject* \*type)

Mark *type* as watched. The callback granted *watcher\_id* by `PyType_AddWatcher()` will be called whenever `PyType_Modified()` reports a change to *type*. (The callback may be called only once for a series of consecutive modifications to *type*, if `_PyType_Lookup()` is not called on *type* between the modifications; this is an implementation detail and subject to change.)

An extension should never call `PyType_Watch` with a *watcher\_id* that was not returned to it by a previous call to `PyType_AddWatcher()`.

Added in version 3.12.

typedef int (\***PyType\_WatchCallback**)(*PyObject* \*type)

Type of a type-watcher callback function.

The callback must not modify *type* or cause `PyType_Modified()` to be called on *type* or any type in its MRO; violating this rule could cause infinite recursion.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyType\_HasFeature** (*PyTypeObject* \*o, int feature)

Return non-zero if the type object *o* sets the feature *feature*. Type features are denoted by single bit flags.

int **PyType\_IS\_GC** (*PyTypeObject* \*o)

Return true if the type object includes support for the cycle detector; this tests the type flag `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC`.

int **PyType\_IsSubtype** (*PyTypeObject* \*a, *PyTypeObject* \*b)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return true if *a* is a subtype of *b*.

This function only checks for actual subtypes, which means that `__subclasscheck__()` is not called on *b*. Call `PyObject_IsSubclass()` to do the same check that `issubclass()` would do.

*PyObject* \*PyType\_GenericAlloc (*PyTypeObject* \*type, *Py\_ssize\_t* nitems)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Generic handler for the `tp_alloc` slot of a type object. Use Python's default memory allocation mechanism to allocate a new instance and initialize all its contents to NULL.

*PyObject* \*PyType\_GenericNew (*PyTypeObject* \*type, *PyObject* \*args, *PyObject* \*kwargs)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Generic handler for the `tp_new` slot of a type object. Create a new instance using the type's `tp_alloc` slot.

int PyType\_Ready (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Finalize a type object. This should be called on all type objects to finish their initialization. This function is responsible for adding inherited slots from a type's base class. Return 0 on success, or return -1 and sets an exception on error.

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**Note** : If some of the base classes implements the GC protocol and the provided type does not include the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` in its flags, then the GC protocol will be automatically implemented from its parents. On the contrary, if the type being created does include `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` in its flags then it **must** implement the GC protocol itself by at least implementing the `tp_traverse` handle.

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*PyObject* \*PyType\_GetName (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.11. Return the type's name. Equivalent to getting the type's `__name__` attribute.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \*PyType\_GetQualName (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.11. Return the type's qualified name. Equivalent to getting the type's `__qualname__` attribute.

Added in version 3.11.

void \*PyType\_GetSlot (*PyTypeObject* \*type, int slot)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.4. Return the function pointer stored in the given slot. If the result is NULL, this indicates that either the slot is NULL, or that the function was called with invalid parameters. Callers will typically cast the result pointer into the appropriate function type.

See `PyType_Slot.slot` for possible values of the `slot` argument.

Added in version 3.4.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : `PyType_GetSlot()` can now accept all types. Previously, it was limited to *heap types*.

*PyObject* \*PyType\_GetModule (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.10. Return the module object associated with the given type when the type was created using `PyType_FromModuleAndSpec()`.

If no module is associated with the given type, sets `TypeError` and returns NULL.

This function is usually used to get the module in which a method is defined. Note that in such a method, `PyType_GetModule(Py_TYPE(self))` may not return the intended result. `Py_TYPE(self)` may be a *subclass* of the intended class, and subclasses are not necessarily defined in the same module as their superclass. See `PyCMethod` to get the class that defines the method. See `PyType_GetModuleByDef()` for cases when `PyCMethod` cannot be used.

Added in version 3.9.

void \*PyType\_GetModuleState (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.10. Return the state of the module object associated with the given type. This is a shortcut for calling `PyModule_GetState()` on the result of `PyType_GetModule()`.

If no module is associated with the given type, sets `TypeError` and returns NULL.

If the *type* has an associated module but its state is NULL, returns NULL without setting an exception.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyObject* \***PyType\_GetModuleByDef** (*PyTypeObject* \*type, struct *PyModuleDef* \*def)

Find the first superclass whose module was created from the given *PyModuleDef* *def*, and return that module. If no module is found, raises a `TypeError` and returns `NULL`.

This function is intended to be used together with *PyModule\_GetState*() to get module state from slot methods (such as *tp\_init* or *nb\_add*) and other places where a method's defining class cannot be passed using the *PyCMethod* calling convention.

Added in version 3.11.

int **PyUnstable\_Type\_AssignVersionTag** (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Attempt to assign a version tag to the given type.

Returns 1 if the type already had a valid version tag or a new one was assigned, or 0 if a new tag could not be assigned.

Added in version 3.12.

## Creating Heap-Allocated Types

The following functions and structs are used to create *heap types*.

*PyObject* \***PyType\_FromMetaclass** (*PyTypeObject* \*metaclass, *PyObject* \*module, *PyType\_Spec* \*spec, *PyObject* \*bases)

Part of the *Stable ABI* since version 3.12. Create and return a *heap type* from the *spec* (see *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HEAPTYPE*).

The metaclass *metaclass* is used to construct the resulting type object. When *metaclass* is `NULL`, the metaclass is derived from *bases* (or *Py\_tp\_base[s]* slots if *bases* is `NULL`, see below).

Metaclasses that override *tp\_new* are not supported, except if *tp\_new* is `NULL`. (For backwards compatibility, other *PyType\_From\** functions allow such metaclasses. They ignore *tp\_new*, which may result in incomplete initialization. This is deprecated and in Python 3.14+ such metaclasses will not be supported.)

The *bases* argument can be used to specify base classes; it can either be only one class or a tuple of classes. If *bases* is `NULL`, the *Py\_tp\_bases* slot is used instead. If that also is `NULL`, the *Py\_tp\_base* slot is used instead. If that also is `NULL`, the new type derives from `object`.

The *module* argument can be used to record the module in which the new class is defined. It must be a module object or `NULL`. If not `NULL`, the module is associated with the new type and can later be retrieved with *PyType\_GetModule*(). The associated module is not inherited by subclasses; it must be specified for each class individually.

This function calls *PyType\_Ready*() on the new type.

Note that this function does *not* fully match the behavior of calling `type()` or using the `class` statement. With user-provided base types or metaclasses, prefer *calling* `type` (or the metaclass) over *PyType\_From\** functions. Specifically :

- `__new__()` is not called on the new class (and it must be set to `type.__new__`).
- `__init__()` is not called on the new class.
- `__init_subclass__()` is not called on any bases.
- `__set_name__()` is not called on new descriptors.

Added in version 3.12.

*PyObject* \***PyType\_FromModuleAndSpec** (*PyObject* \*module, *PyType\_Spec* \*spec, *PyObject* \*bases)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI* since version 3.10. Equivalent to *PyType\_FromMetaclass*(`NULL`, *module*, *spec*, *bases*).

Added in version 3.9.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : The function now accepts a single class as the *bases* argument and `NULL` as the *tp\_doc* slot.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The function now finds and uses a metaclass corresponding to the provided base classes. Previously, only `type` instances were returned.

The *tp\_new* of the metaclass is *ignored*, which may result in incomplete initialization. Creating classes whose metaclass overrides *tp\_new* is deprecated and in Python 3.14+ it will be no longer allowed.



*PyObject* \***PyType\_FromSpecWithBases** (*PyType\_Spec* \*spec, *PyObject* \*bases)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.3. Equivalent to `PyType_FromMetaclass(NULL, NULL, spec, bases)`.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The function now finds and uses a metaclass corresponding to the provided base classes. Previously, only `type` instances were returned.

The `tp_new` of the metaclass is *ignored*, which may result in incomplete initialization. Creating classes whose metaclass overrides `tp_new` is deprecated and in Python 3.14+ it will be no longer allowed.

*PyObject* \***PyType\_FromSpec** (*PyType\_Spec* \*spec)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Equivalent to `PyType_FromMetaclass(NULL, NULL, spec, NULL)`.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The function now finds and uses a metaclass corresponding to the base classes provided in `Py_tp_base[s]` slots. Previously, only `type` instances were returned.

The `tp_new` of the metaclass is *ignored*, which may result in incomplete initialization. Creating classes whose metaclass overrides `tp_new` is deprecated and in Python 3.14+ it will be no longer allowed.

type **PyType\_Spec**

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) (including all members). Structure defining a type's behavior.

const char \***name**

Name of the type, used to set `PyTypeObject.tp_name`.

int **basicsize**

If positive, specifies the size of the instance in bytes. It is used to set `PyTypeObject.tp_basicsize`.

If zero, specifies that `tp_basicsize` should be inherited.

If negative, the absolute value specifies how much space instances of the class need *in addition* to the superclass. Use `PyObject_GetTypeData()` to get a pointer to subclass-specific memory reserved this way.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Previously, this field could not be negative.

int **itemsize**

Size of one element of a variable-size type, in bytes. Used to set `PyTypeObject.tp_itemsize`. See `tp_itemsize` documentation for caveats.

If zero, `tp_itemsize` is inherited. Extending arbitrary variable-sized classes is dangerous, since some types use a fixed offset for variable-sized memory, which can then overlap fixed-sized memory used by a subclass. To help prevent mistakes, inheriting `itemsize` is only possible in the following situations :

- The base is not variable-sized (its `tp_itemsize`).
- The requested `PyType_Spec.basicsize` is positive, suggesting that the memory layout of the base class is known.
- The requested `PyType_Spec.basicsize` is zero, suggesting that the subclass does not access the instance's memory directly.
- With the `Py_TPFLAGS_ITEMS_AT_END` flag.

unsigned int **flags**

Type flags, used to set `PyTypeObject.tp_flags`.

If the `Py_TPFLAGS_HEAPTYPE` flag is not set, `PyType_FromSpecWithBases()` sets it automatically.

*PyType\_Slot* \***slots**

Array of *PyType\_Slot* structures. Terminated by the special slot value {0, NULL}.

Each slot ID should be specified at most once.

type **PyType\_Slot**

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) (including all members). Structure defining optional functionality of a type, containing a slot ID and a value pointer.

int **slot**

A slot ID.

Slot IDs are named like the field names of the structures *PyTypeObject*, *PyNumberMethods*, *PySequenceMethods*, *PyMappingMethods* and *PyAsyncMethods* with an added *Py\_* prefix. For example, use :

- *Py\_tp\_dealloc* to set *PyTypeObject.tp\_dealloc*
- *Py\_nb\_add* to set *PyNumberMethods.nb\_add*
- *Py\_sq\_length* to set *PySequenceMethods.sq\_length*

The following “offset” fields cannot be set using *PyType\_Slot* :

- *tp\_weaklistoffset* (use *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MANAGED\_WEAKREF* instead if possible)
- *tp\_dictoffset* (use *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MANAGED\_DICT* instead if possible)
- *tp\_vectorcall\_offset* (use “*\_\_vectorcalloffset\_\_*” in *PyMemberDef*)

If it is not possible to switch to a MANAGED flag (for example, for vectorcall or to support Python older than 3.12), specify the offset in *Py\_tp\_members*. See *PyMemberDef* documentation for details.

The following fields cannot be set at all when creating a heap type :

- *tp\_vectorcall* (use *tp\_new* and/or *tp\_init*)
- Internal fields : *tp\_dict*, *tp\_mro*, *tp\_cache*, *tp\_subclasses*, and *tp\_weaklist*.

Setting *Py\_tp\_bases* or *Py\_tp\_base* may be problematic on some platforms. To avoid issues, use the *bases* argument of *PyType\_FromSpecWithBases()* instead.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : Slots in *PyBufferProcs* may be set in the unlimited API.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : *bf\_getbuffer* and *bf\_releasebuffer* are now available under the *limited API*.

void \***pfunc**

The desired value of the slot. In most cases, this is a pointer to a function.

Slots other than *Py\_tp\_doc* may not be NULL.

## 8.1.2 L’objet None

Note that the *PyTypeObject* for None is not directly exposed in the Python/C API. Since None is a singleton, testing for object identity (using `==` in C) is sufficient. There is no *PyNone\_Check()* function for the same reason.

*PyObject* \***Py\_None**

The Python None object, denoting lack of value. This object has no methods and is *immortal*.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : *Py\_None* is immortal.

**Py\_RETURN\_NONE**

Return *Py\_None* from a function.

## 8.2 Objets numériques

### 8.2.1 Objets Integer

All integers are implemented as “long” integer objects of arbitrary size.

On error, most *PyLong\_As\** APIs return `(return type) - 1` which cannot be distinguished from a number. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

type **PyLongObject**

Part of the *Limited API* (as an opaque struct). This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python integer object.



**PyObject PyLong\_Type**

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). This instance of *PyObject* represents the Python integer type. This is the same object as `int` in the Python layer.

**int PyLong\_Check (PyObject \*p)**

Return true if its argument is a *PyLongObject* or a subtype of *PyLongObject*. This function always succeeds.

**int PyLong\_CheckExact (PyObject \*p)**

Return true if its argument is a *PyLongObject*, but not a subtype of *PyLongObject*. This function always succeeds.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromLong (long v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from `v`, or NULL on failure.

The current implementation keeps an array of integer objects for all integers between `-5` and `256`. When you create an `int` in that range you actually just get back a reference to the existing object.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromUnsignedLong (unsigned long v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from a C unsigned long, or NULL on failure.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromSsize\_t (Py\_ssize\_t v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from a C *Py\_ssize\_t*, or NULL on failure.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromSize\_t (size\_t v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from a C *size\_t*, or NULL on failure.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromLongLong (long long v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from a C long long, or NULL on failure.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromUnsignedLongLong (unsigned long long v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from a C unsigned long long, or NULL on failure.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromDouble (double v)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* object from the integer part of `v`, or NULL on failure.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromString (const char \*str, char \*\*pend, int base)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new *PyLongObject* based on the string value in `str`, which is interpreted according to the radix in `base`, or NULL on failure. If `pend` is non-NULL, `*pend` will point to the end of `str` on success or to the first character that could not be processed on error. If `base` is 0, `str` is interpreted using the integers definition; in this case, leading zeros in a non-zero decimal number raises a `ValueError`. If `base` is not 0, it must be between 2 and 36, inclusive. Leading and trailing whitespace and single underscores after a base specifier and between digits are ignored. If there are no digits or `str` is not NULL-terminated following the digits and trailing whitespace, `ValueError` will be raised.

**Voir aussi :**

Python methods `int.to_bytes()` and `int.from_bytes()` to convert a *PyLongObject* to/from an array of bytes in base 256. You can call those from C using `PyObject_CallMethod()`.

**PyObject \*PyLong\_FromUnicodeObject (PyObject \*u, int base)**

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Convert a sequence of Unicode digits in the string `u` to a Python integer value.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \***PyLong\_FromVoidPtr** (void \*p)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a Python integer from the pointer *p*. The pointer value can be retrieved from the resulting value using *PyLong\_AsVoidPtr()*.

long **PyLong\_AsLong** (*PyObject* \*obj)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C long representation of *obj*. If *obj* is not an instance of *PyLongObject*, first call its `__index__()` method (if present) to convert it to a *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *obj* is out of range for a long.

Returns -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `__index__()` if available.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function will no longer use `__int__()`.

long **PyLong\_AsLongAndOverflow** (*PyObject* \*obj, int \*overflow)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C long representation of *obj*. If *obj* is not an instance of *PyLongObject*, first call its `__index__()` method (if present) to convert it to a *PyLongObject*.

If the value of *obj* is greater than `LONG_MAX` or less than `LONG_MIN`, set \**overflow* to 1 or -1, respectively, and return -1; otherwise, set \**overflow* to 0. If any other exception occurs set \**overflow* to 0 and return -1 as usual.

Returns -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `__index__()` if available.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function will no longer use `__int__()`.

long long **PyLong\_AsLongLong** (*PyObject* \*obj)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C long long representation of *obj*. If *obj* is not an instance of *PyLongObject*, first call its `__index__()` method (if present) to convert it to a *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *obj* is out of range for a long long.

Returns -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `__index__()` if available.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function will no longer use `__int__()`.

long long **PyLong\_AsLongLongAndOverflow** (*PyObject* \*obj, int \*overflow)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C long long representation of *obj*. If *obj* is not an instance of *PyLongObject*, first call its `__index__()` method (if present) to convert it to a *PyLongObject*.

If the value of *obj* is greater than `LLONG_MAX` or less than `LLONG_MIN`, set \**overflow* to 1 or -1, respectively, and return -1; otherwise, set \**overflow* to 0. If any other exception occurs set \**overflow* to 0 and return -1 as usual.

Returns -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Added in version 3.2.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `__index__()` if available.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function will no longer use `__int__()`.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyLong\_AsSsize\_t** (*PyObject* \*pylong)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C *Py\_ssize\_t* representation of *pylong*. *pylong* must be an instance of *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *pylong* is out of range for a *Py\_ssize\_t*.

Returns -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

unsigned long **PyLong\_AsUnsignedLong** (*PyObject* \*pylong)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C unsigned long representation of *pylong*. *pylong* must be an instance of *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *pylong* is out of range for a unsigned long.

Returns (unsigned long)-1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

size\_t **PyLong\_AsSize\_t** (*PyObject* \*pylong)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a C *size\_t* representation of *pylong*. *pylong* must be an instance of *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *pylong* is out of range for a *size\_t*.

Returns (*size\_t*)-1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

unsigned long long **PyLong\_AsUnsignedLongLong** (*PyObject* \*pylong)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a C unsigned long long representation of *pylong*. *pylong* must be an instance of *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *pylong* is out of range for an unsigned long long.

Returns (unsigned long long) -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Modifié dans la version 3.1 : A negative *pylong* now raises *OverflowError*, not *TypeError*.

unsigned long **PyLong\_AsUnsignedLongMask** (*PyObject* \*obj)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a C unsigned long representation of *obj*. If *obj* is not an instance of *PyLongObject*, first call its *\_\_index\_\_()* method (if present) to convert it to a *PyLongObject*.

If the value of *obj* is out of range for an unsigned long, return the reduction of that value modulo *ULONG\_MAX + 1*.

Returns (unsigned long) -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use *\_\_index\_\_()* if available.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function will no longer use *\_\_int\_\_()*.

unsigned long long **PyLong\_AsUnsignedLongLongMask** (*PyObject* \*obj)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a C unsigned long long representation of *obj*. If *obj* is not an instance of *PyLongObject*, first call its *\_\_index\_\_()* method (if present) to convert it to a *PyLongObject*.

If the value of *obj* is out of range for an unsigned long long, return the reduction of that value modulo *ULLONG\_MAX + 1*.

Returns (unsigned long long) -1 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use *\_\_index\_\_()* if available.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function will no longer use *\_\_int\_\_()*.

double **PyLong\_AsDouble** (*PyObject* \*pylong)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a C double representation of *pylong*. *pylong* must be an instance of *PyLongObject*.

Raise *OverflowError* if the value of *pylong* is out of range for a double.

Returns -1.0 on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

void \***PyLong\_AsVoidPtr** (*PyObject* \*pylong)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Convert a Python integer *pylong* to a C void pointer. If *pylong* cannot be converted, an *OverflowError* will be raised. This is only assured to produce a usable void pointer for values created with *PyLong\_FromVoidPtr()*.

Returns NULL on error. Use *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

int **PyUnstable\_Long\_IsCompact** (const *PyLongObject* \*op)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Return 1 if *op* is compact, 0 otherwise.

This function makes it possible for performance-critical code to implement a “fast path” for small integers. For compact values use *PyUnstable\_Long\_CompactValue()*; for others fall back to a *PyLong\_As\** function or *calling int.to\_bytes()*.

The speedup is expected to be negligible for most users.

Exactly what values are considered compact is an implementation detail and is subject to change.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnstable\_Long\_CompactValue** (const *PyLongObject* \*op)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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If *op* is compact, as determined by *PyUnstable\_Long\_IsCompact()*, return its value.

Otherwise, the return value is undefined.

## 8.2.2 Les objets booléens

Booleans in Python are implemented as a subclass of integers. There are only two booleans, *Py\_False* and *Py\_True*. As such, the normal creation and deletion functions don't apply to booleans. The following macros are available, however.

### *PyObject* **PyBool\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This instance of *PyObject* represents the Python boolean type; it is the same object as `bool` in the Python layer.

### int **PyBool\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

Renvoie vrai si *o* est de type `PyBool_Type`. Cette fonction réussit systématiquement.

### *PyObject* \***Py\_False**

The Python `False` object. This object has no methods and is *immortal*.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : *Py\_False* is immortal.

### *PyObject* \***Py\_True**

The Python `True` object. This object has no methods and is *immortal*.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : *Py\_True* is immortal.

### **Py\_RETURN\_FALSE**

Return *Py\_False* from a function.

### **Py\_RETURN\_TRUE**

Return *Py\_True* from a function.

### *PyObject* \***PyBool\_FromLong** (long v)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return *Py\_True* or *Py\_False*, depending on the truth value of *v*.

## 8.2.3 Objets représentant les nombres à virgule flottante

### type **PyFloatObject**

Ce sous-type de l'objet *PyObject* représente un nombre à virgule flottante en Python.

### *PyObject* **PyFloat\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Cette instance de l'objet *PyObject* représente le type nombre à virgule flottante en Python. C'est le même objet que la classe `float` de la couche Python.

### int **PyFloat\_Check** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if its argument is a *PyFloatObject* or a subtype of *PyFloatObject*. This function always succeeds.

### int **PyFloat\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if its argument is a *PyFloatObject*, but not a subtype of *PyFloatObject*. This function always succeeds.

### *PyObject* \***PyFloat\_FromString** (*PyObject* \*str)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a *PyFloatObject* object based on the string value in *str*, or NULL on failure.

### *PyObject* \***PyFloat\_FromDouble** (double v)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a *PyFloatObject* object from *v*, or NULL on failure.

double **PyFloat\_AsDouble** (*PyObject* \*pyfloat)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a C double representation of the contents of *pyfloat*. If *pyfloat* is not a Python floating point object but has a `__float__()` method, this method will first be called to convert *pyfloat* into a float. If `__float__()` is not defined then it falls back to `__index__()`. This method returns `-1.0` upon failure, so one should call *PyErr\_Occurred()* to check for errors.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `__index__()` if available.

double **PyFloat\_AS\_DOUBLE** (*PyObject* \*pyfloat)

Return a C double representation of the contents of *pyfloat*, but without error checking.

*PyObject* \***PyFloat\_GetInfo** (void)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie une instance *structseq* qui contient les informations sur la précision et les valeurs minimales et maximales pour un nombre à virgule flottante. C'est une enveloppe autour du fichier d'entête `float.h`.

double **PyFloat\_GetMax** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the maximum representable finite float *DBL\_MAX* as C double.

double **PyFloat\_GetMin** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the minimum normalized positive float *DBL\_MIN* as C double.

## Pack and Unpack functions

The pack and unpack functions provide an efficient platform-independent way to store floating-point values as byte strings. The Pack routines produce a bytes string from a C double, and the Unpack routines produce a C double from such a bytes string. The suffix (2, 4 or 8) specifies the number of bytes in the bytes string.

On platforms that appear to use IEEE 754 formats these functions work by copying bits. On other platforms, the 2-byte format is identical to the IEEE 754 binary16 half-precision format, the 4-byte format (32-bit) is identical to the IEEE 754 binary32 single precision format, and the 8-byte format to the IEEE 754 binary64 double precision format, although the packing of INFs and NaNs (if such things exist on the platform) isn't handled correctly, and attempting to unpack a bytes string containing an IEEE INF or NaN will raise an exception.

On non-IEEE platforms with more precision, or larger dynamic range, than IEEE 754 supports, not all values can be packed; on non-IEEE platforms with less precision, or smaller dynamic range, not all values can be unpacked. What happens in such cases is partly accidental (alas).

Added in version 3.11.

## Pack functions

The pack routines write 2, 4 or 8 bytes, starting at *p*. *le* is an `int` argument, non-zero if you want the bytes string in little-endian format (exponent last, at *p*+1, *p*+3, or *p*+6 *p*+7), zero if you want big-endian format (exponent first, at *p*). The `PY_BIG_ENDIAN` constant can be used to use the native endian : it is equal to 1 on big endian processor, or 0 on little endian processor.

Return value : 0 if all is OK, -1 if error (and an exception is set, most likely *OverflowError*).

There are two problems on non-IEEE platforms :

- What this does is undefined if *x* is a NaN or infinity.
- `-0.0` and `+0.0` produce the same bytes string.

int **PyFloat\_Pack2** (double *x*, unsigned char \**p*, int *le*)

Pack a C double as the IEEE 754 binary16 half-precision format.

int **PyFloat\_Pack4** (double *x*, unsigned char \**p*, int *le*)

Pack a C double as the IEEE 754 binary32 single precision format.

int **PyFloat\_Pack8** (double *x*, unsigned char \**p*, int *le*)

Pack a C double as the IEEE 754 binary64 double precision format.

## Unpack functions

The unpack routines read 2, 4 or 8 bytes, starting at *p*. *le* is an `int` argument, non-zero if the bytes string is in little-endian format (exponent last, at *p*+1, *p*+3 or *p*+6 and *p*+7), zero if big-endian (exponent first, at *p*). The `PY_BIG_ENDIAN` constant can be used to use the native endian : it is equal to 1 on big endian processor, or 0 on little endian processor.

Return value : The unpacked double. On error, this is `-1.0` and `PyErr_Occurred()` is true (and an exception is set, most likely `OverflowError`).

Note that on a non-IEEE platform this will refuse to unpack a bytes string that represents a NaN or infinity.

double **PyFloat\_Unpack2** (const unsigned char \*p, int le)

Unpack the IEEE 754 binary16 half-precision format as a C double.

double **PyFloat\_Unpack4** (const unsigned char \*p, int le)

Unpack the IEEE 754 binary32 single precision format as a C double.

double **PyFloat\_Unpack8** (const unsigned char \*p, int le)

Unpack the IEEE 754 binary64 double precision format as a C double.

## 8.2.4 Objets représentant des nombres complexes

Les nombres complexes Python sont implémentés comme deux types distincts, lorsqu'ils sont vus de l'API C : l'un est l'objet Python tel qu'il est vu par les programmes Python, et l'autre est une structure C qui représente la valeur exacte du nombre complexe. L'API fournit des fonctions pour travailler avec ces deux représentations.

### Nombres complexes en tant que structures C

Les fonctions qui acceptent ces structures comme paramètres et les renvoient comme résultats le font en fonction de leur *valeur* au lieu de les dé-référencer en utilisant des pointeurs. C'est constant dans toute l'API.

type **Py\_complex**

Structure C représentant la valeur d'un nombre complexe Python. La majorité des fonctions qui traitent des nombres complexes utilisent cette structure en entrée ou en sortie, selon le cas. Elle est définie par :

```
typedef struct {  
    double real;  
    double imag;  
} Py_complex;
```

*Py\_complex* **\_Py\_c\_sum** (*Py\_complex* left, *Py\_complex* right)

Renvoie la somme de deux nombres complexes, sous la forme d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

*Py\_complex* **\_Py\_c\_diff** (*Py\_complex* left, *Py\_complex* right)

Renvoie la différence de deux nombres complexes, sous la forme d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

*Py\_complex* **\_Py\_c\_neg** (*Py\_complex* num)

Return the negation of the complex number *num*, using the C *Py\_complex* representation.

*Py\_complex* **\_Py\_c\_prod** (*Py\_complex* left, *Py\_complex* right)

Renvoie le produit de deux nombres complexes, sous la forme d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

*Py\_complex* **\_Py\_c\_quot** (*Py\_complex* dividend, *Py\_complex* divisor)

Renvoie le quotient de deux nombres complexes, sous la forme d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

If *divisor* is null, this method returns zero and sets `errno` to `EDOM`.

*Py\_complex* **\_Py\_c\_pow** (*Py\_complex* num, *Py\_complex* exp)

Renvoie *num* à la puissance *exp*, sous la forme d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

If *num* is null and *exp* is not a positive real number, this method returns zero and sets `errno` to `EDOM`.



## Nombres complexes en tant qu'objets Python

type **PyComplexObject**

Ce sous-type de l'objet *PyObject* représente un nombre complexe en Python.

*PyTypeObject* **PyComplex\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Cette instance de *PyTypeObject* représente le type nombre complexe Python. C'est le même objet que la classe `complex` de la couche Python.

int **PyComplex\_Check** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if its argument is a *PyComplexObject* or a subtype of *PyComplexObject*. This function always succeeds.

int **PyComplex\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if its argument is a *PyComplexObject*, but not a subtype of *PyComplexObject*. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyComplex\_FromCComplex** (*Py\_complex* v)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Crée un nouveau nombre complexe à partir de la valeur d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

*PyObject* \***PyComplex\_FromDoubles** (double real, double imag)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI.* Renvoie un nouveau *PyComplexObject* à partir de *real* et de *imag*.

double **PyComplex\_RealAsDouble** (*PyObject* \*op)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the real part of *op* as a C double.

double **PyComplex\_ImagAsDouble** (*PyObject* \*op)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the imaginary part of *op* as a C double.

*Py\_complex* **PyComplex\_AsCComplex** (*PyObject* \*op)

Renvoie la valeur du nombre complexe *op* sous la forme d'un *Py\_complex* en C.

If *op* is not a Python complex number object but has a `__complex__()` method, this method will first be called to convert *op* to a Python complex number object. If `__complex__()` is not defined then it falls back to `__float__()`. If `__float__()` is not defined then it falls back to `__index__()`. Upon failure, this method returns `-1.0` as a real value.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Use `__index__()` if available.

## 8.3 Objets séquences

Les opérations génériques sur les objets séquences ont été discutées dans le chapitre précédent. Cette section traite des genres spécifiques d'objets séquences qui sont intrinsèques au langage Python.

### 8.3.1 Objets *bytes*

These functions raise `TypeError` when expecting a bytes parameter and called with a non-bytes parameter.

type **PyBytesObject**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python bytes object.

*PyTypeObject* **PyBytes\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python bytes type; it is the same object as `bytes` in the Python layer.

int **PyBytes\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return true if the object *o* is a bytes object or an instance of a subtype of the bytes type. This function always succeeds.

**int PyBytes\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return true if the object *o* is a bytes object, but not an instance of a subtype of the bytes type. This function always succeeds.

**PyObject\* PyBytes\_FromString** (const char \*v)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a new bytes object with a copy of the string *v* as value on success, and NULL on failure. The parameter *v* must not be NULL; it will not be checked.

**PyObject\* PyBytes\_FromStringAndSize** (const char \*v, *Py\_ssize\_t* len)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a new bytes object with a copy of the string *v* as value and length *len* on success, and NULL on failure. If *v* is NULL, the contents of the bytes object are uninitialized.

**PyObject\* PyBytes\_FromFormat** (const char \*format, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Take a C `printf()`-style *format* string and a variable number of arguments, calculate the size of the resulting Python bytes object and return a bytes object with the values formatted into it. The variable arguments must be C types and must correspond exactly to the format characters in the *format* string. The following format characters are allowed :

Caractères de format	Type	Comment
%%	<i>n/a</i>	The literal % character.
%c	<i>int</i>	A single byte, represented as a C int.
%d	<i>int</i>	Equivalent to <code>printf("%d").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%u	unsigned int	Equivalent to <code>printf("%u").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%ld	long	Equivalent to <code>printf("%ld").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%lu	unsigned long	Equivalent to <code>printf("%lu").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%zd	<i>Py_ssize_t</i>	Equivalent to <code>printf("%zd").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%zu	<i>size_t</i>	Equivalent to <code>printf("%zu").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%i	<i>int</i>	Equivalent to <code>printf("%i").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%x	<i>int</i>	Equivalent to <code>printf("%x").</code> <sup>1</sup>
%s	const char*	A null-terminated C character array.
%p	const void*	The hex representation of a C pointer. Mostly equivalent to <code>printf("%p")</code> except that it is guaranteed to start with the literal 0x regardless of what the platform's <code>printf</code> yields.

An unrecognized format character causes all the rest of the format string to be copied as-is to the result object, and any extra arguments discarded.

**PyObject\* PyBytes\_FromFormatV** (const char \*format, va\_list args)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Identical to `PyBytes_FromFormat()` except that it takes exactly two arguments.

**PyObject\* PyBytes\_FromObject** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the bytes representation of object *o* that implements the buffer protocol.

**Py\_ssize\_t PyBytes\_Size** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the length of the bytes in bytes object *o*.

**Py\_ssize\_t PyBytes\_GET\_SIZE** (*PyObject* \*o)

Similar to `PyBytes_Size()`, but without error checking.

**char\* PyBytes\_AsString** (*PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a pointer to the contents of *o*. The pointer refers to the internal buffer of *o*, which consists of `len(o) + 1` bytes. The last byte in the buffer is always null, regardless of whether there are any other null bytes. The data must not be modified in any way, unless the object was just created using `PyBytes_FromStringAndSize(NULL, size)`. It must not be deallocated. If *o* is not a bytes object at all, `PyBytes_AsString()` returns NULL and raises `TypeError`.

1. For integer specifiers (d, u, ld, lu, zd, zu, i, x) : the 0-conversion flag has effect even when a precision is given.



char **\*PyBytes\_AS\_STRING** (*PyObject* \*string)

Similar to *PyBytes\_AsString()*, but without error checking.

int **PyBytes\_AsStringAndSize** (*PyObject* \*obj, char \*\*buffer, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*length)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the null-terminated contents of the object *obj* through the output variables *buffer* and *length*. Returns 0 on success.

If *length* is NULL, the bytes object may not contain embedded null bytes; if it does, the function returns -1 and a *ValueError* is raised.

The buffer refers to an internal buffer of *obj*, which includes an additional null byte at the end (not counted in *length*). The data must not be modified in any way, unless the object was just created using *PyBytes\_FromStringAndSize(NULL, size)*. It must not be deallocated. If *obj* is not a bytes object at all, *PyBytes\_AsStringAndSize()* returns -1 and raises *TypeError*.

Modifié dans la version 3.5 : Previously, *TypeError* was raised when embedded null bytes were encountered in the bytes object.

void **PyBytes\_Concat** (*PyObject* \*\*bytes, *PyObject* \*newpart)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a new bytes object in *\*bytes* containing the contents of *newpart* appended to *bytes*; the caller will own the new reference. The reference to the old value of *bytes* will be stolen. If the new object cannot be created, the old reference to *bytes* will still be discarded and the value of *\*bytes* will be set to NULL; the appropriate exception will be set.

void **PyBytes\_ConcatAndDel** (*PyObject* \*\*bytes, *PyObject* \*newpart)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a new bytes object in *\*bytes* containing the contents of *newpart* appended to *bytes*. This version releases the *strong reference* to *newpart* (i.e. decrements its reference count).

int **\_PyBytes\_Resize** (*PyObject* \*\*bytes, *Py\_ssize\_t* newsize)

A way to resize a bytes object even though it is "immutable". Only use this to build up a brand new bytes object; don't use this if the bytes may already be known in other parts of the code. It is an error to call this function if the refcount on the input bytes object is not one. Pass the address of an existing bytes object as an lvalue (it may be written into), and the new size desired. On success, *\*bytes* holds the resized bytes object and 0 is returned; the address in *\*bytes* may differ from its input value. If the reallocation fails, the original bytes object at *\*bytes* is deallocated, *\*bytes* is set to NULL, *MemoryError* is set, and -1 is returned.

## 8.3.2 Objets tableau d'octets

type **PyByteArrayObject**

Ce sous-type de *PyObject* représente un objet *bytearray* Python.

*PyTypeObject* **PyByteArray\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Cette instance de *PyTypeObject* représente le type Python *bytearray*, c'est le même que *bytearray* côté Python.

### Macros de vérification de type

int **PyByteArray\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

Renvoie vrai si l'objet *o* est un *bytearray* ou une instance d'un sous-type du type *bytearray*. Cette méthode réussit toujours.

int **PyByteArray\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*o)

Renvoie vrai si l'objet *o* est un *bytearray*, mais pas une instance d'un sous-type du type *bytearray*. Cette méthode réussit toujours.

## Fonctions directes sur l'API

*PyObject* \***PyByteArray\_FromObject** (*PyObject* \*o)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie un nouvel objet *bytearray* depuis n'importe quel objet, *o*, qui implémente le *protocole buffer*.

*PyObject* \***PyByteArray\_FromStringAndSize** (const char \*string, *Py\_ssize\_t* len)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Crée un nouvel objet *bytearray* à partir d'un objet *string* et de sa longueur, *len*. En cas d'échec, NULL est renvoyé.

*PyObject* \***PyByteArray\_Concat** (*PyObject* \*a, *PyObject* \*b)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Concatène les *bytearrays* *a* et *b* et renvoie un nouveau *bytearray* avec le résultat.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyByteArray\_Size** (*PyObject* \*bytearray)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie la taille de *bytearray* après vérification de la présence d'un pointeur NULL.

char \***PyByteArray\_AsString** (*PyObject* \*bytearray)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie le contenu de *bytearray* sous forme d'un tableau de caractères, en vérifiant que ce n'est pas un pointeur NULL. Le tableau renvoyé a toujours un caractère *null* rajouté.

int **PyByteArray\_Resize** (*PyObject* \*bytearray, *Py\_ssize\_t* len)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Redimensionne le tampon interne de *bytearray* à la taille *len*.

## Macros

Ces macros sont taillées pour la vitesse d'exécution et ne vérifient pas les pointeurs.

char \***PyByteArray\_AS\_STRING** (*PyObject* \*bytearray)

Similar to *PyByteArray\_AsString()*, but without error checking.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyByteArray\_GET\_SIZE** (*PyObject* \*bytearray)

Similar to *PyByteArray\_Size()*, but without error checking.

## 8.3.3 Objets Unicode et Codecs

### Objets Unicode

Depuis l'implémentation de **PEP 393** dans Python 3.3, les objets Unicode utilisent une variété de représentations internes, pour permettre de gérer l'intervalle complet des caractères Unicode en restant efficace en termes de mémoire. Il y a des cas spéciaux pour les chaînes où tous les points de code sont inférieurs à 128, 256, ou 65536; sinon, les points de code doivent être inférieurs à 1114112 (qui est l'intervalle Unicode complet).

UTF-8 representation is created on demand and cached in the Unicode object.

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**Note :** The *Py\_UNICODE* representation has been removed since Python 3.12 with deprecated APIs. See **PEP 623** for more information.

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## Type Unicode

Voici les types d'objets Unicode utilisés pour l'implémentation Unicode en Python :

type **Py\_UCS4**

type **Py\_UCS2**

type **Py\_UCS1**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Voici les *typedefs* pour les types entiers non signés suffisamment large pour contenir des caractères de 32 bits, 16 bits et 8 bits, respectivement. Pour traiter des caractères uniques, utilisez *Py\_UCS4*.  
Added in version 3.3.

type **Py\_UNICODE**

This is a typedef of *wchar\_t*, which is a 16-bit type or 32-bit type depending on the platform.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : Dans les versions précédentes, ceci était un type 16-bit ou un type 32-bit selon que vous choisissiez une version Unicode *narrow* ou *wide* de Python à la compilation.

type **PyASCIIObject**

type **PyCompactUnicodeObject**

type **PyUnicodeObject**

These subtypes of *PyObject* represent a Python Unicode object. In almost all cases, they shouldn't be used directly, since all API functions that deal with Unicode objects take and return *PyObject* pointers.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyTypeObject* **PyUnicode\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python Unicode type. It is exposed to Python code as *str*.

The following APIs are C macros and static inlined functions for fast checks and access to internal read-only data of Unicode objects :

int **PyUnicode\_Check** (*PyObject* \*obj)

Return true if the object *obj* is a Unicode object or an instance of a Unicode subtype. This function always succeeds.

int **PyUnicode\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*obj)

Return true if the object *obj* is a Unicode object, but not an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.

int **PyUnicode\_READY** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Returns 0. This API is kept only for backward compatibility.

Added in version 3.3.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.10 : This API does nothing since Python 3.12.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnicode\_GET\_LENGTH** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Return the length of the Unicode string, in code points. *unicode* has to be a Unicode object in the "canonical" representation (not checked).

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_UCS1* \***PyUnicode\_1BYTE\_DATA** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Py\_UCS2* \***PyUnicode\_2BYTE\_DATA** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Py\_UCS4* \***PyUnicode\_4BYTE\_DATA** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Return a pointer to the canonical representation cast to UCS1, UCS2 or UCS4 integer types for direct character access. No checks are performed if the canonical representation has the correct character size ; use *PyUnicode\_KIND()* to select the right function.

Added in version 3.3.

**PyUnicode\_1BYTE\_KIND**

**PyUnicode\_2BYTE\_KIND**

**PyUnicode\_4BYTE\_KIND**

Return values of the `PyUnicode_KIND()` macro.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : `PyUnicode_WCHAR_KIND` has been removed.

int **PyUnicode\_KIND** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Return one of the PyUnicode kind constants (see above) that indicate how many bytes per character this Unicode object uses to store its data. *unicode* has to be a Unicode object in the "canonical" representation (not checked).

Added in version 3.3.

void \***PyUnicode\_DATA** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Return a void pointer to the raw Unicode buffer. *unicode* has to be a Unicode object in the "canonical" representation (not checked).

Added in version 3.3.

void **PyUnicode\_WRITE** (int kind, void \*data, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, *Py\_UCS4* value)

Write into a canonical representation *data* (as obtained with `PyUnicode_DATA()`). This function performs no sanity checks, and is intended for usage in loops. The caller should cache the *kind* value and *data* pointer as obtained from other calls. *index* is the index in the string (starts at 0) and *value* is the new code point value which should be written to that location.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_UCS4* **PyUnicode\_READ** (int kind, void \*data, *Py\_ssize\_t* index)

Read a code point from a canonical representation *data* (as obtained with `PyUnicode_DATA()`). No checks or ready calls are performed.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_UCS4* **PyUnicode\_READ\_CHAR** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* index)

Read a character from a Unicode object *unicode*, which must be in the "canonical" representation. This is less efficient than `PyUnicode_READ()` if you do multiple consecutive reads.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_UCS4* **PyUnicode\_MAX\_CHAR\_VALUE** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Return the maximum code point that is suitable for creating another string based on *unicode*, which must be in the "canonical" representation. This is always an approximation but more efficient than iterating over the string.

Added in version 3.3.

int **PyUnicode\_IsIdentifier** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return 1 if the string is a valid identifier according to the language definition, section identifiers. Return 0 otherwise.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : The function does not call `Py_FatalError()` anymore if the string is not ready.

## Unicode Character Properties

Unicode provides many different character properties. The most often needed ones are available through these macros which are mapped to C functions depending on the Python configuration.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISSPACE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a whitespace character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISLOWER** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a lowercase character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISUPPER** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is an uppercase character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISTITLE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a titlecase character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISLINEBREAK** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a linebreak character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISDECIMAL** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a decimal character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISDIGIT** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a digit character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISNUMERIC** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a numeric character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISALPHA** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is an alphabetic character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISALNUM** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is an alphanumeric character.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_ISPRINTABLE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return 1 or 0 depending on whether *ch* is a printable character. Nonprintable characters are those characters defined in the Unicode character database as "Other" or "Separator", excepting the ASCII space (0x20) which is considered printable. (Note that printable characters in this context are those which should not be escaped when `repr()` is invoked on a string. It has no bearing on the handling of strings written to `sys.stdout` or `sys.stderr`.)

These APIs can be used for fast direct character conversions :

*Py\_UCS4* **Py\_UNICODE\_TOLOWER** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return the character *ch* converted to lower case.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.3 : This function uses simple case mappings.

*Py\_UCS4* **Py\_UNICODE\_TOUPPER** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return the character *ch* converted to upper case.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.3 : This function uses simple case mappings.

*Py\_UCS4* **Py\_UNICODE\_TOTITLE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return the character *ch* converted to title case.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.3 : This function uses simple case mappings.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_TODECIMAL** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return the character *ch* converted to a decimal positive integer. Return -1 if this is not possible. This function does not raise exceptions.

int **Py\_UNICODE\_TODIGIT** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return the character *ch* converted to a single digit integer. Return -1 if this is not possible. This function does not raise exceptions.

double **Py\_UNICODE\_TONUMERIC** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Return the character *ch* converted to a double. Return -1.0 if this is not possible. This function does not raise exceptions.

These APIs can be used to work with surrogates :

int **Py\_UNICODE\_IS\_SURROGATE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Check if *ch* is a surrogate (0xD800 <= ch <= 0xDFFF).

int **Py\_UNICODE\_IS\_HIGH\_SURROGATE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Check if *ch* is a high surrogate (0xD800 <= ch <= 0xDBFF).

int **Py\_UNICODE\_IS\_LOW\_SURROGATE** (*Py\_UCS4* ch)

Check if *ch* is a low surrogate (`0xDC00 <= ch <= 0xDFFF`).

*Py\_UCS4* **Py\_UNICODE\_JOIN\_SURROGATES** (*Py\_UCS4* high, *Py\_UCS4* low)

Join two surrogate characters and return a single *Py\_UCS4* value. *high* and *low* are respectively the leading and trailing surrogates in a surrogate pair. *high* must be in the range `[0xD800; 0xDBFF]` and *low* must be in the range `[0xDC00; 0xDFFF]`.

## Creating and accessing Unicode strings

To create Unicode objects and access their basic sequence properties, use these APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_New** (*Py\_ssize\_t* size, *Py\_UCS4* maxchar)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a new Unicode object. *maxchar* should be the true maximum code point to be placed in the string. As an approximation, it can be rounded up to the nearest value in the sequence 127, 255, 65535, 1114111.

This is the recommended way to allocate a new Unicode object. Objects created using this function are not resizable.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_FromKindAndData** (int kind, const void \*buffer, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a new Unicode object with the given *kind* (possible values are *PyUnicode\_1BYTE\_KIND* etc., as returned by *PyUnicode\_KIND*()). The *buffer* must point to an array of *size* units of 1, 2 or 4 bytes per character, as given by the kind.

If necessary, the input *buffer* is copied and transformed into the canonical representation. For example, if the *buffer* is a UCS4 string (*PyUnicode\_4BYTE\_KIND*) and it consists only of codepoints in the UCS1 range, it will be transformed into UCS1 (*PyUnicode\_1BYTE\_KIND*).

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_FromStringAndSize** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object from the char buffer *str*. The bytes will be interpreted as being UTF-8 encoded. The buffer is copied into the new object. The return value might be a shared object, i.e. modification of the data is not allowed.

This function raises `SystemError` when :

— *size* < 0,

— *str* is `NULL` and *size* > 0

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : *str* == `NULL` with *size* > 0 is not allowed anymore.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_FromString** (const char \*str)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object from a UTF-8 encoded null-terminated char buffer *str*.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_FromFormat** (const char \*format, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Take a C `printf()`-style *format* string and a variable number of arguments, calculate the size of the resulting Python Unicode string and return a string with the values formatted into it. The variable arguments must be C types and must correspond exactly to the format characters in the *format* ASCII-encoded string.

A conversion specifier contains two or more characters and has the following components, which must occur in this order :

1. The '%' character, which marks the start of the specifier.
2. Conversion flags (optional), which affect the result of some conversion types.
3. Minimum field width (optional). If specified as an '\*' (asterisk), the actual width is given in the next argument, which must be of type `int`, and the object to convert comes after the minimum field width and optional precision.
4. Precision (optional), given as a '.' (dot) followed by the precision. If specified as '\*' (an asterisk), the actual precision is given in the next argument, which must be of type `int`, and the value to convert comes after the precision.

5. Length modifier (optional).

6. Conversion type.

The conversion flag characters are :

Flag	Meaning
0	The conversion will be zero padded for numeric values.
-	The converted value is left adjusted (overrides the 0 flag if both are given).

The length modifiers for following integer conversions (d, i, o, u, x, or X) specify the type of the argument (int by default) :

Modifier	Types
l	long or unsigned long
ll	long long or unsigned long long
j	intmax_t or uintmax_t
z	size_t or ssize_t
t	ptrdiff_t

The length modifier l for following conversions s or V specify that the type of the argument is const wchar\_t\*.

The conversion specifiers are :

Conversion Specifier	Type	Comment
%	n/a	The literal % character.
d, i	Specified by the length modifier	The decimal representation of a signed C integer.
u	Specified by the length modifier	The decimal representation of an unsigned C integer.
o	Specified by the length modifier	The octal representation of an unsigned C integer.
x	Specified by the length modifier	The hexadecimal representation of an unsigned C integer (lowercase).
X	Specified by the length modifier	The hexadecimal representation of an unsigned C integer (uppercase).
c	int	A single character.
s	const char* or const wchar_t*	A null-terminated C character array.
p	const void*	The hex representation of a C pointer. Mostly equivalent to printf("%p") except that it is guaranteed to start with the literal 0x regardless of what the platform's printf yields.
A	PyObject*	The result of calling ascii().
U	PyObject*	A Unicode object.
V	PyObject*, const char* or const wchar_t*	A Unicode object (which may be NULL) and a null-terminated C character array as a second parameter (which will be used, if the first parameter is NULL).
S	PyObject*	The result of calling PyObject_Str().
R	PyObject*	The result of calling PyObject_Repr().

**Note :** The width formatter unit is number of characters rather than bytes. The precision formatter unit is number of bytes or wchar\_t items (if the length modifier l is used) for "%s" and "%V" (if the PyObject\*



argument is `NULL`), and a number of characters for `"%A"`, `"%U"`, `"%S"`, `"%R"` and `"%V"` (if the `PyObject*` argument is not `NULL`).

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**Note :** Unlike to `C printf()` the `0` flag has effect even when a precision is given for integer conversions (`d`, `i`, `u`, `o`, `x`, or `X`).

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Modifié dans la version 3.2 : Support for `"%lld"` and `"%llu"` added.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : Support for `"%li"`, `"%lli"` and `"%zi"` added.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : Support width and precision formatter for `"%s"`, `"%A"`, `"%U"`, `"%V"`, `"%S"`, `"%R"` added.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Support for conversion specifiers `o` and `X`. Support for length modifiers `j` and `t`. Length modifiers are now applied to all integer conversions. Length modifier `l` is now applied to conversion specifiers `s` and `V`. Support for variable width and precision `*`. Support for flag `-`.

An unrecognized format character now sets a `SystemError`. In previous versions it caused all the rest of the format string to be copied as-is to the result string, and any extra arguments discarded.

*PyObject\** **PyUnicode\_FromFormatV** (const char \*format, va\_list vargs)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Identical to `PyUnicode_FromFormat()` except that it takes exactly two arguments.

*PyObject\** **PyUnicode\_FromObject** (*PyObject\** obj)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Copy an instance of a Unicode subtype to a new true Unicode object if necessary. If *obj* is already a true Unicode object (not a subtype), return a new *strong reference* to the object.

Objects other than Unicode or its subtypes will cause a `TypeError`.

*PyObject\** **PyUnicode\_FromEncodedObject** (*PyObject\** obj, const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Decode an encoded object *obj* to a Unicode object. bytes, bytearray and other *bytes-like objects* are decoded according to the given *encoding* and using the error handling defined by *errors*. Both can be `NULL` to have the interface use the default values (see [Built-in Codecs](#) for details).

All other objects, including Unicode objects, cause a `TypeError` to be set.

The API returns `NULL` if there was an error. The caller is responsible for decref'ing the returned objects.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnicode\_GetLength** (*PyObject\** unicode)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Return the length of the Unicode object, in code points.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnicode\_CopyCharacters** (*PyObject\** to, *Py\_ssize\_t* to\_start, *PyObject\** from, *Py\_ssize\_t* from\_start, *Py\_ssize\_t* how\_many)

Copy characters from one Unicode object into another. This function performs character conversion when necessary and falls back to `memcpy()` if possible. Returns `-1` and sets an exception on error, otherwise returns the number of copied characters.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnicode\_Fill** (*PyObject\** unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* length, *Py\_UCS4* fill\_char)

Fill a string with a character : write *fill\_char* into `unicode[start:start+length]`.

Fail if *fill\_char* is bigger than the string maximum character, or if the string has more than 1 reference.

Return the number of written character, or return `-1` and raise an exception on error.

Added in version 3.3.

int **PyUnicode\_WriteChar** (*PyObject\** unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, *Py\_UCS4* character)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Write a character to a string. The string must have been created through `PyUnicode_New()`. Since Unicode strings are supposed to be immutable, the string must not be shared, or have been hashed yet.

This function checks that *unicode* is a Unicode object, that the index is not out of bounds, and that the object can be modified safely (i.e. that its reference count is one).

Added in version 3.3.



*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_ReadChar (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* index)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Read a character from a string. This function checks that *unicode* is a Unicode object and the index is not out of bounds, in contrast to *PyUnicode\_READ\_CHAR()*, which performs no error checking.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_Substring (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* end)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Return a substring of *unicode*, from character index *start* (included) to character index *end* (excluded). Negative indices are not supported.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_UCS4* \*PyUnicode\_AsUCS4 (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_UCS4* \*buffer, *Py\_ssize\_t* buflen, int copy\_null)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Copy the string *unicode* into a UCS4 buffer, including a null character, if *copy\_null* is set. Returns NULL and sets an exception on error (in particular, a *SystemError* if *buflen* is smaller than the length of *unicode*). *buffer* is returned on success.

Added in version 3.3.

*Py\_UCS4* \*PyUnicode\_AsUCS4Copy (*PyObject* \*unicode)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Copy the string *unicode* into a new UCS4 buffer that is allocated using *PyMem\_Malloc()*. If this fails, NULL is returned with a *MemoryError* set. The returned buffer always has an extra null code point appended.

Added in version 3.3.

## Locale Encoding

The current locale encoding can be used to decode text from the operating system.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_DecodeLocaleAndSize (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* length, const char \*errors)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Decode a string from UTF-8 on Android and VxWorks, or from the current locale encoding on other platforms. The supported error handlers are "strict" and "surrogateescape" ([PEP 383](#)). The decoder uses "strict" error handler if *errors* is NULL. *str* must end with a null character but cannot contain embedded null characters.

Use *PyUnicode\_DecodeFSDefaultAndSize()* to decode a string from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

This function ignores the Python UTF-8 Mode.

**Voir aussi :**

The *Py\_DecodeLocale()* function.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The function now also uses the current locale encoding for the surrogateescape error handler, except on Android. Previously, *Py\_DecodeLocale()* was used for the surrogateescape, and the current locale encoding was used for strict.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_DecodeLocale (const char \*str, const char \*errors)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Similar to *PyUnicode\_DecodeLocaleAndSize()*, but compute the string length using *strlen()*.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_EncodeLocale (*PyObject* \*unicode, const char \*errors)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Encode a Unicode object to UTF-8 on Android and VxWorks, or to the current locale encoding on other platforms. The supported error handlers are "strict" and "surrogateescape" ([PEP 383](#)). The encoder uses "strict" error handler if *errors* is NULL. Return a bytes object. *unicode* cannot contain embedded null characters.

Use *PyUnicode\_EncodeFSDefault()* to encode a string to the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

This function ignores the Python UTF-8 Mode.

**Voir aussi :**

The *Py\_EncodeLocale()* function.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The function now also uses the current locale encoding for the surrogateescape error handler, except on Android. Previously, `Py_EncodeLocale()` was used for the surrogateescape, and the current locale encoding was used for `strict`.

## File System Encoding

Functions encoding to and decoding from the *filesystem encoding and error handler* (PEP 383 and PEP 529).

To encode file names to bytes during argument parsing, the "O&" converter should be used, passing `PyUnicode_FSConverter()` as the conversion function :

int **PyUnicode\_FSConverter** (*PyObject* \*obj, void \*result)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* ParseTuple converter : encode str objects -- obtained directly or through the `os.PathLike` interface -- to bytes using `PyUnicode_EncodeFSDefault()`; bytes objects are output as-is. *result* must be a *PyBytesObject*\* which must be released when it is no longer used.

Added in version 3.1.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : Accepte un *path-like object*.

To decode file names to str during argument parsing, the "O&" converter should be used, passing `PyUnicode_FSDecoder()` as the conversion function :

int **PyUnicode\_FSDecoder** (*PyObject* \*obj, void \*result)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* ParseTuple converter : decode bytes objects -- obtained either directly or indirectly through the `os.PathLike` interface -- to str using `PyUnicode_DecodeFSDefaultAndSize()`; str objects are output as-is. *result* must be a *PyUnicodeObject*\* which must be released when it is no longer used.

Added in version 3.2.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : Accepte un *path-like object*.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeFSDefaultAndSize** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Decode a string from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

If you need to decode a string from the current locale encoding, use `PyUnicode_DecodeLocaleAndSize()`.

**Voir aussi :**

The `Py_DecodeLocale()` function.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : The *filesystem error handler* is now used.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeFSDefault** (const char \*str)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Decode a null-terminated string from the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

If the string length is known, use `PyUnicode_DecodeFSDefaultAndSize()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : The *filesystem error handler* is now used.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_EncodeFSDefault** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Encode a Unicode object to the *filesystem encoding and error handler*, and return bytes. Note that the resulting bytes object can contain null bytes.

If you need to encode a string to the current locale encoding, use `PyUnicode_EncodeLocale()`.

**Voir aussi :**

The `Py_EncodeLocale()` function.

Added in version 3.2.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : The *filesystem error handler* is now used.

## wchar\_t Support

wchar\_t support for platforms which support it :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_FromWideChar** (const wchar\_t \*wstr, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object from the wchar\_t buffer wstr of the given size. Passing -1 as the size indicates that the function must itself compute the length, using wcslen(). Return NULL on failure.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnicode\_AsWideChar** (*PyObject* \*unicode, wchar\_t \*wstr, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Copy the Unicode object contents into the wchar\_t buffer wstr. At most size wchar\_t characters are copied (excluding a possibly trailing null termination character). Return the number of wchar\_t characters copied or -1 in case of an error.

When wstr is NULL, instead return the size that would be required to store all of unicode including a terminating null.

Note that the resulting wchar\_t\* string may or may not be null-terminated. It is the responsibility of the caller to make sure that the wchar\_t\* string is null-terminated in case this is required by the application. Also, note that the wchar\_t\* string might contain null characters, which would cause the string to be truncated when used with most C functions.

wchar\_t \***PyUnicode\_AsWideCharString** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*size)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7*. Convert the Unicode object to a wide character string. The output string always ends with a null character. If size is not NULL, write the number of wide characters (excluding the trailing null termination character) into \*size. Note that the resulting wchar\_t string might contain null characters, which would cause the string to be truncated when used with most C functions. If size is NULL and the wchar\_t\* string contains null characters a ValueError is raised.

Returns a buffer allocated by PyMem\_New (use PyMem\_Free() to free it) on success. On error, returns NULL and \*size is undefined. Raises a MemoryError if memory allocation is failed.

Added in version 3.2.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : Raises a ValueError if size is NULL and the wchar\_t\* string contains null characters.

## Built-in Codecs

Python provides a set of built-in codecs which are written in C for speed. All of these codecs are directly usable via the following functions.

Many of the following APIs take two arguments encoding and errors, and they have the same semantics as the ones of the built-in str() string object constructor.

Setting encoding to NULL causes the default encoding to be used which is UTF-8. The file system calls should use PyUnicode\_FSConverter() for encoding file names. This uses the *filesystem encoding and error handler* internally.

Error handling is set by errors which may also be set to NULL meaning to use the default handling defined for the codec. Default error handling for all built-in codecs is "strict" (ValueError is raised).

The codecs all use a similar interface. Only deviations from the following generic ones are documented for simplicity.

## Generic Codecs

These are the generic codec APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_Decode** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the encoded string *str*. *encoding* and *errors* have the same meaning as the parameters of the same name in the `str()` built-in function. The codec to be used is looked up using the Python codec registry. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsEncodedString** (*PyObject* \*unicode, const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Encode a Unicode object and return the result as Python bytes object. *encoding* and *errors* have the same meaning as the parameters of the same name in the Unicode `encode()` method. The codec to be used is looked up using the Python codec registry. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

## UTF-8 Codecs

These are the UTF-8 codec APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF8** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the UTF-8 encoded string *str*. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF8Stateful** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*consumed)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. If *consumed* is NULL, behave like `PyUnicode_DecodeUTF8()`. If *consumed* is not NULL, trailing incomplete UTF-8 byte sequences will not be treated as an error. Those bytes will not be decoded and the number of bytes that have been decoded will be stored in *consumed*.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsUTF8String** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Encode a Unicode object using UTF-8 and return the result as Python bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

const char \***PyUnicode\_AsUTF8AndSize** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*size)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10*. Return a pointer to the UTF-8 encoding of the Unicode object, and store the size of the encoded representation (in bytes) in *size*. The *size* argument can be NULL; in this case no size will be stored. The returned buffer always has an extra null byte appended (not included in *size*), regardless of whether there are any other null code points.

In the case of an error, NULL is returned with an exception set and no *size* is stored.

This caches the UTF-8 representation of the string in the Unicode object, and subsequent calls will return a pointer to the same buffer. The caller is not responsible for deallocating the buffer. The buffer is deallocated and pointers to it become invalid when the Unicode object is garbage collected.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The return type is now `const char *` rather of `char *`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : This function is a part of the *limited API*.

const char \***PyUnicode\_AsUTF8** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

As `PyUnicode_AsUTF8AndSize()`, but does not store the size.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The return type is now `const char *` rather of `char *`.

## UTF-32 Codecs

These are the UTF-32 codec APIs :

*PyObject* **\*PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF32** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, int \*byteorder)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Decode *size* bytes from a UTF-32 encoded buffer string and return the corresponding Unicode object. *errors* (if non-NULL) defines the error handling. It defaults to "strict".

If *byteorder* is non-NULL, the decoder starts decoding using the given byte order :

```
*byteorder == -1: little endian
*byteorder == 0:  native order
*byteorder == 1:  big endian
```

If *\*byteorder* is zero, and the first four bytes of the input data are a byte order mark (BOM), the decoder switches to this byte order and the BOM is not copied into the resulting Unicode string. If *\*byteorder* is -1 or 1, any byte order mark is copied to the output.

After completion, *\*byteorder* is set to the current byte order at the end of input data.

If *byteorder* is NULL, the codec starts in native order mode.

Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* **\*PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF32Stateful** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, int \*byteorder, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*consumed)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. If *consumed* is NULL, behave like *PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF32()*. If *consumed* is not NULL, *PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF32Stateful()* will not treat trailing incomplete UTF-32 byte sequences (such as a number of bytes not divisible by four) as an error. Those bytes will not be decoded and the number of bytes that have been decoded will be stored in *consumed*.

*PyObject* **\*PyUnicode\_AsUTF32String** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a Python byte string using the UTF-32 encoding in native byte order. The string always starts with a BOM mark. Error handling is "strict". Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

## UTF-16 Codecs

These are the UTF-16 codec APIs :

*PyObject* **\*PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF16** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, int \*byteorder)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Decode *size* bytes from a UTF-16 encoded buffer string and return the corresponding Unicode object. *errors* (if non-NULL) defines the error handling. It defaults to "strict".

If *byteorder* is non-NULL, the decoder starts decoding using the given byte order :

```
*byteorder == -1: little endian
*byteorder == 0:  native order
*byteorder == 1:  big endian
```

If *\*byteorder* is zero, and the first two bytes of the input data are a byte order mark (BOM), the decoder switches to this byte order and the BOM is not copied into the resulting Unicode string. If *\*byteorder* is -1 or 1, any byte order mark is copied to the output (where it will result in either a `\uffeff` or a `\uffffe` character).

After completion, *\*byteorder* is set to the current byte order at the end of input data.

If *byteorder* is NULL, the codec starts in native order mode.

Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* **\*PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF16Stateful** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, int \*byteorder, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*consumed)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). If *consumed* is `NULL`, behave like `PyUnicode_DecodeUTF16()`. If *consumed* is not `NULL`, `PyUnicode_DecodeUTF16Stateful()` will not treat trailing incomplete UTF-16 byte sequences (such as an odd number of bytes or a split surrogate pair) as an error. Those bytes will not be decoded and the number of bytes that have been decoded will be stored in *consumed*.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsUTF16String** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a Python byte string using the UTF-16 encoding in native byte order. The string always starts with a BOM mark. Error handling is "strict". Return `NULL` if an exception was raised by the codec.

## UTF-7 Codecs

These are the UTF-7 codec APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF7** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the UTF-7 encoded string *str*. Return `NULL` if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeUTF7Stateful** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*consumed)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). If *consumed* is `NULL`, behave like `PyUnicode_DecodeUTF7()`. If *consumed* is not `NULL`, trailing incomplete UTF-7 base-64 sections will not be treated as an error. Those bytes will not be decoded and the number of bytes that have been decoded will be stored in *consumed*.

## Unicode-Escape Codecs

These are the "Unicode Escape" codec APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeUnicodeEscape** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the Unicode-Escape encoded string *str*. Return `NULL` if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsUnicodeEscapeString** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Encode a Unicode object using Unicode-Escape and return the result as a bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return `NULL` if an exception was raised by the codec.

## Raw-Unicode-Escape Codecs

These are the "Raw Unicode Escape" codec APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeRawUnicodeEscape** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the Raw-Unicode-Escape encoded string *str*. Return `NULL` if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsRawUnicodeEscapeString** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Encode a Unicode object using Raw-Unicode-Escape and return the result as a bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return `NULL` if an exception was raised by the codec.



## Latin-1 Codecs

These are the Latin-1 codec APIs : Latin-1 corresponds to the first 256 Unicode ordinals and only these are accepted by the codecs during encoding.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeLatin1** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the Latin-1 encoded string *str*. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsLatin1String** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Encode a Unicode object using Latin-1 and return the result as Python bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

## ASCII Codecs

These are the ASCII codec APIs. Only 7-bit ASCII data is accepted. All other codes generate errors.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeASCII** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the ASCII encoded string *str*. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsASCIIString** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Encode a Unicode object using ASCII and return the result as Python bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

## Character Map Codecs

This codec is special in that it can be used to implement many different codecs (and this is in fact what was done to obtain most of the standard codecs included in the `encodings` package). The codec uses mappings to encode and decode characters. The mapping objects provided must support the `__getitem__()` mapping interface; dictionaries and sequences work well.

These are the mapping codec APIs :

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeCharmap** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* length, *PyObject* \*mapping, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the encoded string *str* using the given *mapping* object. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

If *mapping* is NULL, Latin-1 decoding will be applied. Else *mapping* must map bytes ordinals (integers in the range from 0 to 255) to Unicode strings, integers (which are then interpreted as Unicode ordinals) or None. Unmapped data bytes -- ones which cause a `LookupError`, as well as ones which get mapped to None, `0xFFFE` or `'\ufffe'`, are treated as undefined mappings and cause an error.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsCharmapString** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*mapping)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Encode a Unicode object using the given *mapping* object and return the result as a bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

The *mapping* object must map Unicode ordinal integers to bytes objects, integers in the range from 0 to 255 or None. Unmapped character ordinals (ones which cause a `LookupError`) as well as mapped to None are treated as "undefined mapping" and cause an error.

The following codec API is special in that maps Unicode to Unicode.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_Translate** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*table, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Translate a string by applying a character mapping table to it and return the resulting Unicode object. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

The mapping table must map Unicode ordinal integers to Unicode ordinal integers or None (causing deletion of the character).

Mapping tables need only provide the `__getitem__()` interface; dictionaries and sequences work well. Unmapped character ordinals (ones which cause a `LookupError`) are left untouched and are copied as-is.

*errors* has the usual meaning for codecs. It may be NULL which indicates to use the default error handling.

## MBCS codecs for Windows

These are the MBCS codec APIs. They are currently only available on Windows and use the Win32 MBCS converters to implement the conversions. Note that MBCS (or DBCS) is a class of encodings, not just one. The target encoding is defined by the user settings on the machine running the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeMBCS** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI on Windows since version 3.7](#). Create a Unicode object by decoding *size* bytes of the MBCS encoded string *str*. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_DecodeMBCSStateful** (const char \*str, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, const char \*errors, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*consumed)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI on Windows since version 3.7](#). If *consumed* is NULL, behave like `PyUnicode_DecodeMBCS()`. If *consumed* is not NULL, `PyUnicode_DecodeMBCSStateful()` will not decode trailing lead byte and the number of bytes that have been decoded will be stored in *consumed*.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_AsMBCSString** (*PyObject* \*unicode)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI on Windows since version 3.7](#). Encode a Unicode object using MBCS and return the result as Python bytes object. Error handling is "strict". Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_EncodeCodePage** (int code\_page, *PyObject* \*unicode, const char \*errors)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI on Windows since version 3.7](#). Encode the Unicode object using the specified code page and return a Python bytes object. Return NULL if an exception was raised by the codec. Use `CP_ACP` code page to get the MBCS encoder.

Added in version 3.3.

## Methods & Slots

### Methods and Slot Functions

The following APIs are capable of handling Unicode objects and strings on input (we refer to them as strings in the descriptions) and return Unicode objects or integers as appropriate.

They all return NULL or -1 if an exception occurs.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_Concat** (*PyObject* \*left, *PyObject* \*right)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Concat two strings giving a new Unicode string.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_Split** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*sep, *Py\_ssize\_t* maxsplit)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Split a string giving a list of Unicode strings. If *sep* is NULL, splitting will be done at all whitespace substrings. Otherwise, splits occur at the given separator. At most *maxsplit* splits will be done. If negative, no limit is set. Separators are not included in the resulting list.



*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_Splitlines (*PyObject* \*unicode, int keepends)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Split a Unicode string at line breaks, returning a list of Unicode strings. CRLF is considered to be one line break. If *keepends* is 0, the Line break characters are not included in the resulting strings.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_Join (*PyObject* \*separator, *PyObject* \*seq)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Join a sequence of strings using the given *separator* and return the resulting Unicode string.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyUnicode\_Tailmatch (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*substr, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* end, int direction)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return 1 if *substr* matches *unicode*[start:end] at the given tail end (*direction* == -1 means to do a prefix match, *direction* == 1 a suffix match), 0 otherwise. Return -1 if an error occurred.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyUnicode\_Find (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*substr, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* end, int direction)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return the first position of *substr* in *unicode*[start:end] using the given *direction* (*direction* == 1 means to do a forward search, *direction* == -1 a backward search). The return value is the index of the first match; a value of -1 indicates that no match was found, and -2 indicates that an error occurred and an exception has been set.

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyUnicode\_FindChar (*PyObject* \*unicode, *Py\_UCS4* ch, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* end, int direction)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Return the first position of the character *ch* in *unicode*[start:end] using the given *direction* (*direction* == 1 means to do a forward search, *direction* == -1 a backward search). The return value is the index of the first match; a value of -1 indicates that no match was found, and -2 indicates that an error occurred and an exception has been set.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : *start* and *end* are now adjusted to behave like *unicode*[start:end].

*Py\_ssize\_t* PyUnicode\_Count (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*substr, *Py\_ssize\_t* start, *Py\_ssize\_t* end)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of *substr* in *unicode*[start:end]. Return -1 if an error occurred.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_Replace (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*substr, *PyObject* \*replstr, *Py\_ssize\_t* maxcount)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Replace at most *maxcount* occurrences of *substr* in *unicode* with *replstr* and return the resulting Unicode object. *maxcount* == -1 means replace all occurrences.

int PyUnicode\_Compare (*PyObject* \*left, *PyObject* \*right)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Compare two strings and return -1, 0, 1 for less than, equal, and greater than, respectively.

This function returns -1 upon failure, so one should call *PyErr\_Occurred()* to check for errors.

int PyUnicode\_CompareWithASCIIString (*PyObject* \*unicode, const char \*string)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Compare a Unicode object, *unicode*, with *string* and return -1, 0, 1 for less than, equal, and greater than, respectively. It is best to pass only ASCII-encoded strings, but the function interprets the input string as ISO-8859-1 if it contains non-ASCII characters.

This function does not raise exceptions.

*PyObject* \*PyUnicode\_RichCompare (*PyObject* \*left, *PyObject* \*right, int op)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Rich compare two Unicode strings and return one of the following :

- NULL in case an exception was raised
- *Py\_True* or *Py\_False* for successful comparisons
- *Py\_NotImplemented* in case the type combination is unknown

Possible values for *op* are *Py\_GT*, *Py\_GE*, *Py\_EQ*, *Py\_NE*, *Py\_LT*, and *Py\_LE*.

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_Format** (*PyObject* \*format, *PyObject* \*args)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a new string object from *format* and *args*; this is analogous to `format % args`.

int **PyUnicode\_Contains** (*PyObject* \*unicode, *PyObject* \*substr)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Check whether *substr* is contained in *unicode* and return true or false accordingly. *substr* has to coerce to a one element Unicode string. -1 is returned if there was an error.

void **PyUnicode\_InternInPlace** (*PyObject* \*\*p\_unicode)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Intern the argument \**p\_unicode* in place. The argument must be the address of a pointer variable pointing to a Python Unicode string object. If there is an existing interned string that is the same as \**p\_unicode*, it sets \**p\_unicode* to it (releasing the reference to the old string object and creating a new *strong reference* to the interned string object), otherwise it leaves \**p\_unicode* alone and interns it (creating a new *strong reference*). (Clarification : even though there is a lot of talk about references, think of this function as reference-neutral ; you own the object after the call if and only if you owned it before the call.)

*PyObject* \***PyUnicode\_InternFromString** (const char \*str)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. A combination of *PyUnicode\_FromString()* and *PyUnicode\_InternInPlace()*, returning either a new Unicode string object that has been interned, or a new ("owned") reference to an earlier interned string object with the same value.

## 8.3.4 Tuple Objects

type **PyTupleObject**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python tuple object.

*PyTypeObject* **PyTuple\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI*. This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python tuple type ; it is the same object as `tuple` in the Python layer.

int **PyTuple\_Check** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a tuple object or an instance of a subtype of the tuple type. This function always succeeds.

int **PyTuple\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a tuple object, but not an instance of a subtype of the tuple type. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyTuple\_New** (*Py\_ssize\_t* len)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a new tuple object of size *len*, or NULL on failure.

*PyObject* \***PyTuple\_Pack** (*Py\_ssize\_t* n, ...)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return a new tuple object of size *n*, or NULL on failure. The tuple values are initialized to the subsequent *n* C arguments pointing to Python objects. `PyTuple_Pack(2, a, b)` is equivalent to `Py_BuildValue("(OO)", a, b)`.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyTuple\_Size** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Take a pointer to a tuple object, and return the size of that tuple.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyTuple\_GET\_SIZE** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return the size of the tuple *p*, which must be non-NULL and point to a tuple ; no error checking is performed.

*PyObject* \***PyTuple\_GetItem** (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the object at position *pos* in the tuple pointed to by *p*. If *pos* is negative or out of bounds, return NULL and set an `IndexError` exception.

The returned reference is borrowed from the tuple *p* (that is : it is only valid as long as you hold a reference to *p*). To get a *strong reference*, use `Py_NewRef(PyTuple_GetItem(...))` or `PySequence_GetItem()`.

*PyObject* \*PyTuple\_GET\_ITEM (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Like *PyTuple\_GetItem()*, but does no checking of its arguments.

*PyObject* \*PyTuple\_GetSlice (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* low, *Py\_ssize\_t* high)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return the slice of the tuple pointed to by *p* between *low* and *high*, or NULL on failure. This is the equivalent of the Python expression `p[low:high]`. Indexing from the end of the tuple is not supported.

int PyTuple\_SetItem (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos, *PyObject* \*o)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Insert a reference to object *o* at position *pos* of the tuple pointed to by *p*. Return 0 on success. If *pos* is out of bounds, return -1 and set an `IndexError` exception.

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**Note :** This function “steals” a reference to *o* and discards a reference to an item already in the tuple at the affected position.

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void PyTuple\_SET\_ITEM (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos, *PyObject* \*o)

Like *PyTuple\_SetItem()*, but does no error checking, and should *only* be used to fill in brand new tuples.

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**Note :** This function “steals” a reference to *o*, and, unlike *PyTuple\_SetItem()*, does *not* discard a reference to any item that is being replaced; any reference in the tuple at position *pos* will be leaked.

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int \_PyTuple\_Resize (*PyObject* \*\*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* newsize)

Can be used to resize a tuple. *newsize* will be the new length of the tuple. Because tuples are *supposed* to be immutable, this should only be used if there is only one reference to the object. Do *not* use this if the tuple may already be known to some other part of the code. The tuple will always grow or shrink at the end. Think of this as destroying the old tuple and creating a new one, only more efficiently. Returns 0 on success. Client code should never assume that the resulting value of *\*p* will be the same as before calling this function. If the object referenced by *\*p* is replaced, the original *\*p* is destroyed. On failure, returns -1 and sets *\*p* to NULL, and raises `MemoryError` or `SystemError`.

### 8.3.5 Struct Sequence Objects

Struct sequence objects are the C equivalent of `namedtuple()` objects, i.e. a sequence whose items can also be accessed through attributes. To create a struct sequence, you first have to create a specific struct sequence type.

*PyTypeObject* \*PyStructSequence\_NewType (*PyStructSequence\_Desc* \*desc)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a new struct sequence type from the data in *desc*, described below. Instances of the resulting type can be created with *PyStructSequence\_New()*.

void PyStructSequence\_InitType (*PyTypeObject* \*type, *PyStructSequence\_Desc* \*desc)

Initializes a struct sequence type *type* from *desc* in place.

int PyStructSequence\_InitType2 (*PyTypeObject* \*type, *PyStructSequence\_Desc* \*desc)

The same as *PyStructSequence\_InitType*, but returns 0 on success and -1 on failure.

Added in version 3.4.

type PyStructSequence\_Desc

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) (including all members). Contains the meta information of a struct sequence type to create.

const char \*name

Name of the struct sequence type.

const char \*doc

Pointer to docstring for the type or NULL to omit.

*PyStructSequence\_Field* \*fields

Pointer to NULL-terminated array with field names of the new type.

int **n\_in\_sequence**

Number of fields visible to the Python side (if used as tuple).

type **PyStructSequence\_Field**

*Part of the Stable ABI (including all members).* Describes a field of a struct sequence. As a struct sequence is modeled as a tuple, all fields are typed as *PyObject\**. The index in the *fields* array of the *PyStructSequence\_Desc* determines which field of the struct sequence is described.

const char \***name**

Name for the field or NULL to end the list of named fields, set to *PyStructSequence\_UnnamedField* to leave unnamed.

const char \***doc**

Field docstring or NULL to omit.

const char \*const **PyStructSequence\_UnnamedField**

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11.* Special value for a field name to leave it unnamed.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : The type was changed from *char \**.

*PyObject\** **PyStructSequence\_New** (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Creates an instance of *type*, which must have been created with *PyStructSequence\_NewType()*.

*PyObject\** **PyStructSequence\_GetItem** (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the object at position *pos* in the struct sequence pointed to by *p*. No bounds checking is performed.

*PyObject\** **PyStructSequence\_GET\_ITEM** (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée.* Macro equivalent of *PyStructSequence\_GetItem()*.

void **PyStructSequence\_SetItem** (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* pos, *PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Sets the field at index *pos* of the struct sequence *p* to value *o*. Like *PyTuple\_SET\_ITEM()*, this should only be used to fill in brand new instances.

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**Note :** This function "steals" a reference to *o*.

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void **PyStructSequence\_SET\_ITEM** (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*pos, *PyObject* \*o)

Similar to *PyStructSequence\_SetItem()*, but implemented as a static inlined function.

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**Note :** This function "steals" a reference to *o*.

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## 8.3.6 List Objects

type **PyListObject**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python list object.

*PyTypeObject* **PyList\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python list type. This is the same object as *list* in the Python layer.

int **PyList\_Check** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a list object or an instance of a subtype of the list type. This function always succeeds.

int **PyList\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a list object, but not an instance of a subtype of the list type. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyList\_New** (*Py\_ssize\_t* len)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new list of length *len* on success, or NULL on failure.

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**Note :** If *len* is greater than zero, the returned list object's items are set to NULL. Thus you cannot use abstract API functions such as *PySequence\_SetItem()* or expose the object to Python code before setting all items to a real object with *PyList\_SetItem()*.

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*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyList\_Size** (*PyObject* \*list)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return the length of the list object in *list*; this is equivalent to `len(list)` on a list object.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyList\_GET\_SIZE** (*PyObject* \*list)

Similar to *PyList\_Size()*, but without error checking.

*PyObject* \***PyList\_GetItem** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* index)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return the object at position *index* in the list pointed to by *list*. The position must be non-negative; indexing from the end of the list is not supported. If *index* is out of bounds ( $<0$  or  $\geq \text{len}(\text{list})$ ), return NULL and set an `IndexError` exception.

*PyObject* \***PyList\_GET\_ITEM** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* i)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Similar to *PyList\_GetItem()*, but without error checking.

int **PyList\_SetItem** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, *PyObject* \*item)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Set the item at index *index* in list to *item*. Return 0 on success. If *index* is out of bounds, return -1 and set an `IndexError` exception.

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**Note :** This function "steals" a reference to *item* and discards a reference to an item already in the list at the affected position.

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void **PyList\_SET\_ITEM** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* i, *PyObject* \*o)

Macro form of *PyList\_SetItem()* without error checking. This is normally only used to fill in new lists where there is no previous content.

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**Note :** This macro "steals" a reference to *item*, and, unlike *PyList\_SetItem()*, does *not* discard a reference to any item that is being replaced; any reference in *list* at position *i* will be leaked.

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int **PyList\_Insert** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, *PyObject* \*item)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Insert the item *item* into list *list* in front of index *index*. Return 0 if successful; return -1 and set an exception if unsuccessful. Analogous to `list.insert(index, item)`.

int **PyList\_Append** (*PyObject* \*list, *PyObject* \*item)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Append the object *item* at the end of list *list*. Return 0 if successful; return -1 and set an exception if unsuccessful. Analogous to `list.append(item)`.

*PyObject* \***PyList\_GetSlice** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* low, *Py\_ssize\_t* high)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a list of the objects in *list* containing the objects *between* *low* and *high*. Return NULL and set an exception if unsuccessful. Analogous to `list[low:high]`. Indexing from the end of the list is not supported.

int **PyList\_SetSlice** (*PyObject* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* low, *Py\_ssize\_t* high, *PyObject* \*itemlist)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Set the slice of *list* between *low* and *high* to the contents of *itemlist*. Analogous to `list[low:high] = itemlist`. The *itemlist* may be NULL, indicating the assignment of an empty list (slice deletion). Return 0 on success, -1 on failure. Indexing from the end of the list is not supported.

int **PyList\_Sort** (*PyObject* \*list)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Sort the items of *list* in place. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure. This is equivalent to `list.sort()`.

int **PyList\_Reverse** (*PyObject* \*list)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Reverse the items of *list* in place. Return 0 on success, -1 on failure. This is the equivalent of `list.reverse()`.

*PyObject* \***PyList\_AsTuple** (*PyObject* \*list)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a new tuple object containing the contents of *list*; equivalent to `tuple(list)`.

## 8.4 Objets conteneurs

### 8.4.1 Objets dictionnaires

type **PyDictObject**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python dictionary object.

*PyTypeObject* **PyDict\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python dictionary type. This is the same object as `dict` in the Python layer.

int **PyDict\_Check** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a dict object or an instance of a subtype of the dict type. This function always succeeds.

int **PyDict\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a dict object, but not an instance of a subtype of the dict type. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_New** ()

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a new empty dictionary, or NULL on failure.

*PyObject* \***PyDictProxy\_New** (*PyObject* \*mapping)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a `types.MappingProxyType` object for a mapping which enforces read-only behavior. This is normally used to create a view to prevent modification of the dictionary for non-dynamic class types.

void **PyDict\_Clear** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Empty an existing dictionary of all key-value pairs.

int **PyDict\_Contains** (*PyObject* \*p, *PyObject* \*key)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Determine if dictionary *p* contains *key*. If an item in *p* matches *key*, return 1, otherwise return 0. On error, return -1. This is equivalent to the Python expression `key in p`.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_Copy** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a new dictionary that contains the same key-value pairs as *p*.

int **PyDict\_SetItem** (*PyObject* \*p, *PyObject* \*key, *PyObject* \*val)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Insert *val* into the dictionary *p* with a key of *key*. *key* must be *hashable*; if it isn't, `TypeError` will be raised. Return 0 on success or -1 on failure. This function *does not* steal a reference to *val*.

int **PyDict\_SetItemString** (*PyObject* \*p, const char \*key, *PyObject* \*val)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyDict\_SetItem()*, but *key* is specified as a `const char*` UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

int **PyDict\_DelItem** (*PyObject* \*p, *PyObject* \*key)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Remove the entry in dictionary *p* with key *key*. *key* must be *hashable*; if it isn't, `TypeError` is raised. If *key* is not in the dictionary, `KeyError` is raised. Return 0 on success or -1 on failure.



**int PyDict\_DelItemString** (*PyObject* \*p, const char \*key)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyDict\_DelItem()*, but *key* is specified as a `const char*` UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_GetItem** (*PyObject* \*p, *PyObject* \*key)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the object from dictionary *p* which has a key *key*. Return NULL if the key *key* is not present, but *without* setting an exception.

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**Note :** Exceptions that occur while this calls `__hash__()` and `__eq__()` methods are silently ignored. Prefer the *PyDict\_GetItemWithError()* function instead.

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Modifié dans la version 3.10 : Calling this API without *GIL* held had been allowed for historical reason. It is no longer allowed.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_GetItemWithError** (*PyObject* \*p, *PyObject* \*key)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Variant of *PyDict\_GetItem()* that does not suppress exceptions. Return NULL **with** an exception set if an exception occurred. Return NULL **without** an exception set if the key wasn't present.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_GetItemString** (*PyObject* \*p, const char \*key)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyDict\_GetItem()*, but *key* is specified as a `const char*` UTF-8 encoded bytes string, rather than a *PyObject\**.

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**Note :** Exceptions that occur while this calls `__hash__()` and `__eq__()` methods or while creating the temporary `str` object are silently ignored. Prefer using the *PyDict\_GetItemWithError()* function with your own *PyUnicode\_FromString()* key instead.

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*PyObject* \***PyDict\_SetDefault** (*PyObject* \*p, *PyObject* \*key, *PyObject* \*defaultobj)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée.* This is the same as the Python-level `dict.setdefault()`. If present, it returns the value corresponding to *key* from the dictionary *p*. If the key is not in the dict, it is inserted with value *defaultobj* and *defaultobj* is returned. This function evaluates the hash function of *key* only once, instead of evaluating it independently for the lookup and the insertion.

Added in version 3.4.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_Items** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a *PyListObject* containing all the items from the dictionary.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_Keys** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a *PyListObject* containing all the keys from the dictionary.

*PyObject* \***PyDict\_Values** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a *PyListObject* containing all the values from the dictionary *p*.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyDict\_Size** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the number of items in the dictionary. This is equivalent to `len(p)` on a dictionary.

**int PyDict\_Next** (*PyObject* \*p, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*ppos, *PyObject* \*\*pkey, *PyObject* \*\*pvalue)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Iterate over all key-value pairs in the dictionary *p*. The *Py\_ssize\_t* referred to by *ppos* must be initialized to 0 prior to the first call to this function to start the iteration; the function returns true for each pair in the dictionary, and false once all pairs have been reported. The parameters *pkey* and *pvalue* should either point to *PyObject\** variables that will be filled in with each key and value, respectively, or may be NULL. Any references returned through them are borrowed. *ppos* should not be altered during iteration. Its value represents offsets within the internal dictionary structure, and since the structure is sparse, the offsets are not consecutive.

Par exemple :



```
PyObject *key, *value;
Py_ssize_t pos = 0;

while (PyDict_Next(self->dict, &pos, &key, &value)) {
    /* do something interesting with the values... */
    ...
}
```

The dictionary *p* should not be mutated during iteration. It is safe to modify the values of the keys as you iterate over the dictionary, but only so long as the set of keys does not change. For example :

```
PyObject *key, *value;
Py_ssize_t pos = 0;

while (PyDict_Next(self->dict, &pos, &key, &value)) {
    long i = PyLong_AsLong(value);
    if (i == -1 && PyErr_Occurred()) {
        return -1;
    }
    PyObject *o = PyLong_FromLong(i + 1);
    if (o == NULL)
        return -1;
    if (PyDict_SetItem(self->dict, key, o) < 0) {
        Py_DECREF(o);
        return -1;
    }
    Py_DECREF(o);
}
```

int **PyDict\_Merge** (*PyObject* \*a, *PyObject* \*b, int override)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Iterate over mapping object *b* adding key-value pairs to dictionary *a*. *b* may be a dictionary, or any object supporting *PyMapping\_Keys()* and *PyObject\_GetItem()*. If *override* is true, existing pairs in *a* will be replaced if a matching key is found in *b*, otherwise pairs will only be added if there is not a matching key in *a*. Return 0 on success or -1 if an exception was raised.

int **PyDict\_Update** (*PyObject* \*a, *PyObject* \*b)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the same as *PyDict\_Merge(a, b, 1)* in C, and is similar to *a.update(b)* in Python except that *PyDict\_Update()* doesn't fall back to the iterating over a sequence of key value pairs if the second argument has no "keys" attribute. Return 0 on success or -1 if an exception was raised.

int **PyDict\_MergeFromSeq2** (*PyObject* \*a, *PyObject* \*seq2, int override)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Update or merge into dictionary *a*, from the key-value pairs in *seq2*. *seq2* must be an iterable object producing iterable objects of length 2, viewed as key-value pairs. In case of duplicate keys, the last wins if *override* is true, else the first wins. Return 0 on success or -1 if an exception was raised. Equivalent Python (except for the return value) :

```
def PyDict_MergeFromSeq2(a, seq2, override):
    for key, value in seq2:
        if override or key not in a:
            a[key] = value
```

int **PyDict\_AddWatcher** (*PyDict\_WatchCallback* callback)

Register *callback* as a dictionary watcher. Return a non-negative integer id which must be passed to future calls to *PyDict\_Watch()*. In case of error (e.g. no more watcher IDs available), return -1 and set an exception. Added in version 3.12.

int **PyDict\_ClearWatcher** (int watcher\_id)

Clear watcher identified by *watcher\_id* previously returned from *PyDict\_AddWatcher()*. Return 0 on success, -1 on error (e.g. if the given *watcher\_id* was never registered.) Added in version 3.12.

`int PyDict_Watch (int watcher_id, PyObject *dict)`

Mark dictionary *dict* as watched. The callback granted *watcher\_id* by `PyDict_AddWatcher()` will be called when *dict* is modified or deallocated. Return 0 on success or -1 on error.

Added in version 3.12.

`int PyDict_Unwatch (int watcher_id, PyObject *dict)`

Mark dictionary *dict* as no longer watched. The callback granted *watcher\_id* by `PyDict_AddWatcher()` will no longer be called when *dict* is modified or deallocated. The dict must previously have been watched by this watcher. Return 0 on success or -1 on error.

Added in version 3.12.

type `PyDict_WatchEvent`

Enumeration of possible dictionary watcher events : `PyDict_EVENT_ADDED`, `PyDict_EVENT_MODIFIED`, `PyDict_EVENT_DELETED`, `PyDict_EVENT_CLONED`, `PyDict_EVENT_CLEARED`, or `PyDict_EVENT_DEALLOCATED`.

Added in version 3.12.

typedef `int (*PyDict_WatchCallback)(PyDict_WatchEvent event, PyObject *dict, PyObject *key, PyObject *new_value)`

Type of a dict watcher callback function.

If *event* is `PyDict_EVENT_CLEARED` or `PyDict_EVENT_DEALLOCATED`, both *key* and *new\_value* will be NULL. If *event* is `PyDict_EVENT_ADDED` or `PyDict_EVENT_MODIFIED`, *new\_value* will be the new value for *key*. If *event* is `PyDict_EVENT_DELETED`, *key* is being deleted from the dictionary and *new\_value* will be NULL.

`PyDict_EVENT_CLONED` occurs when *dict* was previously empty and another dict is merged into it. To maintain efficiency of this operation, per-key `PyDict_EVENT_ADDED` events are not issued in this case; instead a single `PyDict_EVENT_CLONED` is issued, and *key* will be the source dictionary.

The callback may inspect but must not modify *dict*; doing so could have unpredictable effects, including infinite recursion. Do not trigger Python code execution in the callback, as it could modify the dict as a side effect.

If *event* is `PyDict_EVENT_DEALLOCATED`, taking a new reference in the callback to the about-to-be-destroyed dictionary will resurrect it and prevent it from being freed at this time. When the resurrected object is destroyed later, any watcher callbacks active at that time will be called again.

Callbacks occur before the notified modification to *dict* takes place, so the prior state of *dict* can be inspected. If the callback sets an exception, it must return -1; this exception will be printed as an unraisable exception using `PyErr_WriteUnraisable()`. Otherwise it should return 0.

There may already be a pending exception set on entry to the callback. In this case, the callback should return 0 with the same exception still set. This means the callback may not call any other API that can set an exception unless it saves and clears the exception state first, and restores it before returning.

Added in version 3.12.

## 8.4.2 Set Objects

This section details the public API for set and frozenset objects. Any functionality not listed below is best accessed using either the abstract object protocol (including `PyObject_CallMethod()`, `PyObject_RichCompareBool()`, `PyObject_Hash()`, `PyObject_Repr()`, `PyObject_IsTrue()`, `PyObject_Print()`, and `PyObject_GetIter()`) or the abstract number protocol (including `PyNumber_And()`, `PyNumber_Subtract()`, `PyNumber_Or()`, `PyNumber_Xor()`, `PyNumber_InPlaceAnd()`, `PyNumber_InPlaceSubtract()`, `PyNumber_InPlaceOr()`, and `PyNumber_InPlaceXor()`).

type `PySetObject`

This subtype of `PyObject` is used to hold the internal data for both `set` and `frozenset` objects. It is like a `PyDictObject` in that it is a fixed size for small sets (much like tuple storage) and will point to a separate, variable sized block of memory for medium and large sized sets (much like list storage). None of the fields of this structure should be considered public and all are subject to change. All access should be done through the documented API rather than by manipulating the values in the structure.

***PyObject* PySet\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is an instance of *PyObject* representing the Python `set` type.

***PyObject* PyFrozenSet\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is an instance of *PyObject* representing the Python `frozenset` type.

The following type check macros work on pointers to any Python object. Likewise, the constructor functions work with any iterable Python object.

**int PySet\_Check (*PyObject* \*p)**

Return true if *p* is a `set` object or an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.

**int PyFrozenSet\_Check (*PyObject* \*p)**

Return true if *p* is a `frozenset` object or an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.

**int PyAnySet\_Check (*PyObject* \*p)**

Return true if *p* is a `set` object, a `frozenset` object, or an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.

**int PySet\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*p)**

Return true if *p* is a `set` object but not an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.  
Added in version 3.10.

**int PyAnySet\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*p)**

Return true if *p* is a `set` object or a `frozenset` object but not an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.

**int PyFrozenSet\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*p)**

Return true if *p* is a `frozenset` object but not an instance of a subtype. This function always succeeds.

***PyObject* \*PySet\_New (*PyObject* \*iterable)**

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.* *Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a new `set` containing objects returned by the *iterable*. The *iterable* may be `NULL` to create a new empty `set`. Return the new `set` on success or `NULL` on failure. Raise `TypeError` if *iterable* is not actually iterable. The constructor is also useful for copying a `set` (`c=set(s)`).

***PyObject* \*PyFrozenSet\_New (*PyObject* \*iterable)**

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.* *Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a new `frozenset` containing objects returned by the *iterable*. The *iterable* may be `NULL` to create a new empty `frozenset`. Return the new `set` on success or `NULL` on failure. Raise `TypeError` if *iterable* is not actually iterable.

The following functions and macros are available for instances of `set` or `frozenset` or instances of their subtypes.

***Py\_ssize\_t* PySet\_Size (*PyObject* \*anyset)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the length of a `set` or `frozenset` object. Equivalent to `len(anyset)`. Raises a `SystemError` if *anyset* is not a `set`, `frozenset`, or an instance of a subtype.

***Py\_ssize\_t* PySet\_GET\_SIZE (*PyObject* \*anyset)**

Macro form of `PySet_Size()` without error checking.

**int PySet\_Contains (*PyObject* \*anyset, *PyObject* \*key)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return 1 if found, 0 if not found, and -1 if an error is encountered. Unlike the Python `__contains__()` method, this function does not automatically convert unhashable sets into temporary `frozensets`. Raise a `TypeError` if the *key* is unhashable. Raise `SystemError` if *anyset* is not a `set`, `frozenset`, or an instance of a subtype.

**int PySet\_Add (*PyObject* \*set, *PyObject* \*key)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Add *key* to a `set` instance. Also works with `frozenset` instances (like `PyTuple_SetItem()` it can be used to fill in the values of brand new `frozensets` before they are exposed to other code). Return 0 on success or -1 on failure. Raise a `TypeError` if the *key* is unhashable. Raise a `MemoryError` if there is no room to grow. Raise a `SystemError` if *set* is not an instance of `set` or its subtype.

The following functions are available for instances of `set` or its subtypes but not for instances of `frozenset` or its subtypes.

int **PySet\_Discard** (*PyObject* \*set, *PyObject* \*key)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return 1 if found and removed, 0 if not found (no action taken), and -1 if an error is encountered. Does not raise `KeyError` for missing keys. Raise a `TypeError` if the *key* is unhashable. Unlike the Python `discard()` method, this function does not automatically convert unhashable sets into temporary frozensets. Raise `SystemError` if *set* is not an instance of `set` or its subtype.

*PyObject* \***PySet\_Pop** (*PyObject* \*set)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a new reference to an arbitrary object in the *set*, and removes the object from the *set*. Return `NULL` on failure. Raise `KeyError` if the set is empty. Raise a `SystemError` if *set* is not an instance of `set` or its subtype.

int **PySet\_Clear** (*PyObject* \*set)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Empty an existing set of all elements. Return 0 on success. Return -1 and raise `SystemError` if *set* is not an instance of `set` or its subtype.

## 8.5 Objets fonctions

### 8.5.1 Objets fonction

Certaines fonctions sont spécifiques aux fonctions Python.

type **PyFunctionObject**

La structure C utilisée pour les fonctions.

*PyTypeObject* **PyFunction\_Type**

C'est une instance de *PyTypeObject* et représente le type fonction en Python. Il est exposé aux développeurs comme `types.FunctionType`.

int **PyFunction\_Check** (*PyObject* \*o)

Renvoie vrai si *o* est un objet de type fonction (a comme type *PyFunction\_Type*). Le paramètre ne doit pas être `NULL`. Cette fonction réussit toujours.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_New** (*PyObject* \*code, *PyObject* \*globals)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.* Renvoie une nouvelle fonction associée avec l'objet *code*. *globals* doit être un dictionnaire avec les variables globales accessibles à la fonction.

The function's docstring and name are retrieved from the code object. `__module__` is retrieved from *globals*. The argument defaults, annotations and closure are set to `NULL`. `__qualname__` is set to the same value as the code object's `co_qualname` field.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_NewWithQualName** (*PyObject* \*code, *PyObject* \*globals, *PyObject* \*qualname)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.* As *PyFunction\_New()*, but also allows setting the function object's `__qualname__` attribute. *qualname* should be a unicode object or `NULL`; if `NULL`, the `__qualname__` attribute is set to the same value as the code object's `co_qualname` field.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_GetCode** (*PyObject* \*op)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée.* Renvoie l'objet code associé avec l'objet de la fonction *op*.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_GetGlobals** (*PyObject* \*op)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée.* Renvoie le dictionnaire global associé avec l'objet de la fonction *op*.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_GetModule** (*PyObject* \*op)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée.* Return a *borrowed reference* to the `__module__` attribute of the function object *op*. It can be `NULL`.

This is normally a `string` containing the module name, but can be set to any other object by Python code.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_GetDefaults** (*PyObject* \*op)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Renvoie les valeurs par défaut de l'argument de l'objet de la fonction *op*. Cela peut être un tuple d'arguments ou NULL.

int **PyFunction\_SetDefaults** (*PyObject* \*op, *PyObject* \*defaults)

Définir les valeurs par défaut de l'argument pour l'objet de la fonction *op*. *defaults* doit être `Py_None` ou un tuple.

Lève `SystemError` et renvoie `-1` en cas de d'échec.

void **PyFunction\_SetVectorcall** (*PyFunctionObject* \*func, *vectorcallfunc* vectorcall)

Set the vectorcall field of a given function object *func*.

Warning : extensions using this API must preserve the behavior of the unaltered (default) vectorcall function !

Added in version 3.12.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_GetClosure** (*PyObject* \*op)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Renvoie la fermeture associée avec l'objet de la fonction *op*. Cela peut être NULL ou un tuple d'objets cellule.

int **PyFunction\_SetClosure** (*PyObject* \*op, *PyObject* \*closure)

Définir la fermeture associée avec l'objet de la fonction *op*. *closure* doit être `Py_None` ou un tuple d'objets cellule.

Lève `SystemError` et renvoie `-1` en cas de d'échec.

*PyObject* \***PyFunction\_GetAnnotations** (*PyObject* \*op)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Renvoie les annotations de l'objet de la fonction *op*. Cela peut être un dictionnaire mutable ou NULL.

int **PyFunction\_SetAnnotations** (*PyObject* \*op, *PyObject* \*annotations)

Définir les annotations pour l'objet de la fonction *op*. *annotations* doit être un dictionnaire ou `Py_None`.

Lève `SystemError` et renvoie `-1` en cas de d'échec.

int **PyFunction\_AddWatcher** (*PyFunction\_WatchCallback* callback)

Register *callback* as a function watcher for the current interpreter. Return an ID which may be passed to *PyFunction\_ClearWatcher()*. In case of error (e.g. no more watcher IDs available), return `-1` and set an exception.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyFunction\_ClearWatcher** (int watcher\_id)

Clear watcher identified by *watcher\_id* previously returned from *PyFunction\_AddWatcher()* for the current interpreter. Return 0 on success, or `-1` and set an exception on error (e.g. if the given *watcher\_id* was never registered.)

Added in version 3.12.

type **PyFunction\_WatchEvent**

Enumeration of possible function watcher events : - `PyFunction_EVENT_CREATE`  
- `PyFunction_EVENT_DESTROY` - `PyFunction_EVENT_MODIFY_CODE` -  
`PyFunction_EVENT_MODIFY_DEFAULTS` - `PyFunction_EVENT_MODIFY_KWDEFAULTS`

Added in version 3.12.

typedef int (\***PyFunction\_WatchCallback**)(*PyFunction\_WatchEvent* event, *PyFunctionObject* \*func, *PyObject* \*new\_value)

Type of a function watcher callback function.

If *event* is `PyFunction_EVENT_CREATE` or `PyFunction_EVENT_DESTROY` then *new\_value* will be NULL. Otherwise, *new\_value* will hold a *borrowed reference* to the new value that is about to be stored in *func* for the attribute that is being modified.

The callback may inspect but must not modify *func*; doing so could have unpredictable effects, including infinite recursion.

If *event* is `PyFunction_EVENT_CREATE`, then the callback is invoked after *func* has been fully initialized. Otherwise, the callback is invoked before the modification to *func* takes place, so the prior state of *func* can be

inspected. The runtime is permitted to optimize away the creation of function objects when possible. In such cases no event will be emitted. Although this creates the possibility of an observable difference of runtime behavior depending on optimization decisions, it does not change the semantics of the Python code being executed.

If *event* is `PyFunction_EVENT_DESTROY`, Taking a reference in the callback to the about-to-be-destroyed function will resurrect it, preventing it from being freed at this time. When the resurrected object is destroyed later, any watcher callbacks active at that time will be called again.

If the callback sets an exception, it must return `-1`; this exception will be printed as an unraisable exception using `PyErr_WriteUnraisable()`. Otherwise it should return `0`.

There may already be a pending exception set on entry to the callback. In this case, the callback should return `0` with the same exception still set. This means the callback may not call any other API that can set an exception unless it saves and clears the exception state first, and restores it before returning.

Added in version 3.12.

## 8.5.2 Instance Method Objects

An instance method is a wrapper for a `PyCFunction` and the new way to bind a `PyCFunction` to a class object. It replaces the former call `PyMethod_New(func, NULL, class)`.

### `PyTypeObject` `PyInstanceMethod_Type`

This instance of `PyTypeObject` represents the Python instance method type. It is not exposed to Python programs.

#### `int` `PyInstanceMethod_Check` (`PyObject` \*o)

Return true if *o* is an instance method object (has type `PyInstanceMethod_Type`). The parameter must not be `NULL`. This function always succeeds.

#### `PyObject` \*`PyInstanceMethod_New` (`PyObject` \*func)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Return a new instance method object, with *func* being any callable object. *func* is the function that will be called when the instance method is called.

#### `PyObject` \*`PyInstanceMethod_Function` (`PyObject` \*im)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. Return the function object associated with the instance method *im*.

#### `PyObject` \*`PyInstanceMethod_GET_FUNCTION` (`PyObject` \*im)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. Macro version of `PyInstanceMethod_Function()` which avoids error checking.

## 8.5.3 Objets méthode

Methods are bound function objects. Methods are always bound to an instance of a user-defined class. Unbound methods (methods bound to a class object) are no longer available.

### `PyTypeObject` `PyMethod_Type`

This instance of `PyTypeObject` represents the Python method type. This is exposed to Python programs as `types.MethodType`.

#### `int` `PyMethod_Check` (`PyObject` \*o)

Return true if *o* is a method object (has type `PyMethod_Type`). The parameter must not be `NULL`. This function always succeeds.

#### `PyObject` \*`PyMethod_New` (`PyObject` \*func, `PyObject` \*self)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Return a new method object, with *func* being any callable object and *self* the instance the method should be bound. *func* is the function that will be called when the method is called. *self* must not be `NULL`.

#### `PyObject` \*`PyMethod_Function` (`PyObject` \*meth)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. Return the function object associated with the method *meth*.



*PyObject* \***PyMethod\_GET\_FUNCTION** (*PyObject* \*meth)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Macro version of *PyMethod\_Function()* which avoids error checking.

*PyObject* \***PyMethod\_Self** (*PyObject* \*meth)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Return the instance associated with the method *meth*.

*PyObject* \***PyMethod\_GET\_SELF** (*PyObject* \*meth)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Macro version of *PyMethod\_Self()* which avoids error checking.

## 8.5.4 Objets Cellules

Les objets "Cellules" (*cell* en anglais) sont utilisés pour implémenter des variables référencées dans de multiples environnements. Pour chacune de ces variables, un objet cellule est créé pour stocker sa valeur ; les variables locales de chaque pile d'exécution qui référence cette valeur contiennent une référence sur les cellules des autres environnements qui utilisent aussi cette variable. Quand la valeur est accédée, la valeur de la cellule est utilisée, au lieu de celle de l'objet cellule proprement dit. Ce dé-référencement de l'objet cellule requiert l'intervention du *bytecode* généré ; il n'est pas automatiquement dé-référencé quand il est accédé. Il est plausible que les objets cellules ne soient utilisés ailleurs.

type **PyCellObject**

Structure C utilisée pour les objets cellules.

*PyTypeObject* **PyCell\_Type**

Type objet correspondant aux objets cellules.

int **PyCell\_Check** (*PyObject* \*ob)

Return true if *ob* is a cell object ; *ob* must not be `NULL`. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyCell\_New** (*PyObject* \*ob)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Create and return a new cell object containing the value *ob*. The parameter may be `NULL`.

*PyObject* \***PyCell\_Get** (*PyObject* \*cell)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Renvoie le contenu de la cellule *cell*.

*PyObject* \***PyCell\_GET** (*PyObject* \*cell)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Return the contents of the cell *cell*, but without checking that *cell* is non-`NULL` and a cell object.

int **PyCell\_Set** (*PyObject* \*cell, *PyObject* \*value)

Set the contents of the cell object *cell* to *value*. This releases the reference to any current content of the cell. *value* may be `NULL`. *cell* must be non-`NULL` ; if it is not a cell object, `-1` will be returned. On success, `0` will be returned.

void **PyCell\_SET** (*PyObject* \*cell, *PyObject* \*value)

Sets the value of the cell object *cell* to *value*. No reference counts are adjusted, and no checks are made for safety ; *cell* must be non-`NULL` and must be a cell object.

## 8.5.5 Objets code

Les objets *Code* sont spécifiques à l'implémentation bas niveau de CPython. Chacun d'eux représente une partie de code exécutable, qui n'a pas encore été lié dans une fonction.

type **PyCodeObject**

La structure C utilisée pour décrire les objets *Code*. Les attributs de cette structure sont sujets à changer à tout moment.

*PyTypeObject* **PyCode\_Type**

This is an instance of *PyTypeObject* representing the Python code object.



int **PyCode\_Check** (*PyObject* \*co)

Return true if *co* is a code object. This function always succeeds.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyCode\_GetNumFree** (*PyCodeObject* \*co)

Return the number of free variables in a code object.

int **PyCode\_GetFirstFree** (*PyCodeObject* \*co)

Return the position of the first free variable in a code object.

*PyCodeObject* \***PyUnstable\_Code\_New** (int argcount, int kwnonlyargcount, int nlocals, int stacksize, int flags, *PyObject* \*code, *PyObject* \*consts, *PyObject* \*names, *PyObject* \*varnames, *PyObject* \*freevars, *PyObject* \*cellvars, *PyObject* \*filename, *PyObject* \*name, *PyObject* \*qualname, int firstlineno, *PyObject* \*linetable, *PyObject* \*exceptiontable)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Return a new code object. If you need a dummy code object to create a frame, use *PyCode\_NewEmpty()* instead.

Since the definition of the bytecode changes often, calling *PyUnstable\_Code\_New()* directly can bind you to a precise Python version.

The many arguments of this function are inter-dependent in complex ways, meaning that subtle changes to values are likely to result in incorrect execution or VM crashes. Use this function only with extreme care.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : Added *qualname* and *exceptiontable* parameters.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Renamed from *PyCode\_New* as part of *Unstable C API*. The old name is deprecated, but will remain available until the signature changes again.

*PyCodeObject* \***PyUnstable\_Code\_NewWithPosOnlyArgs** (int argcount, int posonlyargcount, int kwnonlyargcount, int nlocals, int stacksize, int flags, *PyObject* \*code, *PyObject* \*consts, *PyObject* \*names, *PyObject* \*varnames, *PyObject* \*freevars, *PyObject* \*cellvars, *PyObject* \*filename, *PyObject* \*name, *PyObject* \*qualname, int firstlineno, *PyObject* \*linetable, *PyObject* \*exceptiontable)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Similar to *PyUnstable\_Code\_New()*, but with an extra "posonlyargcount" for positional-only arguments. The same caveats that apply to *PyUnstable\_Code\_New* also apply to this function.

Added in version 3.8 : as *PyCode\_NewWithPosOnlyArgs*

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : Added *qualname* and *exceptiontable* parameters.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Renamed to *PyUnstable\_Code\_NewWithPosOnlyArgs*. The old name is deprecated, but will remain available until the signature changes again.

*PyCodeObject* \***PyCode\_NewEmpty** (const char \*filename, const char \*funcname, int firstlineno)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Return a new empty code object with the specified filename, function name, and first line number. The resulting code object will raise an *Exception* if executed.

int **PyCode\_Addr2Line** (*PyCodeObject* \*co, int byte\_offset)

Return the line number of the instruction that occurs on or before *byte\_offset* and ends after it. If you just need the line number of a frame, use *PyFrame\_GetLineNumber()* instead.

For efficiently iterating over the line numbers in a code object, use [the API described in PEP 626](#).

int **PyCode\_Addr2Location** (*PyObject* \*co, int byte\_offset, int \*start\_line, int \*start\_column, int \*end\_line, int \*end\_column)

Sets the passed *int* pointers to the source code line and column numbers for the instruction at *byte\_offset*. Sets the value to 0 when information is not available for any particular element.

Returns 1 if the function succeeds and 0 otherwise.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyCode\_GetCode** (*PyCodeObject* \*co)

Equivalent to the Python code `getattr(co, 'co_code')`. Returns a strong reference to a *PyBytesObject* representing the bytecode in a code object. On error, NULL is returned and an exception is raised.

This *PyBytesObject* may be created on-demand by the interpreter and does not necessarily represent the bytecode actually executed by CPython. The primary use case for this function is debuggers and profilers.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyCode\_GetVarnames** (*PyCodeObject* \*co)

Equivalent to the Python code `getattr(co, 'co_varnames')`. Returns a new reference to a *PyTupleObject* containing the names of the local variables. On error, NULL is returned and an exception is raised.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyCode\_GetCellvars** (*PyCodeObject* \*co)

Equivalent to the Python code `getattr(co, 'co_cellvars')`. Returns a new reference to a *PyTupleObject* containing the names of the local variables that are referenced by nested functions. On error, NULL is returned and an exception is raised.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyCode\_GetFreevars** (*PyCodeObject* \*co)

Equivalent to the Python code `getattr(co, 'co_freevars')`. Returns a new reference to a *PyTupleObject* containing the names of the free variables. On error, NULL is returned and an exception is raised.

Added in version 3.11.

int **PyCode\_AddWatcher** (*PyCode\_WatchCallback* callback)

Register *callback* as a code object watcher for the current interpreter. Return an ID which may be passed to *PyCode\_ClearWatcher()*. In case of error (e.g. no more watcher IDs available), return -1 and set an exception.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyCode\_ClearWatcher** (int watcher\_id)

Clear watcher identified by *watcher\_id* previously returned from *PyCode\_AddWatcher()* for the current interpreter. Return 0 on success, or -1 and set an exception on error (e.g. if the given *watcher\_id* was never registered.)

Added in version 3.12.

type **PyCodeEvent**

Enumeration of possible code object watcher events : - PY\_CODE\_EVENT\_CREATE - PY\_CODE\_EVENT\_DESTROY

Added in version 3.12.

typedef int (\***PyCode\_WatchCallback**)(*PyCodeEvent* event, *PyCodeObject* \*co)

Type of a code object watcher callback function.

If *event* is PY\_CODE\_EVENT\_CREATE, then the callback is invoked after *co* has been fully initialized. Otherwise, the callback is invoked before the destruction of *co* takes place, so the prior state of *co* can be inspected.

If *event* is PY\_CODE\_EVENT\_DESTROY, taking a reference in the callback to the about-to-be-destroyed code object will resurrect it and prevent it from being freed at this time. When the resurrected object is destroyed later, any watcher callbacks active at that time will be called again.

Users of this API should not rely on internal runtime implementation details. Such details may include, but are not limited to, the exact order and timing of creation and destruction of code objects. While changes in these details may result in differences observable by watchers (including whether a callback is invoked or not), it does not change the semantics of the Python code being executed.

If the callback sets an exception, it must return -1; this exception will be printed as an unraisable exception using *PyErr\_WriteUnraisable()*. Otherwise it should return 0.

There may already be a pending exception set on entry to the callback. In this case, the callback should return 0 with the same exception still set. This means the callback may not call any other API that can set an exception unless it saves and clears the exception state first, and restores it before returning.

Added in version 3.12.

## 8.5.6 Extra information

To support low-level extensions to frame evaluation, such as external just-in-time compilers, it is possible to attach arbitrary extra data to code objects.

These functions are part of the unstable C API tier : this functionality is a CPython implementation detail, and the API may change without deprecation warnings.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyUnstable\_Eval\_RequestCodeExtraIndex** (*freefunc* free)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Return a new an opaque index value used to adding data to code objects.

You generally call this function once (per interpreter) and use the result with `PyCode_GetExtra` and `PyCode_SetExtra` to manipulate data on individual code objects.

If *free* is not NULL : when a code object is deallocated, *free* will be called on non-NULL data stored under the new index. Use `Py_DecRef()` when storing *PyObject*.

Added in version 3.6 : as `_PyEval_RequestCodeExtraIndex`

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Renamed to `PyUnstable_Eval_RequestCodeExtraIndex`. The old private name is deprecated, but will be available until the API changes.

int **PyUnstable\_Code\_GetExtra** (*PyObject* \*code, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, void \*\*extra)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Set *extra* to the extra data stored under the given index. Return 0 on success. Set an exception and return -1 on failure.

If no data was set under the index, set *extra* to NULL and return 0 without setting an exception.

Added in version 3.6 : as `_PyCode_GetExtra`

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Renamed to `PyUnstable_Code_GetExtra`. The old private name is deprecated, but will be available until the API changes.

int **PyUnstable\_Code\_SetExtra** (*PyObject* \*code, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, void \*extra)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Set the extra data stored under the given index to *extra*. Return 0 on success. Set an exception and return -1 on failure.

Added in version 3.6 : as `_PyCode_SetExtra`

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Renamed to `PyUnstable_Code_SetExtra`. The old private name is deprecated, but will be available until the API changes.

## 8.6 Autres objets

### 8.6.1 Objets fichiers

These APIs are a minimal emulation of the Python 2 C API for built-in file objects, which used to rely on the buffered I/O (`FILE*`) support from the C standard library. In Python 3, files and streams use the new `io` module, which defines several layers over the low-level unbuffered I/O of the operating system. The functions described below are convenience C wrappers over these new APIs, and meant mostly for internal error reporting in the interpreter; third-party code is advised to access the `io` APIs instead.

*PyObject* \***PyFile\_FromFd** (int fd, const char \*name, const char \*mode, int buffering, const char \*encoding, const char \*errors, const char \*newline, int closefd)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Create a Python file object from the file descriptor of an already opened file *fd*. The arguments *name*, *encoding*, *errors* and *newline* can be `NULL` to use the defaults; *buffering* can be `-1` to use the default. *name* is ignored and kept for backward compatibility. Return `NULL` on failure. For a more comprehensive description of the arguments, please refer to the `io.open()` function documentation.

**Avertissement** : Étant donné que les flux de données Python possèdent leur propre couche de tampon, les mélanger avec des descripteurs de fichiers du niveau du système d'exploitation peut produire des erreurs (comme par exemple un ordre des données inattendu).

Modifié dans la version 3.2 : ignore l'attribut *name*

int **PyObject\_AsFileDescriptor** (*PyObject* \*p)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the file descriptor associated with *p* as an `int`. If the object is an integer, its value is returned. If not, the object's `fileno()` method is called if it exists; the method must return an integer, which is returned as the file descriptor value. Sets an exception and returns `-1` on failure.

*PyObject* \***PyFile\_GetLine** (*PyObject* \*p, int n)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Cette fonction, équivalente à `p.readline([n])`, lit une ligne de l'objet *p*. *p* peut être un objet fichier ou n'importe quel objet qui possède une méthode `readline()`. Si *n* vaut 0, une seule ligne est lue, indépendamment de la taille de la ligne. Si *n* est plus grand que 0, un maximum de *n* octets seront lus en provenance du fichier; une ligne partielle peut être renvoyée. Dans les deux cas, une chaîne de caractères vide est renvoyée si la fin du fichier est atteinte immédiatement. Cependant, si *n* est plus petit que 0, une ligne est lue indépendamment de sa taille, mais `EOFError` est levée si la fin du fichier est atteinte immédiatement.

int **PyFile\_SetOpenCodeHook** (*Py\_OpenCodeHookFunction* handler)

Overrides the normal behavior of `io.open_code()` to pass its parameter through the provided handler.

The handler is a function of type :

type **Py\_OpenCodeHookFunction**

Equivalent of `PyObject *(*)(PyObject *path, void *userData)`, where *path* is guaranteed to be *PyUnicodeObject*.

The *userData* pointer is passed into the hook function. Since hook functions may be called from different runtimes, this pointer should not refer directly to Python state.

As this hook is intentionally used during import, avoid importing new modules during its execution unless they are known to be frozen or available in `sys.modules`.

Once a hook has been set, it cannot be removed or replaced, and later calls to `PyFile_SetOpenCodeHook()` will fail. On failure, the function returns `-1` and sets an exception if the interpreter has been initialized.

This function is safe to call before `Py_Initialize()`.

Raises an auditing event `setopencodehook` with no arguments.

Added in version 3.8.

int **PyFile\_WriteObject** (*PyObject* \*obj, *PyObject* \*p, int flags)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Write object *obj* to file object *p*. The only supported flag for *flags* is `Py_PRINT_RAW`; if given, the `str()` of the object is written instead of the `repr()`. Return 0 on success or -1 on failure; the appropriate exception will be set.

int **PyFile\_WriteString** (const char \*s, *PyObject* \*p)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Écrit la chaîne de caractères *s* dans l'objet fichier *p*. Retourne 0 en cas de succès ou -1 en cas d'échec; l'exception appropriée sera mise en place.

## 8.6.2 Module Objects

*PyObject* **PyModule\_Type**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This instance of *PyObject* represents the Python module type. This is exposed to Python programs as `types.ModuleType`.

int **PyModule\_Check** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a module object, or a subtype of a module object. This function always succeeds.

int **PyModule\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if *p* is a module object, but not a subtype of *PyModule\_Type*. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_NewObject** (*PyObject* \*name)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Return a new module object with the `__name__` attribute set to *name*. The module's `__name__`, `__doc__`, `__package__`, and `__loader__` attributes are filled in (all but `__name__` are set to None); the caller is responsible for providing a `__file__` attribute.

Added in version 3.3.

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : `__package__` and `__loader__` are set to None.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_New** (const char \*name)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI.* Similar to *PyModule\_NewObject()*, but the name is a UTF-8 encoded string instead of a Unicode object.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_GetDict** (*PyObject* \*module)

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the dictionary object that implements *module*'s namespace; this object is the same as the `__dict__` attribute of the module object. If *module* is not a module object (or a subtype of a module object), `SystemError` is raised and NULL is returned.

It is recommended extensions use other *PyModule\_\** and *PyObject\_\** functions rather than directly manipulate a module's `__dict__`.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_GetNameObject** (*PyObject* \*module)

*Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Return *module*'s `__name__` value. If the module does not provide one, or if it is not a string, `SystemError` is raised and NULL is returned.

Added in version 3.3.

const char \***PyModule\_GetName** (*PyObject* \*module)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Similar to *PyModule\_GetNameObject()* but return the name encoded to 'utf-8'.

void \***PyModule\_GetState** (*PyObject* \*module)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the "state" of the module, that is, a pointer to the block of memory allocated at module creation time, or NULL. See *PyModuleDef.m\_size*.

*PyModuleDef* \***PyModule\_GetDef** (*PyObject* \*module)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a pointer to the *PyModuleDef* struct from which the module was created, or NULL if the module wasn't created from a definition.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_GetFilenameObject** (*PyObject* \*module)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return the name of the file from which *module* was loaded using *module*'s `__file__` attribute. If this is not defined, or if it is not a unicode string, raise `SystemError` and return `NULL`; otherwise return a reference to a Unicode object.

Added in version 3.2.

const char \***PyModule\_GetFilename** (*PyObject* \*module)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Similar to *PyModule\_GetFilenameObject* () but return the filename encoded to 'utf-8'.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.2 : *PyModule\_GetFilename* () raises `UnicodeEncodeError` on unencodable filenames, use *PyModule\_GetFilenameObject* () instead.

## Initializing C modules

Modules objects are usually created from extension modules (shared libraries which export an initialization function), or compiled-in modules (where the initialization function is added using *PyImport\_AppendInittab*()). See building or extending-with-embedding for details.

The initialization function can either pass a module definition instance to *PyModule\_Create* (), and return the resulting module object, or request "multi-phase initialization" by returning the definition struct itself.

type **PyModuleDef**

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) (including all members). The module definition struct, which holds all information needed to create a module object. There is usually only one statically initialized variable of this type for each module.

**PyModuleDef\_Base** **m\_base**

Always initialize this member to `PyModuleDef_HEAD_INIT`.

const char \***m\_name**

Name for the new module.

const char \***m\_doc**

Docstring for the module ; usually a docstring variable created with *PyDoc\_STRVAR* is used.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **m\_size**

Module state may be kept in a per-module memory area that can be retrieved with *PyModule\_GetState* (), rather than in static globals. This makes modules safe for use in multiple sub-interpreters.

This memory area is allocated based on *m\_size* on module creation, and freed when the module object is deallocated, after the *m\_free* function has been called, if present.

Setting *m\_size* to `-1` means that the module does not support sub-interpreters, because it has global state.

Setting it to a non-negative value means that the module can be re-initialized and specifies the additional amount of memory it requires for its state. Non-negative *m\_size* is required for multi-phase initialization.

See [PEP 3121](#) for more details.

*PyMethodDef* \***m\_methods**

A pointer to a table of module-level functions, described by *PyMethodDef* values. Can be `NULL` if no functions are present.

*PyModuleDef\_Slot* \***m\_slots**

An array of slot definitions for multi-phase initialization, terminated by a `{0, NULL}` entry. When using single-phase initialization, *m\_slots* must be `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.5 : Prior to version 3.5, this member was always set to `NULL`, and was defined as :

*inquiry* **m\_reload**



*traverseproc* **m\_traverse**

A traversal function to call during GC traversal of the module object, or NULL if not needed.

This function is not called if the module state was requested but is not allocated yet. This is the case immediately after the module is created and before the module is executed (*Py\_mod\_exec* function). More precisely, this function is not called if *m\_size* is greater than 0 and the module state (as returned by *PyModule\_GetState()*) is NULL.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : No longer called before the module state is allocated.

*inquiry* **m\_clear**

A clear function to call during GC clearing of the module object, or NULL if not needed.

This function is not called if the module state was requested but is not allocated yet. This is the case immediately after the module is created and before the module is executed (*Py\_mod\_exec* function). More precisely, this function is not called if *m\_size* is greater than 0 and the module state (as returned by *PyModule\_GetState()*) is NULL.

Like *PyTypeObject.tp\_clear*, this function is not *always* called before a module is deallocated. For example, when reference counting is enough to determine that an object is no longer used, the cyclic garbage collector is not involved and *m\_free* is called directly.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : No longer called before the module state is allocated.

*freefunc* **m\_free**

A function to call during deallocation of the module object, or NULL if not needed.

This function is not called if the module state was requested but is not allocated yet. This is the case immediately after the module is created and before the module is executed (*Py\_mod\_exec* function). More precisely, this function is not called if *m\_size* is greater than 0 and the module state (as returned by *PyModule\_GetState()*) is NULL.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : No longer called before the module state is allocated.

## Single-phase initialization

The module initialization function may create and return the module object directly. This is referred to as "single-phase initialization", and uses one of the following two module creation functions :

*PyObject\** **PyModule\_Create** (*PyModuleDef* \*def)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a new module object, given the definition in *def*. This behaves like *PyModule\_Create2()* with *module\_api\_version* set to *PYTHON\_API\_VERSION*.

*PyObject\** **PyModule\_Create2** (*PyModuleDef* \*def, int module\_api\_version)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Create a new module object, given the definition in *def*, assuming the API version *module\_api\_version*. If that version does not match the version of the running interpreter, a *RuntimeWarning* is emitted.

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**Note :** Most uses of this function should be using *PyModule\_Create()* instead ; only use this if you are sure you need it.

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Before it is returned from in the initialization function, the resulting module object is typically populated using functions like *PyModule\_AddObjectRef()*.



## Multi-phase initialization

An alternate way to specify extensions is to request "multi-phase initialization". Extension modules created this way behave more like Python modules : the initialization is split between the *creation phase*, when the module object is created, and the *execution phase*, when it is populated. The distinction is similar to the `__new__()` and `__init__()` methods of classes.

Unlike modules created using single-phase initialization, these modules are not singletons : if the `sys.modules` entry is removed and the module is re-imported, a new module object is created, and the old module is subject to normal garbage collection -- as with Python modules. By default, multiple modules created from the same definition should be independent : changes to one should not affect the others. This means that all state should be specific to the module object (using e.g. using `PyModule_GetState()`), or its contents (such as the module's `__dict__` or individual classes created with `PyType_FromSpec()`).

All modules created using multi-phase initialization are expected to support *sub-interpreters*. Making sure multiple modules are independent is typically enough to achieve this.

To request multi-phase initialization, the initialization function (`PyInit_modulename`) returns a `PyModuleDef` instance with non-empty `m_slots`. Before it is returned, the `PyModuleDef` instance must be initialized with the following function :

*PyObject \****PyModuleDef\_Init** (*PyModuleDef \**def)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.5. Ensures a module definition is a properly initialized Python object that correctly reports its type and reference count.

Returns *def* cast to `PyObject *`, or `NULL` if an error occurred.

Added in version 3.5.

The `m_slots` member of the module definition must point to an array of `PyModuleDef_Slot` structures :

type **PyModuleDef\_Slot**

int **slot**

A slot ID, chosen from the available values explained below.

void **\*value**

Value of the slot, whose meaning depends on the slot ID.

Added in version 3.5.

The `m_slots` array must be terminated by a slot with id 0.

The available slot types are :

**Py\_mod\_create**

Specifies a function that is called to create the module object itself. The *value* pointer of this slot must point to a function of the signature :

*PyObject \****create\_module** (*PyObject \**spec, *PyModuleDef \**def)

The function receives a `ModuleSpec` instance, as defined in [PEP 451](#), and the module definition. It should return a new module object, or set an error and return `NULL`.

This function should be kept minimal. In particular, it should not call arbitrary Python code, as trying to import the same module again may result in an infinite loop.

Multiple `Py_mod_create` slots may not be specified in one module definition.

If `Py_mod_create` is not specified, the import machinery will create a normal module object using `PyModule_New()`. The name is taken from *spec*, not the definition, to allow extension modules to dynamically adjust to their place in the module hierarchy and be imported under different names through symlinks, all while sharing a single module definition.

There is no requirement for the returned object to be an instance of `PyModule_Type`. Any type can be used, as long as it supports setting and getting import-related attributes. However, only `PyModule_Type` instances may be returned if the `PyModuleDef` has non-NULL `m_traverse`, `m_clear`, `m_free`; non-zero `m_size`; or slots other than `Py_mod_create`.

**Py\_mod\_exec**

Specifies a function that is called to *execute* the module. This is equivalent to executing the code of a Python module : typically, this function adds classes and constants to the module. The signature of the function is :

int **exec\_module** (*PyObject* \*module)

If multiple `Py_mod_exec` slots are specified, they are processed in the order they appear in the `m_slots` array.

**Py\_mod\_multiple\_interpreters**

Specifies one of the following values :

**Py\_MOD\_MULTIPLE\_INTERPRETERS\_NOT\_SUPPORTED**

The module does not support being imported in subinterpreters.

**Py\_MOD\_MULTIPLE\_INTERPRETERS\_SUPPORTED**

The module supports being imported in subinterpreters, but only when they share the main interpreter's GIL. (See [isolating-extensions-howto](#).)

**Py\_MOD\_PER\_INTERPRETER\_GIL\_SUPPORTED**

The module supports being imported in subinterpreters, even when they have their own GIL. (See [isolating-extensions-howto](#).)

This slot determines whether or not importing this module in a subinterpreter will fail.

Multiple `Py_mod_multiple_interpreters` slots may not be specified in one module definition.

If `Py_mod_multiple_interpreters` is not specified, the import machinery defaults to `Py_MOD_MULTIPLE_INTERPRETERS_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

Added in version 3.12.

See [PEP 489](#) for more details on multi-phase initialization.

**Low-level module creation functions**

The following functions are called under the hood when using multi-phase initialization. They can be used directly, for example when creating module objects dynamically. Note that both `PyModule_FromDefAndSpec` and `PyModule_ExecDef` must be called to fully initialize a module.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_FromDefAndSpec** (*PyModuleDef* \*def, *PyObject* \*spec)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a new module object, given the definition in *def* and the ModuleSpec *spec*. This behaves like `PyModule_FromDefAndSpec2()` with `module_api_version` set to `PYTHON_API_VERSION`.

Added in version 3.5.

*PyObject* \***PyModule\_FromDefAndSpec2** (*PyModuleDef* \*def, *PyObject* \*spec, int module\_api\_version)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Create a new module object, given the definition in *def* and the ModuleSpec *spec*, assuming the API version `module_api_version`. If that version does not match the version of the running interpreter, a `RuntimeWarning` is emitted.

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**Note** : Most uses of this function should be using `PyModule_FromDefAndSpec()` instead ; only use this if you are sure you need it.

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Added in version 3.5.

int **PyModule\_ExecDef** (*PyObject* \*module, *PyModuleDef* \*def)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Process any execution slots (`Py_mod_exec`) given in *def*.

Added in version 3.5.

int **PyModule\_SetDocString** (*PyObject* \*module, const char \*docstring)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Set the docstring for *module* to *docstring*. This function is called automatically when creating a module from `PyModuleDef`, using either `PyModule_Create` or `PyModule_FromDefAndSpec`.

Added in version 3.5.

int **PyModule\_AddFunctions** (*PyObject* \*module, *PyMethodDef* \*functions)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Add the functions from the NULL terminated *functions* array to *module*. Refer to the *PyMethodDef* documentation for details on individual entries (due to the lack of a shared module namespace, module level "functions" implemented in C typically receive the module as their first parameter, making them similar to instance methods on Python classes). This function is called automatically when creating a module from *PyModuleDef*, using either *PyModule\_Create* or *PyModule\_FromDefAndSpec*. Added in version 3.5.

## Support functions

The module initialization function (if using single phase initialization) or a function called from a module execution slot (if using multi-phase initialization), can use the following functions to help initialize the module state :

int **PyModule\_AddObjectRef** (*PyObject* \*module, const char \*name, *PyObject* \*value)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.10. Add an object to *module* as *name*. This is a convenience function which can be used from the module's initialization function.

On success, return 0. On error, raise an exception and return -1.

Return NULL if *value* is NULL. It must be called with an exception raised in this case.

Example usage :

```
static int
add_spam(PyObject *module, int value)
{
    PyObject *obj = PyLong_FromLong(value);
    if (obj == NULL) {
        return -1;
    }
    int res = PyModule_AddObjectRef(module, "spam", obj);
    Py_DECREF(obj);
    return res;
}
```

The example can also be written without checking explicitly if *obj* is NULL :

```
static int
add_spam(PyObject *module, int value)
{
    PyObject *obj = PyLong_FromLong(value);
    int res = PyModule_AddObjectRef(module, "spam", obj);
    Py_XDECREF(obj);
    return res;
}
```

Note that *Py\_XDECREF()* should be used instead of *Py\_DECREF()* in this case, since *obj* can be NULL. Added in version 3.10.

int **PyModule\_AddObject** (*PyObject* \*module, const char \*name, *PyObject* \*value)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Similar to *PyModule\_AddObjectRef()*, but steals a reference to *value* on success (if it returns 0).

The new *PyModule\_AddObjectRef()* function is recommended, since it is easy to introduce reference leaks by misusing the *PyModule\_AddObject()* function.

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**Note :** Unlike other functions that steal references, *PyModule\_AddObject()* only releases the reference to *value* on success.

This means that its return value must be checked, and calling code must *Py\_DECREF()* *value* manually on error.

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Example usage :

```
static int
add_spam(PyObject *module, int value)
{
    PyObject *obj = PyLong_FromLong(value);
    if (obj == NULL) {
        return -1;
    }
    if (PyModule_AddObject(module, "spam", obj) < 0) {
        Py_DECREF(obj);
        return -1;
    }
    // PyModule_AddObject() stole a reference to obj:
    // Py_DECREF(obj) is not needed here
    return 0;
}
```

The example can also be written without checking explicitly if *obj* is NULL :

```
static int
add_spam(PyObject *module, int value)
{
    PyObject *obj = PyLong_FromLong(value);
    if (PyModule_AddObject(module, "spam", obj) < 0) {
        Py_XDECREF(obj);
        return -1;
    }
    // PyModule_AddObject() stole a reference to obj:
    // Py_DECREF(obj) is not needed here
    return 0;
}
```

Note that `Py_XDECREF()` should be used instead of `Py_DECREF()` in this case, since *obj* can be NULL.

int **PyModule\_AddIntConstant** (*PyObject* \*module, const char \*name, long value)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Add an integer constant to *module* as *name*. This convenience function can be used from the module's initialization function. Return -1 on error, 0 on success.

int **PyModule\_AddStringConstant** (*PyObject* \*module, const char \*name, const char \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Add a string constant to *module* as *name*. This convenience function can be used from the module's initialization function. The string *value* must be NULL-terminated. Return -1 on error, 0 on success.

**PyModule\_AddIntMacro** (module, macro)

Add an int constant to *module*. The name and the value are taken from *macro*. For example `PyModule_AddIntMacro(module, AF_INET)` adds the int constant `AF_INET` with the value of `AF_INET` to *module*. Return -1 on error, 0 on success.

**PyModule\_AddStringMacro** (module, macro)

Add a string constant to *module*.

int **PyModule\_AddType** (*PyObject* \*module, *PyTypeObject* \*type)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Add a type object to *module*. The type object is finalized by calling internally `PyType_Ready()`. The name of the type object is taken from the last component of *tp\_name* after dot. Return -1 on error, 0 on success.

Added in version 3.9.

## Module lookup

Single-phase initialization creates singleton modules that can be looked up in the context of the current interpreter. This allows the module object to be retrieved later with only a reference to the module definition.

These functions will not work on modules created using multi-phase initialization, since multiple such modules can be created from a single definition.

*PyObject* \*PyState\_FindModule (PyModuleDef \*def)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Returns the module object that was created from *def* for the current interpreter. This method requires that the module object has been attached to the interpreter state with *PyState\_AddModule()* beforehand. In case the corresponding module object is not found or has not been attached to the interpreter state yet, it returns NULL.

int PyState\_AddModule (PyObject \*module, PyModuleDef \*def)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.3*. Attaches the module object passed to the function to the interpreter state. This allows the module object to be accessible via *PyState\_FindModule()*.

Only effective on modules created using single-phase initialization.

Python calls *PyState\_AddModule* automatically after importing a module, so it is unnecessary (but harmless) to call it from module initialization code. An explicit call is needed only if the module's own init code subsequently calls *PyState\_FindModule*. The function is mainly intended for implementing alternative import mechanisms (either by calling it directly, or by referring to its implementation for details of the required state updates).

The caller must hold the GIL.

Return 0 on success or -1 on failure.

Added in version 3.3.

int PyState\_RemoveModule (PyModuleDef \*def)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.3*. Removes the module object created from *def* from the interpreter state. Return 0 on success or -1 on failure.

The caller must hold the GIL.

Added in version 3.3.

## 8.6.3 Itérateurs

Python provides two general-purpose iterator objects. The first, a sequence iterator, works with an arbitrary sequence supporting the *\_\_getitem\_\_()* method. The second works with a callable object and a sentinel value, calling the callable for each item in the sequence, and ending the iteration when the sentinel value is returned.

*PyTypeObject* PySeqIter\_Type

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Type des itérateurs renvoyés par les fonctions *PySeqIter\_New()* et la forme à un argument de la fonction native *iter()* pour les séquences natives.

int PySeqIter\_Check (PyObject \*op)

Return true if the type of *op* is *PySeqIter\_Type*. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \*PySeqIter\_New (PyObject \*seq)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Renvoie un itérateur sur la séquence *seq*. L'itération prend fin lorsque la séquence lève *IndexError* lors d'une tentative d'accès.

*PyTypeObject* PyCallIter\_Type

*Part of the Stable ABI*. Type de l'itérateur renvoyé par les fonctions *PyCallIter\_New()* et *iter()* à deux arguments.

int PyCallIter\_Check (PyObject \*op)

Return true if the type of *op* is *PyCallIter\_Type*. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \*PyCallIter\_New (*PyObject* \*callable, *PyObject* \*sentinel)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Renvoie un nouvel itérateur. Le premier paramètre, *callable*, peut être n'importe quel objet Python callable sans aucun paramètre ; chaque appel doit renvoyer l'élément suivant de l'itération. Lorsque *callable* renvoie une valeur égale à *sentinel*, l'itération prend fin.

## 8.6.4 Les descripteurs

Les "Descripteurs" sont des objets décrivant des attributs pour un objet. Ils se trouvent dans le dictionnaire du type de l'objet.

*PyTypeObject* PyProperty\_Type

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). L'objet type des descripteurs natifs.

*PyObject* \*PyDescr\_NewGetSet (*PyTypeObject* \*type, struct *PyGetSetDef* \*getset)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).

*PyObject* \*PyDescr\_NewMember (*PyTypeObject* \*type, struct *PyMemberDef* \*meth)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).

*PyObject* \*PyDescr\_NewMethod (*PyTypeObject* \*type, struct *PyMethodDef* \*meth)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).

*PyObject* \*PyDescr\_NewWrapper (*PyTypeObject* \*type, struct wrapperbase \*wrapper, void \*wrapped)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.

*PyObject* \*PyDescr\_NewClassMethod (*PyTypeObject* \*type, *PyMethodDef* \*method)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).

int PyDescr\_IsData (*PyObject* \*descr)

Return non-zero if the descriptor objects *descr* describes a data attribute, or 0 if it describes a method. *descr* must be a descriptor object ; there is no error checking.

*PyObject* \*PyWrapper\_New (*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#).

## 8.6.5 Slice Objects

*PyTypeObject* PySlice\_Type

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). The type object for slice objects. This is the same as `slice` in the Python layer.

int PySlice\_Check (*PyObject* \*ob)

Return true if *ob* is a slice object ; *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \*PySlice\_New (*PyObject* \*start, *PyObject* \*stop, *PyObject* \*step)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Return a new slice object with the given values. The *start*, *stop*, and *step* parameters are used as the values of the slice object attributes of the same names. Any of the values may be NULL, in which case the None will be used for the corresponding attribute. Return NULL if the new object could not be allocated.

int PySlice\_GetIndices (*PyObject* \*slice, *Py\_ssize\_t* length, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*stop, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*step)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Retrieve the start, stop and step indices from the slice object *slice*, assuming a sequence of length *length*. Treats indices greater than *length* as errors.

Returns 0 on success and -1 on error with no exception set (unless one of the indices was not None and failed to be converted to an integer, in which case -1 is returned with an exception set).

You probably do not want to use this function.

Modifié dans la version 3.2 : The parameter type for the *slice* parameter was *PySliceObject*\* before.

**int PySlice\_GetIndicesEx** (*PyObject* \*slice, *Py\_ssize\_t* length, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*stop, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*step, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*slicelength)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Usable replacement for `PySlice_GetIndices()`. Retrieve the start, stop, and step indices from the slice object *slice* assuming a sequence of length *length*, and store the length of the slice in *slicelength*. Out of bounds indices are clipped in a manner consistent with the handling of normal slices.

Returns 0 on success and -1 on error with exception set.

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**Note :** This function is considered not safe for resizable sequences. Its invocation should be replaced by a combination of `PySlice_Unpack()` and `PySlice_AdjustIndices()` where

```
if (PySlice_GetIndicesEx(slice, length, &start, &stop, &step, &slicelength) < 0) {  
    // return error  
}
```

is replaced by

```
if (PySlice_Unpack(slice, &start, &stop, &step) < 0) {  
    // return error  
}  
slicelength = PySlice_AdjustIndices(length, &start, &stop, step);
```

---

Modifié dans la version 3.2 : The parameter type for the *slice* parameter was `PySliceObject*` before.

Modifié dans la version 3.6.1 : If `Py_LIMITED_API` is not set or set to the value between 0x03050400 and 0x03060000 (not including) or 0x03060100 or higher `PySlice_GetIndicesEx()` is implemented as a macro using `PySlice_Unpack()` and `PySlice_AdjustIndices()`. Arguments *start*, *stop* and *step* are evaluated more than once.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.6.1 : If `Py_LIMITED_API` is set to the value less than 0x03050400 or between 0x03060000 and 0x03060100 (not including) `PySlice_GetIndicesEx()` is a deprecated function.

**int PySlice\_Unpack** (*PyObject* \*slice, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*stop, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*step)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Extract the start, stop and step data members from a slice object as C integers. Silently reduce values larger than `PY_SSIZE_T_MAX` to `PY_SSIZE_T_MAX`, silently boost the start and stop values less than `PY_SSIZE_T_MIN` to `PY_SSIZE_T_MIN`, and silently boost the step values less than `-PY_SSIZE_T_MAX` to `-PY_SSIZE_T_MAX`.

Return -1 on error, 0 on success.

Added in version 3.6.1.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PySlice\_AdjustIndices** (*Py\_ssize\_t* length, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*start, *Py\_ssize\_t* \*stop, *Py\_ssize\_t* step)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Adjust start/end slice indices assuming a sequence of the specified length. Out of bounds indices are clipped in a manner consistent with the handling of normal slices.

Return the length of the slice. Always successful. Doesn't call Python code.

Added in version 3.6.1.

## Ellipsis Object

*PyObject* \***Py\_Ellipsis**

The Python `Ellipsis` object. This object has no methods. Like `Py_None`, it is an [immortal](#). singleton object.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : `Py_Ellipsis` is immortal.



## 8.6.6 Objets de type MemoryView

Un objet Python `memoryview` expose le *protocole tampon* du C. Cet objet peut ensuite être passé comme n'importe quel objet.

*PyObject* \***PyMemoryView\_FromObject** (*PyObject* \*obj)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Crée un objet `memoryview` à partir d'un objet implémentant le protocole tampon. Si *obj* permet d'exporter des tampons modifiables, l'objet `memoryview` créée acceptera la lecture et écriture, sinon l'objet créé est soit en lecture seule ou lecture/écriture, à la discrétion de l'exporteur.

**PyBUF\_READ**

Flag to request a readonly buffer.

**PyBUF\_WRITE**

Flag to request a writable buffer.

*PyObject* \***PyMemoryView\_FromMemory** (char \*mem, *Py\_ssize\_t* size, int flags)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7*. Crée un objet `memoryview` utilisant *mem* comme un tampon sous-jacent. *flags* peut être `PyBUF_READ` ou `PyBUF_WRITE`.

Added in version 3.3.

*PyObject* \***PyMemoryView\_FromBuffer** (const *Py\_buffer* \*view)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.11*. Crée un objet `memoryview` à partir de la structure tampon *view*. Pour de simples tampons d'octets, `PyMemoryView_FromMemory()` est préférée.

*PyObject* \***PyMemoryView\_GetContiguous** (*PyObject* \*obj, int buffertype, char order)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Crée un objet `memoryview` vers un segment de mémoire *contiguous* (organisé comme en 'C' ou comme en 'F' pour Fortran) à partir d'un objet qui expose le protocole tampon. Si la mémoire est contiguë, l'objet `memoryview` pointe vers la mémoire d'origine. Sinon une copie est faite et la `memoryview` pointe vers un nouvel objet *bytes*.

*buffertype* can be one of `PyBUF_READ` or `PyBUF_WRITE`.

int **PyMemoryView\_Check** (*PyObject* \*obj)

Return true if the object *obj* is a `memoryview` object. It is not currently allowed to create subclasses of `memoryview`. This function always succeeds.

*Py\_buffer* \***PyMemoryView\_GET\_BUFFER** (*PyObject* \*mview)

Retourne un pointeur vers la copie privée du tampon de l'exporteur de `memoryview`. *mview* **doit** être une instance de `memoryview`; cette macro ne vérifie pas le type, vous devez le faire vous-même sinon vous pourriez subir un crash.

*PyObject* \***PyMemoryView\_GET\_BASE** (*PyObject* \*mview)

Renvoie soit un pointeur vers l'objet exporté sur lequel est basé la `memoryview` ou NULL si la `memoryview` a été créée par `PyMemoryView_FromMemory()` ou `PyMemoryView_FromBuffer()`. *mview* **doit** être une instance de `memoryview`.

## 8.6.7 Objets à références faibles

Python gère les *références faibles* comme des objets de première classe. Il existe deux types d'objets spécifiques qui implémentent directement les références faibles. Le premier est un objet de référence simple, et le second agit autant que possible comme un mandataire vers l'objet original.

int **PyWeakref\_Check** (*PyObject* \*ob)

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

int **PyWeakref\_CheckRef** (*PyObject* \*ob)

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

int **PyWeakref\_CheckProxy** (*PyObject* \*ob)

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

*PyObject* \***PyWeakref\_NewRef** (*PyObject* \*ob, *PyObject* \*callback)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. 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 `TypeError`.

*PyObject* \***PyWeakref\_NewProxy** (*PyObject* \*ob, *PyObject* \*callback)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. *Part of the Stable ABI*. 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 `TypeError`.

*PyObject* \***PyWeakref\_GetObject** (*PyObject* \*ref)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI*. Return the referenced object from a weak reference, *ref*. If the referent is no longer live, returns `Py_None`.

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

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*PyObject* \***PyWeakref\_GET\_OBJECT** (*PyObject* \*ref)

*Valeur de retour* : référence empruntée. Similar to `PyWeakref_GetObject()`, but does no error checking.

void **PyObject\_ClearWeakRefs** (*PyObject* \*object)

*Part of the Stable ABI*. This function is called by the `tp_dealloc` handler to clear weak references.

This iterates through the weak references for *object* and calls callbacks for those references which have one. It returns when all callbacks have been attempted.

## 8.6.8 Capsules

Reportez-vous à using-capsules pour plus d'informations sur l'utilisation de ces objets.

Added in version 3.1.

type **PyCapsule**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents an opaque value, useful for C extension modules who need to pass an opaque value (as a `void*` pointer) through Python code to other C code. It is often used to make a C function pointer defined in one module available to other modules, so the regular import mechanism can be used to access C APIs defined in dynamically loaded modules.

type **PyCapsule\_Destructor**

*Part of the Stable ABI*. The type of a destructor callback for a capsule. Defined as :

```
typedef void (*PyCapsule_Destructor)(PyObject *);
```

See `PyCapsule_New()` for the semantics of `PyCapsule_Destructor` callbacks.

int **PyCapsule\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*p)

Return true if its argument is a *PyCapsule*. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyCapsule\_New** (void \*pointer, const char \*name, *PyCapsule\_Destructor* destructor)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Part of the *Stable ABI*. Create a *PyCapsule* encapsulating the *pointer*. The *pointer* argument may not be NULL.

On failure, set an exception and return NULL.

The *name* string may either be NULL or a pointer to a valid C string. If non-NULL, this string must outlive the capsule. (Though it is permitted to free it inside the *destructor*.)

If the *destructor* argument is not NULL, it will be called with the capsule as its argument when it is destroyed.

If this capsule will be stored as an attribute of a module, the *name* should be specified as `modulename.attribute`. This will enable other modules to import the capsule using *PyCapsule\_Import()*.

void \***PyCapsule\_GetPointer** (*PyObject* \*capsule, const char \*name)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Retrieve the *pointer* stored in the capsule. On failure, set an exception and return NULL.

The *name* parameter must compare exactly to the name stored in the capsule. If the name stored in the capsule is NULL, the *name* passed in must also be NULL. Python uses the C function `strcmp()` to compare capsule names.

*PyCapsule\_Destructor* **PyCapsule\_GetDestructor** (*PyObject* \*capsule)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Return the current destructor stored in the capsule. On failure, set an exception and return NULL.

It is legal for a capsule to have a NULL destructor. This makes a NULL return code somewhat ambiguous; use *PyCapsule\_IsValid()* or *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

void \***PyCapsule\_GetContext** (*PyObject* \*capsule)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Return the current context stored in the capsule. On failure, set an exception and return NULL.

It is legal for a capsule to have a NULL context. This makes a NULL return code somewhat ambiguous; use *PyCapsule\_IsValid()* or *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

const char \***PyCapsule\_GetName** (*PyObject* \*capsule)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Return the current name stored in the capsule. On failure, set an exception and return NULL.

It is legal for a capsule to have a NULL name. This makes a NULL return code somewhat ambiguous; use *PyCapsule\_IsValid()* or *PyErr\_Occurred()* to disambiguate.

void \***PyCapsule\_Import** (const char \*name, int no\_block)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Import a pointer to a C object from a capsule attribute in a module. The *name* parameter should specify the full name to the attribute, as in `module.attribute`. The *name* stored in the capsule must match this string exactly.

Return the capsule's internal *pointer* on success. On failure, set an exception and return NULL.

Modifié dans la version 3.3 : *no\_block* has no effect anymore.

int **PyCapsule\_IsValid** (*PyObject* \*capsule, const char \*name)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Determines whether or not *capsule* is a valid capsule. A valid capsule is non-NULL, passes *PyCapsule\_CheckExact()*, has a non-NULL pointer stored in it, and its internal name matches the *name* parameter. (See *PyCapsule\_GetPointer()* for information on how capsule names are compared.)

In other words, if *PyCapsule\_IsValid()* returns a true value, calls to any of the accessors (any function starting with *PyCapsule\_Get*) are guaranteed to succeed.

Return a nonzero value if the object is valid and matches the name passed in. Return 0 otherwise. This function will not fail.

int **PyCapsule\_SetContext** (*PyObject* \*capsule, void \*context)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Set the context pointer inside *capsule* to *context*.

Return 0 on success. Return nonzero and set an exception on failure.

int **PyCapsule\_SetDestructor** (*PyObject* \*capsule, *PyCapsule\_Destructor* destructor)

Part of the *Stable ABI*. Set the destructor inside *capsule* to *destructor*.

Return 0 on success. Return nonzero and set an exception on failure.

int **PyCapsule\_SetName** (*PyObject* \*capsule, const char \*name)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set the name inside *capsule* to *name*. If non-NULL, the name must outlive the capsule. If the previous *name* stored in the capsule was not NULL, no attempt is made to free it.  
Return 0 on success. Return nonzero and set an exception on failure.

int **PyCapsule\_SetPointer** (*PyObject* \*capsule, void \*pointer)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set the void pointer inside *capsule* to *pointer*. The pointer may not be NULL.  
Return 0 on success. Return nonzero and set an exception on failure.

## 8.6.9 Objets décrivant les *frames*

type **PyFrameObject**

*Part of the Limited API (as an opaque struct).* Structure des objets C utilisée pour décrire les objets *frame*.

Il n'y a pas de membres publics dans cette structure.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : Les membres de la structure API publique ont été retirés de l'API publique de C. Visiter l'entrée dans la page des nouveautés de Python pour plus détails.

Les fonctions `PyEval_GetFrame()` et `PyThreadState_GetFrame()` peuvent être utilisées pour avoir un objet de *frame*.

Voir aussi [Réflexion](#)

*PyTypeObject* **PyFrame\_Type**

Le type des objets de *frame*. C'est le même objet que `types.FrameType` dans la couche de Python.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : Précédemment, ce type était disponible uniquement après l'inclusion de `<frameobject.h>`.

int **PyFrame\_Check** (*PyObject* \*obj)

Renvoie un entier non nul si *obj* est un objet *frame*.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : Précédemment, ce type était disponible uniquement après l'inclusion de `<frameobject.h>`.

*PyFrameObject* \***PyFrame\_GetBack** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

Renvoie la *frame* encadrant immédiatement à *frame*.

Renvoie un *strong reference*, ou NULL si *frame* n'a pas de *frame* encadrante.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyObject* \***PyFrame\_GetBuiltins** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

Get the *frame*'s `f_builtins` attribute.

Renvoie un *strong reference*. Le résultat ne peut être NULL.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyCodeObject* \***PyFrame\_GetCode** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Obtenir le code *frame*.

Renvoie un *strong reference*.

Le résultat (code *frame*) ne peut être NULL.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyObject* \***PyFrame\_GetGenerator** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

Obtenir le générateur, coroutine, ou un générateur asynchrone qui maintient cette *frame*, ou NULL si cette *frame* n'est pas maintenu par un générateur. Il ne lève pas d'exception, même si la valeur renvoyée est NULL.

Renvoie un *strong reference*, ou NULL.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyFrame\_GetGlobals** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

Get the *frame*'s `f_globals` attribute.

Renvoie un *strong reference*. Le résultat ne peut être NULL.

Added in version 3.11.

int **PyFrame\_GetLasti** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

Get the *frame*'s `f_lasti` attribute.

Renvoie -1 si `frame.f_lasti` est None.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyFrame\_GetVar** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame, *PyObject* \*name)

Get the variable *name* of *frame*.

— Return a *strong reference* to the variable value on success.

— Raise `NameError` and return NULL if the variable does not exist.

— Raise an exception and return NULL on error.

*name* type must be a `str`.

Added in version 3.12.

*PyObject* \***PyFrame\_GetVarString** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame, const char \*name)

Similar to `PyFrame_GetVar()`, but the variable name is a C string encoded in UTF-8.

Added in version 3.12.

*PyObject* \***PyFrame\_GetLocals** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

Get the *frame*'s `f_locals` attribute (dict).

Renvoie un *strong reference*.

Added in version 3.11.

int **PyFrame\_GetLineNumber** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Renvoie le numéro de ligne que cette *frame* est en train d'exécuter.

## Internal Frames

Unless using [PEP 523](#), you will not need this.

struct **\_PyInterpreterFrame**

The interpreter's internal frame representation.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyObject* \***PyUnstable\_InterpreterFrame\_GetCode** (struct *\_PyInterpreterFrame* \*frame) ;

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

---

Return a *strong reference* to the code object for the frame.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyUnstable\_InterpreterFrame\_GetLasti** (struct *\_PyInterpreterFrame* \*frame) ;

---

This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

---

Return the byte offset into the last executed instruction.

Added in version 3.12.

int **PyUnstable\_InterpreterFrame\_GetLine** (struct *\_PyInterpreterFrame* \*frame) ;

---

This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

---

Return the currently executing line number, or -1 if there is no line number.

Added in version 3.12.

### 8.6.10 Objets générateur

Python utilise des objets générateurs pour implémenter les itérations de générateurs. Ils sont normalement créés en itérant sur une fonction donnant des valeurs via `yield`, au lieu d'appeler explicitement `PyGen_New()` ou `PyGen_NewWithQualName()`.

type **PyGenObject**

La structure C utilisée pour les objets générateurs.

*PyTypeObject* **PyGen\_Type**

Le type objet correspondant aux objets générateurs.

int **PyGen\_Check** (*PyObject* \*ob)

Return true if *ob* is a generator object; *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

int **PyGen\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*ob)

Return true if *ob*'s type is *PyGen\_Type*; *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyGen\_New** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create and return a new generator object based on the *frame* object. A reference to *frame* is stolen by this function. The argument must not be NULL.

*PyObject* \***PyGen\_NewWithQualName** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame, *PyObject* \*name, *PyObject* \*qualname)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create and return a new generator object based on the *frame* object, with `__name__` and `__qualname__` set to *name* and *qualname*. A reference to *frame* is stolen by this function. The *frame* argument must not be NULL.

### 8.6.11 Objets coroutines

Added in version 3.5.

Les objets coroutines sont les objets renvoyés par les fonctions déclarées avec le mot clef `async`.

type **PyCoroObject**

La structure C utilisée pour les objets coroutine.

*PyTypeObject* **PyCoro\_Type**

L'objet type correspondant aux objets coroutines.

int **PyCoro\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*ob)

Return true if *ob*'s type is *PyCoro\_Type*; *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

*PyObject* \***PyCoro\_New** (*PyFrameObject* \*frame, *PyObject* \*name, *PyObject* \*qualname)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create and return a new coroutine object based on the *frame* object, with `__name__` and `__qualname__` set to *name* and *qualname*. A reference to *frame* is stolen by this function. The *frame* argument must not be NULL.

### 8.6.12 Context Variables Objects

Added in version 3.7.

Modifié dans la version 3.7.1 :

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**Note** : In Python 3.7.1 the signatures of all context variables C APIs were **changed** to use *PyObject* pointers instead of *PyContext*, *PyContextVar*, and *PyContextToken*, e.g. :

```
// in 3.7.0:
PyContext *PyContext_New(void);

// in 3.7.1+:
PyObject *PyContext_New(void);
```

See [bpo-34762](#) for more details.

This section details the public C API for the `contextvars` module.

#### type **PyContext**

The C structure used to represent a `contextvars.Context` object.

#### type **PyContextVar**

The C structure used to represent a `contextvars.ContextVar` object.

#### type **PyContextToken**

The C structure used to represent a `contextvars.Token` object.

#### *PyTypeObject* **PyContext\_Type**

The type object representing the *context* type.

#### *PyTypeObject* **PyContextVar\_Type**

The type object representing the *context variable* type.

#### *PyTypeObject* **PyContextToken\_Type**

The type object representing the *context variable token* type.

Macros pour vérifier les types :

#### int **PyContext\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return true if *o* is of type *PyContext\_Type*. *o* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

#### int **PyContextVar\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return true if *o* is of type *PyContextVar\_Type*. *o* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

#### int **PyContextToken\_CheckExact** (*PyObject* \*o)

Return true if *o* is of type *PyContextToken\_Type*. *o* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

Context object management functions :

#### *PyObject* \***PyContext\_New** (void)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a new empty context object. Returns NULL if an error has occurred.

#### *PyObject* \***PyContext\_Copy** (*PyObject* \*ctx)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a shallow copy of the passed *ctx* context object. Returns NULL if an error has occurred.

#### *PyObject* \***PyContext\_CopyCurrent** (void)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a shallow copy of the current thread context. Returns NULL if an error has occurred.

#### int **PyContext\_Enter** (*PyObject* \*ctx)

Set *ctx* as the current context for the current thread. Returns 0 on success, and -1 on error.

#### int **PyContext\_Exit** (*PyObject* \*ctx)

Deactivate the *ctx* context and restore the previous context as the current context for the current thread. Returns 0 on success, and -1 on error.

Context variable functions :



*PyObject* \***PyContextVar\_New** (const char \*name, *PyObject* \*def)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Create a new `ContextVar` object. The *name* parameter is used for introspection and debug purposes. The *def* parameter specifies a default value for the context variable, or `NULL` for no default. If an error has occurred, this function returns `NULL`.

int **PyContextVar\_Get** (*PyObject* \*var, *PyObject* \*default\_value, *PyObject* \*\*value)

Get the value of a context variable. Returns `-1` if an error has occurred during lookup, and `0` if no error occurred, whether or not a value was found.

If the context variable was found, *value* will be a pointer to it. If the context variable was *not* found, *value* will point to :

- *default\_value*, if not `NULL`;
- the default value of *var*, if not `NULL`;
- `NULL`

Except for `NULL`, the function returns a new reference.

*PyObject* \***PyContextVar\_Set** (*PyObject* \*var, *PyObject* \*value)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Set the value of *var* to *value* in the current context. Returns a new token object for this change, or `NULL` if an error has occurred.

int **PyContextVar\_Reset** (*PyObject* \*var, *PyObject* \*token)

Reset the state of the *var* context variable to that it was in before `PyContextVar_Set()` that returned the *token* was called. This function returns `0` on success and `-1` on error.

### 8.6.13 Objets DateTime

Various date and time objects are supplied by the `datetime` module. Before using any of these functions, the header file `datetime.h` must be included in your source (note that this is not included by `Python.h`), and the macro `PyDateTime_IMPORT` must be invoked, usually as part of the module initialisation function. The macro puts a pointer to a C structure into a static variable, `PyDateTimeAPI`, that is used by the following macros.

type **PyDateTime\_Date**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python date object.

type **PyDateTime\_DateTime**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python datetime object.

type **PyDateTime\_Time**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents a Python time object.

type **PyDateTime\_Delta**

This subtype of *PyObject* represents the difference between two datetime values.

*PyTypeObject* **PyDateTime\_DateType**

This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python date type; it is the same object as `datetime.date` in the Python layer.

*PyTypeObject* **PyDateTime\_DateTimeType**

This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python datetime type; it is the same object as `datetime.datetime` in the Python layer.

*PyTypeObject* **PyDateTime\_TimeType**

This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents the Python time type; it is the same object as `datetime.time` in the Python layer.

*PyTypeObject* **PyDateTime\_DeltaType**

This instance of *PyTypeObject* represents Python type for the difference between two datetime values; it is the same object as `datetime.timedelta` in the Python layer.

***PyObject* PyDateTime\_TZInfoType**

This instance of *PyObject* represents the Python time zone info type; it is the same object as `datetime.tzinfo` in the Python layer.

Macro pour accéder au singleton UTC :

***PyObject* \*PyDateTime\_TimeZone\_UTC**

Renvoie le singleton du fuseau horaire UTC, qui est le même objet que `datetime.timezone.utc`.  
Added in version 3.7.

Macros pour vérifier les types :

**int PyDate\_Check (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_DateType* or a subtype of *PyDateTime\_DateType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyDate\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_DateType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyDateTime\_Check (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_DateTimeType* or a subtype of *PyDateTime\_DateTimeType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyDateTime\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_DateTimeType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyTime\_Check (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_TimeType* or a subtype of *PyDateTime\_TimeType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyTime\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_TimeType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyDelta\_Check (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_DeltaType* or a subtype of *PyDateTime\_DeltaType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyDelta\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_DeltaType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyTZInfo\_Check (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_TZInfoType* or a subtype of *PyDateTime\_TZInfoType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

**int PyTZInfo\_CheckExact (*PyObject* \*ob)**

Return true if *ob* is of type *PyDateTime\_TZInfoType*. *ob* must not be NULL. This function always succeeds.

Macros pour créer des objets :

***PyObject* \*PyDate\_FromDate (int year, int month, int day)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.date` avec l'année, le mois et le jour spécifiés.

***PyObject* \*PyDateTime\_FromDateAndTime (int year, int month, int day, int hour, int minute, int second, int usecond)**

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.datetime` avec l'année, le mois, le jour, l'heure, la minute, la seconde et la microseconde spécifiés.

*PyObject* \***PyDateTime\_FromDateAndTimeAndFold** (int year, int month, int day, int hour, int minute, int second, int usecond, int fold)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.datetime` avec l'année, le mois, le jour, l'heure, la minute, la seconde, la microseconde et le pli (*fold* en anglais) spécifiés.

Added in version 3.6.

*PyObject* \***PyTime\_FromTime** (int hour, int minute, int second, int usecond)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.time` avec l'heure, la minute, la seconde et la microseconde spécifiées.

*PyObject* \***PyTime\_FromTimeAndFold** (int hour, int minute, int second, int usecond, int fold)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.time` avec l'heure, la minute, la seconde, la microseconde et le pli (*fold* en anglais) spécifiés.

Added in version 3.6.

*PyObject* \***PyDelta\_FromDSU** (int days, int seconds, int useconds)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.timedelta` représentant le nombre passé en paramètre de jours, de secondes et de microsecondes. Le résultat est normalisé pour que le nombre de microsecondes et de secondes tombe dans la plage documentée pour les objets `datetime.timedelta`.

*PyObject* \***PyTimeZone\_FromOffset** (*PyObject* \*offset)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.timezone` avec un décalage anonyme fixe représenté par l'argument *offset*.

Added in version 3.7.

*PyObject* \***PyTimeZone\_FromOffsetAndName** (*PyObject* \*offset, *PyObject* \*name)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Renvoie un objet `datetime.timezone` avec un décalage fixe représenté par l'argument *offset* et avec le nom de fuseau horaire *name*.

Added in version 3.7.

Macros to extract fields from date objects. The argument must be an instance of `PyDateTime_Date`, including subclasses (such as `PyDateTime_DateTime`). The argument must not be NULL, and the type is not checked :

int **PyDateTime\_GET\_YEAR** (*PyDateTime\_Date* \*o)

Renvoie l'année, sous forme d'entier positif.

int **PyDateTime\_GET\_MONTH** (*PyDateTime\_Date* \*o)

Renvoie le mois, sous forme d'entier allant de 1 à 12.

int **PyDateTime\_GET\_DAY** (*PyDateTime\_Date* \*o)

Renvoie le jour, sous forme d'entier allant de 1 à 31.

Macros to extract fields from datetime objects. The argument must be an instance of `PyDateTime_DateTime`, including subclasses. The argument must not be NULL, and the type is not checked :

int **PyDateTime\_DATE\_GET\_HOUR** (*PyDateTime\_DateTime* \*o)

Renvoie l'heure, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 23.

int **PyDateTime\_DATE\_GET\_MINUTE** (*PyDateTime\_DateTime* \*o)

Renvoie la minute, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 59.

int **PyDateTime\_DATE\_GET\_SECOND** (*PyDateTime\_DateTime* \*o)

Renvoie la seconde, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 59.

int **PyDateTime\_DATE\_GET\_MICROSECOND** (*PyDateTime\_DateTime* \*o)

Renvoie la microseconde, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 999999.

int **PyDateTime\_DATE\_GET\_FOLD** (*PyDateTime\_DateTime* \*o)

Return the fold, as an int from 0 through 1.

Added in version 3.6.

*PyObject* \*PyDateTime\_DATE\_GET\_TZINFO (PyDateTime\_DateTime \*o)

Return the tzinfo (which may be None).

Added in version 3.10.

Macros to extract fields from time objects. The argument must be an instance of *PyDateTime\_Time*, including subclasses. The argument must not be NULL, and the type is not checked :

int PyDateTime\_TIME\_GET\_HOUR (PyDateTime\_Time \*o)

Renvoie l'heure, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 23.

int PyDateTime\_TIME\_GET\_MINUTE (PyDateTime\_Time \*o)

Renvoie la minute, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 59.

int PyDateTime\_TIME\_GET\_SECOND (PyDateTime\_Time \*o)

Renvoie la seconde, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 59.

int PyDateTime\_TIME\_GET\_MICROSECOND (PyDateTime\_Time \*o)

Renvoie la microseconde, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 999999.

int PyDateTime\_TIME\_GET\_FOLD (PyDateTime\_Time \*o)

Return the fold, as an int from 0 through 1.

Added in version 3.6.

*PyObject* \*PyDateTime\_TIME\_GET\_TZINFO (PyDateTime\_Time \*o)

Return the tzinfo (which may be None).

Added in version 3.10.

Macros to extract fields from time delta objects. The argument must be an instance of *PyDateTime\_Delta*, including subclasses. The argument must not be NULL, and the type is not checked :

int PyDateTime\_DELTA\_GET\_DAYS (PyDateTime\_Delta \*o)

Renvoie le nombre de jours, sous forme d'entier allant de -999999999 à 999999999.

Added in version 3.3.

int PyDateTime\_DELTA\_GET\_SECONDS (PyDateTime\_Delta \*o)

Renvoie le nombre de secondes sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 86399.

Added in version 3.3.

int PyDateTime\_DELTA\_GET\_MICROSECONDS (PyDateTime\_Delta \*o)

Renvoie le nombre de microsecondes, sous forme d'entier allant de 0 à 999999.

Added in version 3.3.

Macros de confort pour les modules implémentant l'API DB :

*PyObject* \*PyDateTime\_FromTimestamp (PyObject \*args)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Crée et renvoie un nouvel objet `datetime.datetime` à partir d'un *n*-uplet qui peut être passé à `datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp()`.

*PyObject* \*PyDate\_FromTimestamp (PyObject \*args)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence. Crée et renvoie un nouvel objet `datetime.date` à partir d'un *n*-uplet qui peut être passé à `datetime.date.fromtimestamp()`.

## 8.6.14 Objects for Type Hinting

Various built-in types for type hinting are provided. Currently, two types exist -- `GenericAlias` and `Union`. Only `GenericAlias` is exposed to C.

*PyObject\** **Py\_GenericAlias** (*PyObject\** origin, *PyObject\** args)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.9. Create a `GenericAlias` object. Equivalent to calling the Python class `types.GenericAlias`. The *origin* and *args* arguments set the `GenericAlias`'s `__origin__` and `__args__` attributes respectively. *origin* should be a *PyTypeObject\**, and *args* can be a *PyTupleObject\** or any *PyObject\**. If *args* passed is not a tuple, a 1-tuple is automatically constructed and `__args__` is set to `(args,)`. Minimal checking is done for the arguments, so the function will succeed even if *origin* is not a type. The `GenericAlias`'s `__parameters__` attribute is constructed lazily from `__args__`. On failure, an exception is raised and `NULL` is returned.

Here's an example of how to make an extension type generic :

```
...
static PyMethodDef my_obj_methods[] = {
    // Other methods.
    ...
    {"__class_getitem__", Py_GenericAlias, METH_O|METH_CLASS, "See PEP 585"}
    ...
}
```

**Voir aussi :**

The data model method `__class_getitem__()`.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyTypeObject* **Py\_GenericAliasType**

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.9. The C type of the object returned by *Py\_GenericAlias()*. Equivalent to `types.GenericAlias` in Python.

Added in version 3.9.

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## Initialization, Finalization, and Threads

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See also *Python Initialization Configuration*.

### 9.1 Before Python Initialization

In an application embedding Python, the `Py_Initialize()` function must be called before using any other Python/C API functions ; with the exception of a few functions and the *global configuration variables*.

The following functions can be safely called before Python is initialized :

- Configuration functions :
  - `PyImport_AppendInittab()`
  - `PyImport_ExtendInittab()`
  - `PyInitFrozenExtensions()`
  - `PyMem_SetAllocator()`
  - `PyMem_SetupDebugHooks()`
  - `PyObject_SetArenaAllocator()`
  - `Py_SetPath()`
  - `Py_SetProgramName()`
  - `Py_SetPythonHome()`
  - `Py_SetStandardStreamEncoding()`
  - `PySys_AddWarnOption()`
  - `PySys_AddXOption()`
  - `PySys_ResetWarnOptions()`
- Informative functions :
  - `Py_IsInitialized()`
  - `PyMem_GetAllocator()`
  - `PyObject_GetArenaAllocator()`
  - `Py_GetBuildInfo()`
  - `Py_GetCompiler()`
  - `Py_GetCopyright()`
  - `Py_GetPlatform()`
  - `Py_GetVersion()`
- Utilities :
  - `Py_DecodeLocale()`
- Memory allocators :
  - `PyMem_RawMalloc()`

- `PyMem_RawRealloc()`
- `PyMem_RawCalloc()`
- `PyMem_RawFree()`

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**Note :** The following functions **should not be called** before `Py_Initialize()` : `Py_EncodeLocale()`, `Py_GetPath()`, `Py_GetPrefix()`, `Py_GetExecPrefix()`, `Py_GetProgramFullPath()`, `Py_GetPythonHome()`, `Py_GetProgramName()` and `PyEval_InitThreads()`.

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## 9.2 Global configuration variables

Python has variables for the global configuration to control different features and options. By default, these flags are controlled by command line options.

When a flag is set by an option, the value of the flag is the number of times that the option was set. For example, `-b` sets `Py_BytesWarningFlag` to 1 and `-bb` sets `Py_BytesWarningFlag` to 2.

### int `Py_BytesWarningFlag`

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.bytes_warning` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

Issue a warning when comparing `bytes` or `bytearray` with `str` or `bytes` with `int`. Issue an error if greater or equal to 2.

Set by the `-b` option.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

### int `Py_DebugFlag`

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.parser_debug` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

Turn on parser debugging output (for expert only, depending on compilation options).

Set by the `-d` option and the `PYTHONDEBUG` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

### int `Py_DontWriteBytecodeFlag`

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.write_bytecode` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

If set to non-zero, Python won't try to write `.pyc` files on the import of source modules.

Set by the `-B` option and the `PYTHONDONTWRITEBYTECODE` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

### int `Py_FrozenFlag`

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.pathconfig_warnings` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

Suppress error messages when calculating the module search path in `Py_GetPath()`.

Private flag used by `_freeze_module` and `frozenmain` programs.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

### int `Py_HashRandomizationFlag`

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.hash_seed` and `PyConfig.use_hash_seed` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

Set to 1 if the `PYTHONHASHSEED` environment variable is set to a non-empty string.

If the flag is non-zero, read the `PYTHONHASHSEED` environment variable to initialize the secret hash seed.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.



**int `Py_IgnoreEnvironmentFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.use_environment` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Ignore all `PYTHON*` environment variables, e.g. `PYTHONPATH` and `PYTHONHOME`, that might be set.

Set by the `-E` and `-I` options.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_InspectFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.inspect` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

When a script is passed as first argument or the `-c` option is used, enter interactive mode after executing the script or the command, even when `sys.stdin` does not appear to be a terminal.

Set by the `-i` option and the `PYTHONINSPECT` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_InteractiveFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.interactive` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Set by the `-i` option.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_IsolatedFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.isolated` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Run Python in isolated mode. In isolated mode `sys.path` contains neither the script's directory nor the user's site-packages directory.

Set by the `-I` option.

Added in version 3.4.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_LegacyWindowsFSEncodingFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyPreConfig.legacy_windows_fs_encoding` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

If the flag is non-zero, use the `mbcs` encoding with `replace` error handler, instead of the UTF-8 encoding with `surrogatepass` error handler, for the *filesystem encoding and error handler*.

Set to 1 if the `PYTHONLEGACYWINDOWSFSENCODING` environment variable is set to a non-empty string.

Voir la [PEP 529](#) pour plus d'informations.

Disponibilité : Windows.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_LegacyWindowsStdioFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.legacy_windows_stdio` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

If the flag is non-zero, use `io.FileIO` instead of `io._WindowsConsoleIO` for `sys` standard streams.

Set to 1 if the `PYTHONLEGACYWINDOWSSTDIO` environment variable is set to a non-empty string.

See [PEP 528](#) for more details.

Disponibilité : Windows.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_NoSiteFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.site_import` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Désactive l'importation du module `site` et les modifications locales de `sys.path` qu'il implique. Désactive aussi ces manipulations si `site` est importé explicitement plus tard (appelez `site.main()` si vous voulez les déclencher).

Set by the `-S` option.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_NoUserSiteDirectory`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.user_site_directory` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

N'ajoute pas le répertoire utilisateur `site-packages` à `sys.path`.

Set by the `-s` and `-I` options, and the `PYTHONNOUSERSITE` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_OptimizeFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.optimization_level` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Set by the `-O` option and the `PYTHONOPTIMIZE` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_QuietFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.quiet` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

N'affiche pas le copyright et la version, même en mode interactif.

Set by the `-q` option.

Added in version 3.2.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_UnbufferedStdioFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.buffered_stdio` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Force the stdout and stderr streams to be unbuffered.

Set by the `-u` option and the `PYTHONUNBUFFERED` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

**int `Py_VerboseFlag`**

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.verbose` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Print a message each time a module is initialized, showing the place (filename or built-in module) from which it is loaded. If greater or equal to 2, print a message for each file that is checked for when searching for a module. Also provides information on module cleanup at exit.

Set by the `-v` option and the `PYTHONVERBOSE` environment variable.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.12.

## 9.3 Initializing and finalizing the interpreter

**void `Py_Initialize()`**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Initialize the Python interpreter. In an application embedding Python, this should be called before using any other Python/C API functions ; see *Before Python Initialization* for the few exceptions.

This initializes the table of loaded modules (`sys.modules`), and creates the fundamental modules `builtins`, `__main__` and `sys`. It also initializes the module search path (`sys.path`). It does not set `sys.argv`; use `PySys_SetArgvEx()` for that. This is a no-op when called for a second time (without calling `Py_FinalizeEx()` first). There is no return value ; it is a fatal error if the initialization fails.

Use the `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` function to customize the *Python Initialization Configuration*.

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**Note :** On Windows, changes the console mode from `O_TEXT` to `O_BINARY`, which will also affect non-Python uses of the console using the C Runtime.

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void **Py\_InitializeEx** (int initsigs)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This function works like `Py_Initialize()` if `initsigs` is 1. If `initsigs` is 0, it skips initialization registration of signal handlers, which might be useful when Python is embedded.

Use the `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` function to customize the *Python Initialization Configuration*.

int **Py\_IsInitialized** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return true (nonzero) when the Python interpreter has been initialized, false (zero) if not. After `Py_FinalizeEx()` is called, this returns false until `Py_Initialize()` is called again.

int **Py\_FinalizeEx** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.6.* Undo all initializations made by `Py_Initialize()` and subsequent use of Python/C API functions, and destroy all sub-interpreters (see `Py_NewInterpreter()` below) that were created and not yet destroyed since the last call to `Py_Initialize()`. Ideally, this frees all memory allocated by the Python interpreter. This is a no-op when called for a second time (without calling `Py_Initialize()` again first). Normally the return value is 0. If there were errors during finalization (flushing buffered data), -1 is returned.

This function is provided for a number of reasons. An embedding application might want to restart Python without having to restart the application itself. An application that has loaded the Python interpreter from a dynamically loadable library (or DLL) might want to free all memory allocated by Python before unloading the DLL. During a hunt for memory leaks in an application a developer might want to free all memory allocated by Python before exiting from the application.

**Bugs and caveats :** The destruction of modules and objects in modules is done in random order ; this may cause destructors (`__del__()` methods) to fail when they depend on other objects (even functions) or modules. Dynamically loaded extension modules loaded by Python are not unloaded. Small amounts of memory allocated by the Python interpreter may not be freed (if you find a leak, please report it). Memory tied up in circular references between objects is not freed. Some memory allocated by extension modules may not be freed. Some extensions may not work properly if their initialization routine is called more than once ; this can happen if an application calls `Py_Initialize()` and `Py_FinalizeEx()` more than once.

Raises an auditing event `cpython._PySys_ClearAuditHooks` with no arguments.

Added in version 3.6.

void **Py\_Finalize** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is a backwards-compatible version of `Py_FinalizeEx()` that disregards the return value.

## 9.4 Process-wide parameters

int **Py\_SetStandardStreamEncoding** (const char \*encoding, const char \*errors)

This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.stdio_encoding` and `PyConfig.stdio_errors` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

This function should be called before `Py_Initialize()`, if it is called at all. It specifies which encoding and error handling to use with standard IO, with the same meanings as in `str.encode()`.

It overrides `PYTHONIOENCODING` values, and allows embedding code to control IO encoding when the environment variable does not work.

`encoding` and/or `errors` may be NULL to use `PYTHONIOENCODING` and/or default values (depending on other settings).

Note that `sys.stderr` always uses the "backslashreplace" error handler, regardless of this (or any other) setting.

If `Py_FinalizeEx()` is called, this function will need to be called again in order to affect subsequent calls to `Py_Initialize()`.

Returns 0 if successful, a nonzero value on error (e.g. calling after the interpreter has already been initialized).

Added in version 3.4.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

void **Py\_SetProgramName** (const wchar\_t \*name)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.program_name` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

This function should be called before `Py_Initialize()` is called for the first time, if it is called at all. It tells the interpreter the value of the `argv[0]` argument to the `main()` function of the program (converted to wide characters). This is used by `Py_GetPath()` and some other functions below to find the Python run-time libraries relative to the interpreter executable. The default value is `'python'`. The argument should point to a zero-terminated wide character string in static storage whose contents will not change for the duration of the program's execution. No code in the Python interpreter will change the contents of this storage.

Use `Py_DecodeLocale()` to decode a bytes string to get a `wchar_t*` string.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

wchar\_t \***Py\_GetProgramName** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the program name set with `Py_SetProgramName()`, or the default. The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value.

This function should not be called before `Py_Initialize()`, otherwise it returns `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : It now returns `NULL` if called before `Py_Initialize()`.

wchar\_t \***Py\_GetPrefix** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the *prefix* for installed platform-independent files. This is derived through a number of complicated rules from the program name set with `Py_SetProgramName()` and some environment variables; for example, if the program name is `'/usr/local/bin/python'`, the prefix is `'/usr/local'`. The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. This corresponds to the `prefix` variable in the top-level Makefile and the `--prefix` argument to the `configure` script at build time. The value is available to Python code as `sys.prefix`. It is only useful on Unix. See also the next function.

This function should not be called before `Py_Initialize()`, otherwise it returns `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : It now returns `NULL` if called before `Py_Initialize()`.

wchar\_t \***Py\_GetExecPrefix** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the *exec-prefix* for installed platform-dependent files. This is derived through a number of complicated rules from the program name set with `Py_SetProgramName()` and some environment variables; for example, if the program name is `'/usr/local/bin/python'`, the exec-prefix is `'/usr/local'`. The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. This corresponds to the `exec_prefix` variable in the top-level Makefile and the `--exec-prefix` argument to the `configure` script at build time. The value is available to Python code as `sys.exec_prefix`. It is only useful on Unix.

Background : The exec-prefix differs from the prefix when platform dependent files (such as executables and shared libraries) are installed in a different directory tree. In a typical installation, platform dependent files may be installed in the `/usr/local/plat` subtree while platform independent may be installed in `/usr/local`.

Generally speaking, a platform is a combination of hardware and software families, e.g. Sparc machines running the Solaris 2.x operating system are considered the same platform, but Intel machines running Solaris 2.x are another platform, and Intel machines running Linux are yet another platform. Different major revisions of the same operating system generally also form different platforms. Non-Unix operating systems are a different story; the installation strategies on those systems are so different that the prefix and exec-prefix are meaningless, and set to the empty string. Note that compiled Python bytecode files are platform independent (but not independent from the Python version by which they were compiled!).

System administrators will know how to configure the `mount` or `automount` programs to share `/usr/local` between platforms while having `/usr/local/plat` be a different filesystem for each platform.

This function should not be called before `Py_Initialize()`, otherwise it returns `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : It now returns `NULL` if called before `Py_Initialize()`.

wchar\_t \***Py\_GetProgramFullPath** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the full program name of the Python executable; this is computed as a side-effect of deriving the default module search path from the program name (set by `Py_SetProgramName()` above). The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The value is available to Python code as `sys.executable`.

This function should not be called before `Py_Initialize()`, otherwise it returns `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : It now returns `NULL` if called before `Py_Initialize()`.

`wchar_t *Py_GetPath()`

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the default module search path; this is computed from the program name (set by `Py_SetProgramName()` above) and some environment variables. The returned string consists of a series of directory names separated by a platform dependent delimiter character. The delimiter character is `':'` on Unix and macOS,  `';'`  on Windows. The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The list `sys.path` is initialized with this value on interpreter startup; it can be (and usually is) modified later to change the search path for loading modules.

This function should not be called before `Py_Initialize()`, otherwise it returns `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : It now returns `NULL` if called before `Py_Initialize()`.

`void Py_SetPath(const wchar_t*)`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.module_search_paths` and `PyConfig.module_search_paths_set` should be used instead, see *Python Initialization Configuration*.

Set the default module search path. If this function is called before `Py_Initialize()`, then `Py_GetPath()` won't attempt to compute a default search path but uses the one provided instead. This is useful if Python is embedded by an application that has full knowledge of the location of all modules. The path components should be separated by the platform dependent delimiter character, which is `':'` on Unix and macOS,  `';'`  on Windows.

This also causes `sys.executable` to be set to the program full path (see `Py_GetProgramFullPath()`) and for `sys.prefix` and `sys.exec_prefix` to be empty. It is up to the caller to modify these if required after calling `Py_Initialize()`.

Use `Py_DecodeLocale()` to decode a bytes string to get a `wchar_t*` string.

The path argument is copied internally, so the caller may free it after the call completes.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : The program full path is now used for `sys.executable`, instead of the program name.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

`const char *Py_GetVersion()`

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the version of this Python interpreter. This is a string that looks something like

```
"3.0a5+ (py3k:63103M, May 12 2008, 00:53:55) \n[GCC 4.2.3]"
```

The first word (up to the first space character) is the current Python version; the first characters are the major and minor version separated by a period. The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The value is available to Python code as `sys.version`.

See also the `Py_Version` constant.

`const char *Py_GetPlatform()`

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the platform identifier for the current platform. On Unix, this is formed from the "official" name of the operating system, converted to lower case, followed by the major revision number; e.g., for Solaris 2.x, which is also known as SunOS 5.x, the value is `'sunos5'`. On macOS, it is `'darwin'`. On Windows, it is `'win'`. The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The value is available to Python code as `sys.platform`.

`const char *Py_GetCopyright()`

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the official copyright string for the current Python version, for example

```
'Copyright 1991-1995 Stichting Mathematisch Centrum, Amsterdam'
```

The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The value is available to Python code as `sys.copyright`.

`const char *Py_GetCompiler()`

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return an indication of the compiler used to build the current Python version, in square brackets, for example :

```
"[GCC 2.7.2.2]"
```

The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The value is available to Python code as part of the variable `sys.version`.

const char **\*Py\_GetBuildInfo** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return information about the sequence number and build date and time of the current Python interpreter instance, for example

```
"#67, Aug 1 1997, 22:34:28"
```

The returned string points into static storage; the caller should not modify its value. The value is available to Python code as part of the variable `sys.version`.

void **PySys\_SetArgvEx** (int argc, wchar\_t \*\*argv, int updatepath)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.argv`, `PyConfig.parse_argv` and `PyConfig.safe_path` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#). Set `sys.argv` based on `argc` and `argv`. These parameters are similar to those passed to the program's `main()` function with the difference that the first entry should refer to the script file to be executed rather than the executable hosting the Python interpreter. If there isn't a script that will be run, the first entry in `argv` can be an empty string. If this function fails to initialize `sys.argv`, a fatal condition is signalled using `Py_FatalError()`. If `updatepath` is zero, this is all the function does. If `updatepath` is non-zero, the function also modifies `sys.path` according to the following algorithm :

- If the name of an existing script is passed in `argv[0]`, the absolute path of the directory where the script is located is prepended to `sys.path`.
- Otherwise (that is, if `argc` is 0 or `argv[0]` doesn't point to an existing file name), an empty string is prepended to `sys.path`, which is the same as prepending the current working directory (`"."`).

Use `Py_DecodeLocale()` to decode a bytes string to get a `wchar_t*` string.

See also `PyConfig.orig_argv` and `PyConfig.argv` members of the [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

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**Note :** It is recommended that applications embedding the Python interpreter for purposes other than executing a single script pass 0 as `updatepath`, and update `sys.path` themselves if desired. See [CVE-2008-5983](#).

On versions before 3.1.3, you can achieve the same effect by manually popping the first `sys.path` element after having called `PySys_SetArgv()`, for example using :

```
PyRun_SimpleString("import sys; sys.path.pop(0)\n");
```

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Added in version 3.1.3.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

void **PySys\_SetArgv** (int argc, wchar\_t \*\*argv)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.argv` and `PyConfig.parse_argv` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

This function works like `PySys_SetArgvEx()` with `updatepath` set to 1 unless the **python** interpreter was started with the `-I`.

Use `Py_DecodeLocale()` to decode a bytes string to get a `wchar_t*` string.

See also `PyConfig.orig_argv` and `PyConfig.argv` members of the [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

Modifié dans la version 3.4 : The `updatepath` value depends on `-I`.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

void **Py\_SetPythonHome** (const wchar\_t \*home)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This API is kept for backward compatibility : setting `PyConfig.home` should be used instead, see [Python Initialization Configuration](#).

Set the default "home" directory, that is, the location of the standard Python libraries. See `PYTHONHOME` for the meaning of the argument string.



The argument should point to a zero-terminated character string in static storage whose contents will not change for the duration of the program's execution. No code in the Python interpreter will change the contents of this storage.

Use `Py_DecodeLocale()` to decode a bytes string to get a `wchar_t*` string.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.11.

`wchar_t *Py_GetPythonHome()`

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the default "home", that is, the value set by a previous call to `Py_SetPythonHome()`, or the value of the `PYTHONHOME` environment variable if it is set.

This function should not be called before `Py_Initialize()`, otherwise it returns `NULL`.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : It now returns `NULL` if called before `Py_Initialize()`.

## 9.5 Thread State and the Global Interpreter Lock

The Python interpreter is not fully thread-safe. In order to support multi-threaded Python programs, there's a global lock, called the *global interpreter lock* or *GIL*, that must be held by the current thread before it can safely access Python objects. Without the lock, even the simplest operations could cause problems in a multi-threaded program : for example, when two threads simultaneously increment the reference count of the same object, the reference count could end up being incremented only once instead of twice.

Therefore, the rule exists that only the thread that has acquired the *GIL* may operate on Python objects or call Python/C API functions. In order to emulate concurrency of execution, the interpreter regularly tries to switch threads (see `sys.setswitchinterval()`). The lock is also released around potentially blocking I/O operations like reading or writing a file, so that other Python threads can run in the meantime.

The Python interpreter keeps some thread-specific bookkeeping information inside a data structure called *PyThreadState*. There's also one global variable pointing to the current *PyThreadState* : it can be retrieved using `PyThreadState_Get()`.

### 9.5.1 Releasing the GIL from extension code

Most extension code manipulating the *GIL* has the following simple structure :

```
Save the thread state in a local variable.
Release the global interpreter lock.
... Do some blocking I/O operation ...
Reacquire the global interpreter lock.
Restore the thread state from the local variable.
```

This is so common that a pair of macros exists to simplify it :

```
Py_BEGIN_ALLOW_THREADS
... Do some blocking I/O operation ...
Py_END_ALLOW_THREADS
```

The `Py_BEGIN_ALLOW_THREADS` macro opens a new block and declares a hidden local variable; the `Py_END_ALLOW_THREADS` macro closes the block.

The block above expands to the following code :

```
PyThreadState *_save;

_save = PyEval_SaveThread();
... Do some blocking I/O operation ...
PyEval_RestoreThread(_save);
```

Here is how these functions work : the global interpreter lock is used to protect the pointer to the current thread state. When releasing the lock and saving the thread state, the current thread state pointer must be retrieved before the



lock is released (since another thread could immediately acquire the lock and store its own thread state in the global variable). Conversely, when acquiring the lock and restoring the thread state, the lock must be acquired before storing the thread state pointer.

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**Note :** Calling system I/O functions is the most common use case for releasing the GIL, but it can also be useful before calling long-running computations which don't need access to Python objects, such as compression or cryptographic functions operating over memory buffers. For example, the standard `zlib` and `hashlib` modules release the GIL when compressing or hashing data.

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## 9.5.2 Non-Python created threads

When threads are created using the dedicated Python APIs (such as the `threading` module), a thread state is automatically associated to them and the code showed above is therefore correct. However, when threads are created from C (for example by a third-party library with its own thread management), they don't hold the GIL, nor is there a thread state structure for them.

If you need to call Python code from these threads (often this will be part of a callback API provided by the aforementioned third-party library), you must first register these threads with the interpreter by creating a thread state data structure, then acquiring the GIL, and finally storing their thread state pointer, before you can start using the Python/C API. When you are done, you should reset the thread state pointer, release the GIL, and finally free the thread state data structure.

The `PyGILState_Ensure()` and `PyGILState_Release()` functions do all of the above automatically. The typical idiom for calling into Python from a C thread is :

```
PyGILState_STATE gstate;
gstate = PyGILState_Ensure();

/* Perform Python actions here. */
result = CallSomeFunction();
/* evaluate result or handle exception */

/* Release the thread. No Python API allowed beyond this point. */
PyGILState_Release(gstate);
```

Note that the `PyGILState_*` functions assume there is only one global interpreter (created automatically by `Py_Initialize()`). Python supports the creation of additional interpreters (using `Py_NewInterpreter()`), but mixing multiple interpreters and the `PyGILState_*` API is unsupported.

## 9.5.3 Cautions about `fork()`

Another important thing to note about threads is their behaviour in the face of the C `fork()` call. On most systems with `fork()`, after a process forks only the thread that issued the fork will exist. This has a concrete impact both on how locks must be handled and on all stored state in CPython's runtime.

The fact that only the "current" thread remains means any locks held by other threads will never be released. Python solves this for `os.fork()` by acquiring the locks it uses internally before the fork, and releasing them afterwards. In addition, it resets any lock-objects in the child. When extending or embedding Python, there is no way to inform Python of additional (non-Python) locks that need to be acquired before or reset after a fork. OS facilities such as `pthread_atfork()` would need to be used to accomplish the same thing. Additionally, when extending or embedding Python, calling `fork()` directly rather than through `os.fork()` (and returning to or calling into Python) may result in a deadlock by one of Python's internal locks being held by a thread that is defunct after the fork. `PyOS_AfterFork_Child()` tries to reset the necessary locks, but is not always able to.

The fact that all other threads go away also means that CPython's runtime state there must be cleaned up properly, which `os.fork()` does. This means finalizing all other `PyThreadState` objects belonging to the current interpreter and all other `PyInterpreterState` objects. Due to this and the special nature of the "main" interpreter,

`fork()` should only be called in that interpreter's "main" thread, where the CPython global runtime was originally initialized. The only exception is if `exec()` will be called immediately after.

### 9.5.4 High-level API

These are the most commonly used types and functions when writing C extension code, or when embedding the Python interpreter :

type **PyInterpreterState**

*Part of the [Limited API](#) (as an opaque struct).* This data structure represents the state shared by a number of cooperating threads. Threads belonging to the same interpreter share their module administration and a few other internal items. There are no public members in this structure.

Threads belonging to different interpreters initially share nothing, except process state like available memory, open file descriptors and such. The global interpreter lock is also shared by all threads, regardless of to which interpreter they belong.

type **PyThreadState**

*Part of the [Limited API](#) (as an opaque struct).* This data structure represents the state of a single thread. The only public data member is :

*[PyInterpreterState](#) \*interp*

This thread's interpreter state.

void **PyEval\_InitThreads()**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Deprecated function which does nothing.

In Python 3.6 and older, this function created the GIL if it didn't exist.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : The function now does nothing.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : This function is now called by *[Py\\_Initialize\(\)](#)*, so you don't have to call it yourself anymore.

Modifié dans la version 3.2 : This function cannot be called before *[Py\\_Initialize\(\)](#)* anymore.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.9.

int **PyEval\_ThreadsInitialized()**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Returns a non-zero value if *[PyEval\\_InitThreads\(\)](#)* has been called. This function can be called without holding the GIL, and therefore can be used to avoid calls to the locking API when running single-threaded.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The *GIL* is now initialized by *[Py\\_Initialize\(\)](#)*.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.9.

*[PyThreadState](#) \*PyEval\_SaveThread()*

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Release the global interpreter lock (if it has been created) and reset the thread state to NULL, returning the previous thread state (which is not NULL). If the lock has been created, the current thread must have acquired it.

void **PyEval\_RestoreThread([PyThreadState](#) \*tstate)**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Acquire the global interpreter lock (if it has been created) and set the thread state to *tstate*, which must not be NULL. If the lock has been created, the current thread must not have acquired it, otherwise deadlock ensues.

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**Note :** Calling this function from a thread when the runtime is finalizing will terminate the thread, even if the thread was not created by Python. You can use *[\\_Py\\_IsFinalizing\(\)](#)* or *[sys.is\\_finalizing\(\)](#)* to check if the interpreter is in process of being finalized before calling this function to avoid unwanted termination.

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*[PyThreadState](#) \*PyThreadState\_Get()*

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Return the current thread state. The global interpreter lock must be held. When the current thread state is NULL, this issues a fatal error (so that the caller needn't check for NULL).

*PyThreadState* \***PyThreadState\_Swap** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Swap the current thread state with the thread state given by the argument *tstate*, which may be NULL. The global interpreter lock must be held and is not released.

The following functions use thread-local storage, and are not compatible with sub-interpreters :

**PyGILState\_STATE** **PyGILState\_Ensure** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Ensure that the current thread is ready to call the Python C API regardless of the current state of Python, or of the global interpreter lock. This may be called as many times as desired by a thread as long as each call is matched with a call to *PyGILState\_Release* (). In general, other thread-related APIs may be used between *PyGILState\_Ensure* () and *PyGILState\_Release* () calls as long as the thread state is restored to its previous state before the Release(). For example, normal usage of the *Py\_BEGIN\_ALLOW\_THREADS* and *Py\_END\_ALLOW\_THREADS* macros is acceptable.

The return value is an opaque "handle" to the thread state when *PyGILState\_Ensure* () was called, and must be passed to *PyGILState\_Release* () to ensure Python is left in the same state. Even though recursive calls are allowed, these handles *cannot* be shared - each unique call to *PyGILState\_Ensure* () must save the handle for its call to *PyGILState\_Release* ().

When the function returns, the current thread will hold the GIL and be able to call arbitrary Python code. Failure is a fatal error.

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**Note :** Calling this function from a thread when the runtime is finalizing will terminate the thread, even if the thread was not created by Python. You can use *\_Py\_IsFinalizing* () or *sys.is\_finalizing* () to check if the interpreter is in process of being finalized before calling this function to avoid unwanted termination.

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void **PyGILState\_Release** (PyGILState\_STATE)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Release any resources previously acquired. After this call, Python's state will be the same as it was prior to the corresponding *PyGILState\_Ensure* () call (but generally this state will be unknown to the caller, hence the use of the GILState API).

Every call to *PyGILState\_Ensure* () must be matched by a call to *PyGILState\_Release* () on the same thread.

*PyThreadState* \***PyGILState\_GetThisThreadState** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Get the current thread state for this thread. May return NULL if no GILState API has been used on the current thread. Note that the main thread always has such a thread-state, even if no auto-thread-state call has been made on the main thread. This is mainly a helper/diagnostic function.

int **PyGILState\_Check** ()

Return 1 if the current thread is holding the GIL and 0 otherwise. This function can be called from any thread at any time. Only if it has had its Python thread state initialized and currently is holding the GIL will it return 1. This is mainly a helper/diagnostic function. It can be useful for example in callback contexts or memory allocation functions when knowing that the GIL is locked can allow the caller to perform sensitive actions or otherwise behave differently.

Added in version 3.4.

The following macros are normally used without a trailing semicolon; look for example usage in the Python source distribution.

**Py\_BEGIN\_ALLOW\_THREADS**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This macro expands to { *PyThreadState* \*\_save; \_save = *PyEval\_SaveThread* (); . Note that it contains an opening brace; it must be matched with a following *Py\_END\_ALLOW\_THREADS* macro. See above for further discussion of this macro.

**Py\_END\_ALLOW\_THREADS**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This macro expands to *PyEval\_RestoreThread* (\_save); }. Note that it contains a closing brace; it must be matched with an earlier *Py\_BEGIN\_ALLOW\_THREADS* macro. See above for further discussion of this macro.

**Py\_BLOCK\_THREADS**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This macro expands to `PyEval_RestoreThread(_save)`; it is equivalent to `Py_END_ALLOW_THREADS` without the closing brace.

**Py\_UNBLOCK\_THREADS**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This macro expands to `_save = PyEval_SaveThread()`; it is equivalent to `Py_BEGIN_ALLOW_THREADS` without the opening brace and variable declaration.

**9.5.5 Low-level API**

All of the following functions must be called after `Py_Initialize()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : `Py_Initialize()` now initializes the *GIL*.

*PyInterpreterState* \***PyInterpreterState\_New** ()

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a new interpreter state object. The global interpreter lock need not be held, but may be held if it is necessary to serialize calls to this function.

Raises an auditing event `cpython.PyInterpreterState_New` with no arguments.

void **PyInterpreterState\_Clear** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Reset all information in an interpreter state object. The global interpreter lock must be held.

Raises an auditing event `cpython.PyInterpreterState_Clear` with no arguments.

void **PyInterpreterState\_Delete** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Destroy an interpreter state object. The global interpreter lock need not be held. The interpreter state must have been reset with a previous call to `PyInterpreterState_Clear()`.

*PyThreadState* \***PyThreadState\_New** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a new thread state object belonging to the given interpreter object. The global interpreter lock need not be held, but may be held if it is necessary to serialize calls to this function.

void **PyThreadState\_Clear** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Reset all information in a thread state object. The global interpreter lock must be held.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : This function now calls the `PyThreadState.on_delete` callback. Previously, that happened in `PyThreadState_Delete()`.

void **PyThreadState\_Delete** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Destroy a thread state object. The global interpreter lock need not be held. The thread state must have been reset with a previous call to `PyThreadState_Clear()`.

void **PyThreadState\_DeleteCurrent** (void)

Destroy the current thread state and release the global interpreter lock. Like `PyThreadState_Delete()`, the global interpreter lock need not be held. The thread state must have been reset with a previous call to `PyThreadState_Clear()`.

*PyFrameObject* \***PyThreadState\_GetFrame** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Get the current frame of the Python thread state *tstate*.

Return a *strong reference*. Return `NULL` if no frame is currently executing.

See also `PyEval_GetFrame()`.

*tstate* must not be `NULL`.

Added in version 3.9.

uint64\_t **PyThreadState\_GetID** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Get the unique thread state identifier of the Python thread state *tstate*.

*tstate* must not be `NULL`.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyInterpreterState* \***PyThreadState\_GetInterpreter** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.10. Get the interpreter of the Python thread state *tstate*.

*tstate* must not be NULL.

Added in version 3.9.

void **PyThreadState\_EnterTracing** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

Suspend tracing and profiling in the Python thread state *tstate*.

Resume them using the *PyThreadState\_LeaveTracing*() function.

Added in version 3.11.

void **PyThreadState\_LeaveTracing** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

Resume tracing and profiling in the Python thread state *tstate* suspended by the *PyThreadState\_EnterTracing*() function.

See also *PyEval\_SetTrace*() and *PyEval\_SetProfile*() functions.

Added in version 3.11.

*PyInterpreterState* \***PyInterpreterState\_Get** (void)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.9. Get the current interpreter.

Issue a fatal error if there no current Python thread state or no current interpreter. It cannot return NULL.

The caller must hold the GIL.

Added in version 3.9.

int64\_t **PyInterpreterState\_GetID** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7. Return the interpreter's unique ID. If there was any error in doing so then -1 is returned and an error is set.

The caller must hold the GIL.

Added in version 3.7.

*PyObject* \***PyInterpreterState\_GetDict** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.8. Return a dictionary in which interpreter-specific data may be stored. If this function returns NULL then no exception has been raised and the caller should assume no interpreter-specific dict is available.

This is not a replacement for *PyModule\_GetState*(), which extensions should use to store interpreter-specific state information.

Added in version 3.8.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***\_PyFrameEvalFunction**)(*PyThreadState* \*tstate, *\_PyInterpreterFrame* \*frame, int throwflag)

Type of a frame evaluation function.

The *throwflag* parameter is used by the *throw*() method of generators : if non-zero, handle the current exception.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : The function now takes a *tstate* parameter.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : The *frame* parameter changed from *PyFrameObject*\* to *\_PyInterpreterFrame*\*.

*\_PyFrameEvalFunction* **\_PyInterpreterState\_GetEvalFrameFunc** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

Get the frame evaluation function.

See the [PEP 523](#) "Adding a frame evaluation API to CPython".

Added in version 3.9.

void **\_PyInterpreterState\_SetEvalFrameFunc** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp, *\_PyFrameEvalFunction* eval\_frame)

Set the frame evaluation function.

See the [PEP 523](#) "Adding a frame evaluation API to CPython".

Added in version 3.9.

**PyObject \*PyThreadState\_GetDict ()**

*Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. Part of the Stable ABI.* Return a dictionary in which extensions can store thread-specific state information. Each extension should use a unique key to use to store state in the dictionary. It is okay to call this function when no current thread state is available. If this function returns NULL, no exception has been raised and the caller should assume no current thread state is available.

**int PyThreadState\_SetAsyncExc (unsigned long id, PyObject \*exc)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Asynchronously raise an exception in a thread. The *id* argument is the thread id of the target thread; *exc* is the exception object to be raised. This function does not steal any references to *exc*. To prevent naive misuse, you must write your own C extension to call this. Must be called with the GIL held. Returns the number of thread states modified; this is normally one, but will be zero if the thread id isn't found. If *exc* is NULL, the pending exception (if any) for the thread is cleared. This raises no exceptions.

Modifié dans la version 3.7 : The type of the *id* parameter changed from `long` to `unsigned long`.

**void PyEval\_AcquireThread (PyThreadState \*tstate)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Acquire the global interpreter lock and set the current thread state to *tstate*, which must not be NULL. The lock must have been created earlier. If this thread already has the lock, deadlock ensues.

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**Note :** Calling this function from a thread when the runtime is finalizing will terminate the thread, even if the thread was not created by Python. You can use `_Py_IsFinalizing()` or `sys.is_finalizing()` to check if the interpreter is in process of being finalized before calling this function to avoid unwanted termination.

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Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Updated to be consistent with `PyEval_RestoreThread()`, `Py_END_ALLOW_THREADS()`, and `PyGILState_Ensure()`, and terminate the current thread if called while the interpreter is finalizing.

`PyEval_RestoreThread()` is a higher-level function which is always available (even when threads have not been initialized).

**void PyEval\_ReleaseThread (PyThreadState \*tstate)**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Reset the current thread state to NULL and release the global interpreter lock. The lock must have been created earlier and must be held by the current thread. The *tstate* argument, which must not be NULL, is only used to check that it represents the current thread state --- if it isn't, a fatal error is reported.

`PyEval_SaveThread()` is a higher-level function which is always available (even when threads have not been initialized).

**void PyEval\_AcquireLock ()**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Acquire the global interpreter lock. The lock must have been created earlier. If this thread already has the lock, a deadlock ensues.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.2 : This function does not update the current thread state. Please use `PyEval_RestoreThread()` or `PyEval_AcquireThread()` instead.

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**Note :** Calling this function from a thread when the runtime is finalizing will terminate the thread, even if the thread was not created by Python. You can use `_Py_IsFinalizing()` or `sys.is_finalizing()` to check if the interpreter is in process of being finalized before calling this function to avoid unwanted termination.

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Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Updated to be consistent with `PyEval_RestoreThread()`, `Py_END_ALLOW_THREADS()`, and `PyGILState_Ensure()`, and terminate the current thread if called while the interpreter is finalizing.

**void PyEval\_ReleaseLock ()**

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Release the global interpreter lock. The lock must have been created earlier.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.2 : This function does not update the current thread state. Please use `PyEval_SaveThread()` or `PyEval_ReleaseThread()` instead.



## 9.6 Sub-interpreter support

While in most uses, you will only embed a single Python interpreter, there are cases where you need to create several independent interpreters in the same process and perhaps even in the same thread. Sub-interpreters allow you to do that.

The “main” interpreter is the first one created when the runtime initializes. It is usually the only Python interpreter in a process. Unlike sub-interpreters, the main interpreter has unique process-global responsibilities like signal handling. It is also responsible for execution during runtime initialization and is usually the active interpreter during runtime finalization. The `PyInterpreterState_Main()` function returns a pointer to its state.

You can switch between sub-interpreters using the `PyThreadState_Swap()` function. You can create and destroy them using the following functions :

type **PyInterpreterConfig**

Structure containing most parameters to configure a sub-interpreter. Its values are used only in `Py_NewInterpreterFromConfig()` and never modified by the runtime.

Added in version 3.12.

Structure fields :

int **use\_main\_obmalloc**

If this is 0 then the sub-interpreter will use its own “object” allocator state. Otherwise it will use (share) the main interpreter’s.

If this is 0 then `check_multi_interp_extensions` must be 1 (non-zero). If this is 1 then `gil` must not be `PyInterpreterConfig_OWN_GIL`.

int **allow\_fork**

If this is 0 then the runtime will not support forking the process in any thread where the sub-interpreter is currently active. Otherwise fork is unrestricted.

Note that the `subprocess` module still works when fork is disallowed.

int **allow\_exec**

If this is 0 then the runtime will not support replacing the current process via `exec` (e.g. `os.execv()`) in any thread where the sub-interpreter is currently active. Otherwise `exec` is unrestricted.

Note that the `subprocess` module still works when `exec` is disallowed.

int **allow\_threads**

If this is 0 then the sub-interpreter’s `threading` module won’t create threads. Otherwise threads are allowed.

int **allow\_daemon\_threads**

If this is 0 then the sub-interpreter’s `threading` module won’t create daemon threads. Otherwise daemon threads are allowed (as long as `allow_threads` is non-zero).

int **check\_multi\_interp\_extensions**

If this is 0 then all extension modules may be imported, including legacy (single-phase init) modules, in any thread where the sub-interpreter is currently active. Otherwise only multi-phase init extension modules (see [PEP 489](#)) may be imported. (Also see `Py_mod_multiple_interpreters`.)

This must be 1 (non-zero) if `use_main_obmalloc` is 0.

int **gil**

This determines the operation of the GIL for the sub-interpreter. It may be one of the following :

**PyInterpreterConfig\_DEFAULT\_GIL**

Use the default selection (`PyInterpreterConfig_SHARED_GIL`).

**PyInterpreterConfig\_SHARED\_GIL**

Use (share) the main interpreter’s GIL.

**PyInterpreterConfig\_OWN\_GIL**

Use the sub-interpreter’s own GIL.

If this is `PyInterpreterConfig_OWN_GIL` then `PyInterpreterConfig.use_main_obmalloc` must be 0.



*PyStatus* **Py\_NewInterpreterFromConfig** (*PyThreadState* \*\*tstate\_p, const *PyInterpreterConfig* \*config)

Create a new sub-interpreter. This is an (almost) totally separate environment for the execution of Python code. In particular, the new interpreter has separate, independent versions of all imported modules, including the fundamental modules `builtins`, `__main__` and `sys`. The table of loaded modules (`sys.modules`) and the module search path (`sys.path`) are also separate. The new environment has no `sys.argv` variable. It has new standard I/O stream file objects `sys.stdin`, `sys.stdout` and `sys.stderr` (however these refer to the same underlying file descriptors).

The given *config* controls the options with which the interpreter is initialized.

Upon success, *tstate\_p* will be set to the first thread state created in the new sub-interpreter. This thread state is made in the current thread state. Note that no actual thread is created; see the discussion of thread states below. If creation of the new interpreter is unsuccessful, *tstate\_p* is set to `NULL`; no exception is set since the exception state is stored in the current thread state and there may not be a current thread state.

Like all other Python/C API functions, the global interpreter lock must be held before calling this function and is still held when it returns. Likewise a current thread state must be set on entry. On success, the returned thread state will be set as current. If the sub-interpreter is created with its own GIL then the GIL of the calling interpreter will be released. When the function returns, the new interpreter's GIL will be held by the current thread and the previously interpreter's GIL will remain released here.

Added in version 3.12.

Sub-interpreters are most effective when isolated from each other, with certain functionality restricted :

```
PyInterpreterConfig config = {
    .use_main_obmalloc = 0,
    .allow_fork = 0,
    .allow_exec = 0,
    .allow_threads = 1,
    .allow_daemon_threads = 0,
    .check_multi_interp_extensions = 1,
    .gil = PyInterpreterConfig_OWN_GIL,
};
PyThreadState *tstate = Py_NewInterpreterFromConfig(&config);
```

Note that the *config* is used only briefly and does not get modified. During initialization the *config*'s values are converted into various *PyInterpreterState* values. A read-only copy of the *config* may be stored internally on the *PyInterpreterState*.

Extension modules are shared between (sub-)interpreters as follows :

- For modules using multi-phase initialization, e.g. *PyModule\_FromDefAndSpec()*, a separate module object is created and initialized for each interpreter. Only C-level static and global variables are shared between these module objects.
- For modules using single-phase initialization, e.g. *PyModule\_Create()*, the first time a particular extension is imported, it is initialized normally, and a (shallow) copy of its module's dictionary is squirreled away. When the same extension is imported by another (sub-)interpreter, a new module is initialized and filled with the contents of this copy; the extension's `init` function is not called. Objects in the module's dictionary thus end up shared across (sub-)interpreters, which might cause unwanted behavior (see *Bugs and caveats* below).

Note that this is different from what happens when an extension is imported after the interpreter has been completely re-initialized by calling *Py\_FinalizeEx()* and *Py\_Initialize()*; in that case, the extension's `initmodule` function is called again. As with multi-phase initialization, this means that only C-level static and global variables are shared between these modules.

*PyThreadState* \***Py\_NewInterpreter** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Create a new sub-interpreter. This is essentially just a wrapper around *Py\_NewInterpreterFromConfig()* with a *config* that preserves the existing behavior. The result is an unisolated sub-interpreter that shares the main interpreter's GIL, allows fork/exec, allows daemon threads, and allows single-phase init modules.

void **Py\_EndInterpreter** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Destroy the (sub-)interpreter represented by the given thread state. The given thread state must be the current thread state. See the discussion of thread states below. When the call returns, the current thread state is `NULL`. All thread states associated with this interpreter are destroyed. The global interpreter lock used by the target interpreter must be held before calling this function. No GIL is held when it returns.

`Py_FinalizeEx()` will destroy all sub-interpreters that haven't been explicitly destroyed at that point.

### 9.6.1 A Per-Interpreter GIL

Using `Py_NewInterpreterFromConfig()` you can create a sub-interpreter that is completely isolated from other interpreters, including having its own GIL. The most important benefit of this isolation is that such an interpreter can execute Python code without being blocked by other interpreters or blocking any others. Thus a single Python process can truly take advantage of multiple CPU cores when running Python code. The isolation also encourages a different approach to concurrency than that of just using threads. (See [PEP 554](#).)

Using an isolated interpreter requires vigilance in preserving that isolation. That especially means not sharing any objects or mutable state without guarantees about thread-safety. Even objects that are otherwise immutable (e.g. `None`, `(1, 5)`) can't normally be shared because of the refcount. One simple but less-efficient approach around this is to use a global lock around all use of some state (or object). Alternately, effectively immutable objects (like integers or strings) can be made safe in spite of their refcounts by making them "immortal". In fact, this has been done for the builtin singletons, small integers, and a number of other builtin objects.

If you preserve isolation then you will have access to proper multi-core computing without the complications that come with free-threading. Failure to preserve isolation will expose you to the full consequences of free-threading, including races and hard-to-debug crashes.

Aside from that, one of the main challenges of using multiple isolated interpreters is how to communicate between them safely (not break isolation) and efficiently. The runtime and stdlib do not provide any standard approach to this yet. A future stdlib module would help mitigate the effort of preserving isolation and expose effective tools for communicating (and sharing) data between interpreters.

Added in version 3.12.

### 9.6.2 Bugs and caveats

Because sub-interpreters (and the main interpreter) are part of the same process, the insulation between them isn't perfect --- for example, using low-level file operations like `os.close()` they can (accidentally or maliciously) affect each other's open files. Because of the way extensions are shared between (sub-)interpreters, some extensions may not work properly; this is especially likely when using single-phase initialization or (static) global variables. It is possible to insert objects created in one sub-interpreter into a namespace of another (sub-)interpreter; this should be avoided if possible.

Special care should be taken to avoid sharing user-defined functions, methods, instances or classes between sub-interpreters, since import operations executed by such objects may affect the wrong (sub-)interpreter's dictionary of loaded modules. It is equally important to avoid sharing objects from which the above are reachable.

Also note that combining this functionality with `PyGILState_*` APIs is delicate, because these APIs assume a bijection between Python thread states and OS-level threads, an assumption broken by the presence of sub-interpreters. It is highly recommended that you don't switch sub-interpreters between a pair of matching `PyGILState_Ensure()` and `PyGILState_Release()` calls. Furthermore, extensions (such as `ctypes`) using these APIs to allow calling of Python code from non-Python created threads will probably be broken when using sub-interpreters.

## 9.7 Asynchronous Notifications

A mechanism is provided to make asynchronous notifications to the main interpreter thread. These notifications take the form of a function pointer and a void pointer argument.

int **Py\_AddPendingCall** (int (\*func)(void\*), void \*arg)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Schedule a function to be called from the main interpreter thread. On success, 0 is returned and *func* is queued for being called in the main thread. On failure, -1 is returned without setting any exception.

When successfully queued, *func* will be *eventually* called from the main interpreter thread with the argument *arg*. It will be called asynchronously with respect to normally running Python code, but with both these conditions met :

- on a [bytecode](#) boundary ;
- with the main thread holding the [global interpreter lock](#) (*func* can therefore use the full C API).

*func* must return 0 on success, or -1 on failure with an exception set. *func* won't be interrupted to perform another asynchronous notification recursively, but it can still be interrupted to switch threads if the global interpreter lock is released.

This function doesn't need a current thread state to run, and it doesn't need the global interpreter lock.

To call this function in a subinterpreter, the caller must hold the GIL. Otherwise, the function *func* can be scheduled to be called from the wrong interpreter.

**Avertissement :** This is a low-level function, only useful for very special cases. There is no guarantee that *func* will be called as quick as possible. If the main thread is busy executing a system call, *func* won't be called before the system call returns. This function is generally **not** suitable for calling Python code from arbitrary C threads. Instead, use the [PyGILState API](#).

Added in version 3.1.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : If this function is called in a subinterpreter, the function *func* is now scheduled to be called from the subinterpreter, rather than being called from the main interpreter. Each subinterpreter now has its own list of scheduled calls.

## 9.8 Profiling and Tracing

The Python interpreter provides some low-level support for attaching profiling and execution tracing facilities. These are used for profiling, debugging, and coverage analysis tools.

This C interface allows the profiling or tracing code to avoid the overhead of calling through Python-level callable objects, making a direct C function call instead. The essential attributes of the facility have not changed ; the interface allows trace functions to be installed per-thread, and the basic events reported to the trace function are the same as had been reported to the Python-level trace functions in previous versions.

typedef int (\***Py\_tracefunc**)(PyObject \*obj, PyFrameObject \*frame, int what, PyObject \*arg)

The type of the trace function registered using [PyEval\\_SetProfile\(\)](#) and [PyEval\\_SetTrace\(\)](#). The first parameter is the object passed to the registration function as *obj*, *frame* is the frame object to which the event pertains, *what* is one of the constants [PyTrace\\_CALL](#), [PyTrace\\_EXCEPTION](#), [PyTrace\\_LINE](#), [PyTrace\\_RETURN](#), [PyTrace\\_C\\_CALL](#), [PyTrace\\_C\\_EXCEPTION](#), [PyTrace\\_C\\_RETURN](#), or [PyTrace\\_OPCODE](#), and *arg* depends on the value of *what* :

Value of <i>what</i>	Meaning of <i>arg</i>
<code>PyTrace_CALL</code>	Always <code>Py_None</code> .
<code>PyTrace_EXCEPTION</code>	Exception information as returned by <code>sys.exc_info()</code> .
<code>PyTrace_LINE</code>	Always <code>Py_None</code> .
<code>PyTrace_RETURN</code>	Value being returned to the caller, or <code>NULL</code> if caused by an exception.
<code>PyTrace_C_CALL</code>	Function object being called.
<code>PyTrace_C_EXCEPTION</code>	Function object being called.
<code>PyTrace_C_RETURN</code>	Function object being called.
<code>PyTrace_OPCODE</code>	Always <code>Py_None</code> .

**int `PyTrace_CALL`**

The value of the *what* parameter to a `Py_tracefunc` function when a new call to a function or method is being reported, or a new entry into a generator. Note that the creation of the iterator for a generator function is not reported as there is no control transfer to the Python bytecode in the corresponding frame.

**int `PyTrace_EXCEPTION`**

The value of the *what* parameter to a `Py_tracefunc` function when an exception has been raised. The callback function is called with this value for *what* when after any bytecode is processed after which the exception becomes set within the frame being executed. The effect of this is that as exception propagation causes the Python stack to unwind, the callback is called upon return to each frame as the exception propagates. Only trace functions receives these events; they are not needed by the profiler.

**int `PyTrace_LINE`**

The value passed as the *what* parameter to a `Py_tracefunc` function (but not a profiling function) when a line-number event is being reported. It may be disabled for a frame by setting `f_trace_lines` to 0 on that frame.

**int `PyTrace_RETURN`**

The value for the *what* parameter to `Py_tracefunc` functions when a call is about to return.

**int `PyTrace_C_CALL`**

The value for the *what* parameter to `Py_tracefunc` functions when a C function is about to be called.

**int `PyTrace_C_EXCEPTION`**

The value for the *what* parameter to `Py_tracefunc` functions when a C function has raised an exception.

**int `PyTrace_C_RETURN`**

The value for the *what* parameter to `Py_tracefunc` functions when a C function has returned.

**int `PyTrace_OPCODE`**

The value for the *what* parameter to `Py_tracefunc` functions (but not profiling functions) when a new opcode is about to be executed. This event is not emitted by default : it must be explicitly requested by setting `f_trace_opcodes` to 1 on the frame.

**void `PyEval_SetProfile` (`Py_tracefunc` func, `PyObject` \*obj)**

Set the profiler function to *func*. The *obj* parameter is passed to the function as its first parameter, and may be any Python object, or `NULL`. If the profile function needs to maintain state, using a different value for *obj* for each thread provides a convenient and thread-safe place to store it. The profile function is called for all monitored events except `PyTrace_LINE` `PyTrace_OPCODE` and `PyTrace_EXCEPTION`.

See also the `sys.setprofile()` function.

The caller must hold the `GIL`.

**void `PyEval_SetProfileAllThreads` (`Py_tracefunc` func, `PyObject` \*obj)**

Like `PyEval_SetProfile()` but sets the profile function in all running threads belonging to the current interpreter instead of the setting it only on the current thread.

The caller must hold the `GIL`.

As `PyEval_SetProfile()`, this function ignores any exceptions raised while setting the profile functions in all threads.

Added in version 3.12.

void **PyEval\_SetTrace** (*Py\_tracefunc* func, *PyObject* \*obj)

Set the tracing function to *func*. This is similar to *PyEval\_SetProfile()*, except the tracing function does receive line-number events and per-opcode events, but does not receive any event related to C function objects being called. Any trace function registered using *PyEval\_SetTrace()* will not receive *PyTrace\_C\_CALL*, *PyTrace\_C\_EXCEPTION* or *PyTrace\_C\_RETURN* as a value for the *what* parameter.

See also the `sys.settrace()` function.

The caller must hold the *GIL*.

void **PyEval\_SetTraceAllThreads** (*Py\_tracefunc* func, *PyObject* \*obj)

Like *PyEval\_SetTrace()* but sets the tracing function in all running threads belonging to the current interpreter instead of the setting it only on the current thread.

The caller must hold the *GIL*.

As *PyEval\_SetTrace()*, this function ignores any exceptions raised while setting the trace functions in all threads.

Added in version 3.12.

## 9.9 Support avancé du débogueur

These functions are only intended to be used by advanced debugging tools.

*PyInterpreterState* \***PyInterpreterState\_Head** ()

Return the interpreter state object at the head of the list of all such objects.

*PyInterpreterState* \***PyInterpreterState\_Main** ()

Return the main interpreter state object.

*PyInterpreterState* \***PyInterpreterState\_Next** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

Return the next interpreter state object after *interp* from the list of all such objects.

*PyThreadState* \***PyInterpreterState\_ThreadHead** (*PyInterpreterState* \*interp)

Return the pointer to the first *PyThreadState* object in the list of threads associated with the interpreter *interp*.

*PyThreadState* \***PyThreadState\_Next** (*PyThreadState* \*tstate)

Return the next thread state object after *tstate* from the list of all such objects belonging to the same *PyInterpreterState* object.

## 9.10 Thread Local Storage Support

The Python interpreter provides low-level support for thread-local storage (TLS) which wraps the underlying native TLS implementation to support the Python-level thread local storage API (`threading.local`). The CPython C level APIs are similar to those offered by pthreads and Windows : use a thread key and functions to associate a `void*` value per thread.

The *GIL* does *not* need to be held when calling these functions ; they supply their own locking.

Note that `Python.h` does not include the declaration of the TLS APIs, you need to include `pthread.h` to use thread-local storage.

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**Note :** None of these API functions handle memory management on behalf of the `void*` values. You need to allocate and deallocate them yourself. If the `void*` values happen to be *PyObject\**, these functions don't do refcount operations on them either.

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### 9.10.1 Thread Specific Storage (TSS) API

TSS API is introduced to supersede the use of the existing TLS API within the CPython interpreter. This API uses a new type `Py_tss_t` instead of `int` to represent thread keys.

Added in version 3.7.

**Voir aussi :**

”A New C-API for Thread-Local Storage in CPython” ([PEP 539](#))

type `Py_tss_t`

This data structure represents the state of a thread key, the definition of which may depend on the underlying TLS implementation, and it has an internal field representing the key’s initialization state. There are no public members in this structure.

When `Py_LIMITED_API` is not defined, static allocation of this type by `Py_tss_NEEDS_INIT` is allowed.

`Py_tss_NEEDS_INIT`

This macro expands to the initializer for `Py_tss_t` variables. Note that this macro won’t be defined with `Py_LIMITED_API`.

#### Dynamic Allocation

Dynamic allocation of the `Py_tss_t`, required in extension modules built with `Py_LIMITED_API`, where static allocation of this type is not possible due to its implementation being opaque at build time.

`Py_tss_t *PyThread_tss_alloc()`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Return a value which is the same state as a value initialized with `Py_tss_NEEDS_INIT`, or NULL in the case of dynamic allocation failure.

void `PyThread_tss_free(Py_tss_t *key)`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Free the given key allocated by `PyThread_tss_alloc()`, after first calling `PyThread_tss_delete()` to ensure any associated thread locals have been unassigned. This is a no-op if the `key` argument is NULL.

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**Note :** A freed key becomes a dangling pointer. You should reset the key to NULL.

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#### Méthodes

The parameter `key` of these functions must not be NULL. Moreover, the behaviors of `PyThread_tss_set()` and `PyThread_tss_get()` are undefined if the given `Py_tss_t` has not been initialized by `PyThread_tss_create()`.

int `PyThread_tss_is_created(Py_tss_t *key)`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Return a non-zero value if the given `Py_tss_t` has been initialized by `PyThread_tss_create()`.

int `PyThread_tss_create(Py_tss_t *key)`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Return a zero value on successful initialization of a TSS key. The behavior is undefined if the value pointed to by the `key` argument is not initialized by `Py_tss_NEEDS_INIT`. This function can be called repeatedly on the same key -- calling it on an already initialized key is a no-op and immediately returns success.

void `PyThread_tss_delete(Py_tss_t *key)`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Destroy a TSS key to forget the values associated with the key across all threads, and change the key’s initialization state to uninitialized. A destroyed key is able to be initialized again by `PyThread_tss_create()`. This function can be called repeatedly on the same key -- calling it on an already destroyed key is a no-op.

int **PyThread\_tss\_set** (*Py\_tss\_t* \*key, void \*value)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7.* Return a zero value to indicate successfully associating a `void*` value with a TSS key in the current thread. Each thread has a distinct mapping of the key to a `void*` value.

void \***PyThread\_tss\_get** (*Py\_tss\_t* \*key)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7.* Return the `void*` value associated with a TSS key in the current thread. This returns `NULL` if no value is associated with the key in the current thread.

## 9.10.2 Thread Local Storage (TLS) API

Obsolète depuis la version 3.7 : This API is superseded by *[Thread Specific Storage \(TSS\) API](#)*.

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**Note :** This version of the API does not support platforms where the native TLS key is defined in a way that cannot be safely cast to `int`. On such platforms, *[PyThread\\_create\\_key\(\)](#)* will return immediately with a failure status, and the other TLS functions will all be no-ops on such platforms.

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Due to the compatibility problem noted above, this version of the API should not be used in new code.

int **PyThread\_create\_key** ()

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*

void **PyThread\_delete\_key** (int key)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*

int **PyThread\_set\_key\_value** (int key, void \*value)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*

void \***PyThread\_get\_key\_value** (int key)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*

void **PyThread\_delete\_key\_value** (int key)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*

void **PyThread\_ReInitTLS** ()

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).*





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## Python Initialization Configuration

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Added in version 3.8.

Python can be initialized with `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` and the `PyConfig` structure. It can be pre-initialized with `Py_PreInitialize()` and the `PyPreConfig` structure.

There are two kinds of configuration :

- The *Python Configuration* can be used to build a customized Python which behaves as the regular Python. For example, environment variables and command line arguments are used to configure Python.
- The *Isolated Configuration* can be used to embed Python into an application. It isolates Python from the system. For example, environment variables are ignored, the `LC_CTYPE` locale is left unchanged and no signal handler is registered.

The `Py_RunMain()` function can be used to write a customized Python program.

See also *Initialization, Finalization, and Threads*.

**Voir aussi :**

**PEP 587** "Python Initialization Configuration".

## 10.1 Example

Example of customized Python always running in isolated mode :

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    PyStatus status;

    PyConfig config;
    PyConfig_InitPythonConfig(&config);
    config.isolated = 1;

    /* Decode command line arguments.
       Implicitly preinitialize Python (in isolated mode). */
    status = PyConfig_SetBytesArgv(&config, argc, argv);
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        goto exception;
    }
}
```

(suite sur la page suivante)

```

status = Py_InitializeFromConfig(&config);
if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
    goto exception;
}
PyConfig_Clear(&config);

return Py_RunMain();

exception:
PyConfig_Clear(&config);
if (PyStatus_IsExit(status)) {
    return status.exitcode;
}
/* Display the error message and exit the process with
   non-zero exit code */
Py_ExitStatusException(status);
}

```

## 10.2 PyWideStringList

type **PyWideStringList**

List of `wchar_t*` strings.

If *length* is non-zero, *items* must be non-NULL and all strings must be non-NULL.

Methods :

*PyStatus* **PyWideStringList\_Append** (*PyWideStringList* \*list, const `wchar_t` \*item)

Append *item* to *list*.

Python must be preinitialized to call this function.

*PyStatus* **PyWideStringList\_Insert** (*PyWideStringList* \*list, *Py\_ssize\_t* index, const `wchar_t` \*item)

Insert *item* into *list* at *index*.

If *index* is greater than or equal to *list* length, append *item* to *list*.

*index* must be greater than or equal to 0.

Python must be preinitialized to call this function.

Structure fields :

*Py\_ssize\_t* **length**

List length.

`wchar_t` \*\***items**

List items.

## 10.3 PyStatus

type **PyStatus**

Structure to store an initialization function status : success, error or exit.

For an error, it can store the C function name which created the error.

Structure fields :

int **exitcode**

Exit code. Argument passed to `exit()`.

const char \***err\_msg**

Error message.

const char \***func**

Name of the function which created an error, can be NULL.

Functions to create a status :

*PyStatus* **PyStatus\_Ok** (void)

Success.

*PyStatus* **PyStatus\_Error** (const char \*err\_msg)

Initialization error with a message.

*err\_msg* must not be NULL.

*PyStatus* **PyStatus\_NoMemory** (void)

Memory allocation failure (out of memory).

*PyStatus* **PyStatus\_Exit** (int exitcode)

Exit Python with the specified exit code.

Functions to handle a status :

int **PyStatus\_Exception** (*PyStatus* status)

Is the status an error or an exit? If true, the exception must be handled; by calling *Py\_ExitStatusException()* for example.

int **PyStatus\_IsError** (*PyStatus* status)

Is the result an error?

int **PyStatus\_IsExit** (*PyStatus* status)

Is the result an exit?

void **Py\_ExitStatusException** (*PyStatus* status)

Call *exit* (*exitcode*) if *status* is an exit. Print the error message and exit with a non-zero exit code if *status* is an error. Must only be called if *PyStatus\_Exception* (*status*) is non-zero.

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**Note :** Internally, Python uses macros which set *PyStatus.func*, whereas functions to create a status set *func* to NULL.

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Exemple :

```
PyStatus alloc(void **ptr, size_t size)
{
    *ptr = PyMem_RawMalloc(size);
    if (*ptr == NULL) {
        return PyStatus_NoMemory();
    }
    return PyStatus_Ok();
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    void *ptr;
    PyStatus status = alloc(&ptr, 16);
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        Py_ExitStatusException(status);
    }
    PyMem_Free(ptr);
    return 0;
}
```

## 10.4 PyPreConfig

type **PyPreConfig**

Structure used to preinitialize Python.

Function to initialize a preconfiguration :

void **PyPreConfig\_InitPythonConfig** (*PyPreConfig* \*preconfig)

Initialize the preconfiguration with *Python Configuration*.

void **PyPreConfig\_InitIsolatedConfig** (*PyPreConfig* \*preconfig)

Initialize the preconfiguration with *Isolated Configuration*.

Structure fields :

int **allocator**

Name of the Python memory allocators :

- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_NOT\_SET (0) : don't change memory allocators (use defaults).
- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_DEFAULT (1) : *default memory allocators*.
- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_DEBUG (2) : *default memory allocators with debug hooks*.
- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_MALLOC (3) : use `malloc()` of the C library.
- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_MALLOC\_DEBUG (4) : force usage of `malloc()` with *debug hooks*.
- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_PYMALLOC (5) : *Python pymalloc memory allocator*.
- PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_PYMALLOC\_DEBUG (6) : *Python pymalloc memory allocator with debug hooks*.

PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_PYMALLOC and PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_PYMALLOC\_DEBUG are not supported if Python is configured using `--without-pymalloc`.

See *Memory Management*.

Default : PYMEM\_ALLOCATOR\_NOT\_SET.

int **configure\_locale**

Set the LC\_CTYPE locale to the user preferred locale.

If equals to 0, set *coerce\_c\_locale* and *coerce\_c\_locale\_warn* members to 0.

See the *locale encoding*.

Default : 1 in Python config, 0 in isolated config.

int **coerce\_c\_locale**

If equals to 2, coerce the C locale.

If equals to 1, read the LC\_CTYPE locale to decide if it should be coerced.

See the *locale encoding*.

Default : -1 in Python config, 0 in isolated config.

int **coerce\_c\_locale\_warn**

If non-zero, emit a warning if the C locale is coerced.

Default : -1 in Python config, 0 in isolated config.

int **dev\_mode**

Python Development Mode : see *PyConfig.dev\_mode*.

Default : -1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

int **isolated**

Isolated mode : see *PyConfig.isolated*.

Default : 0 in Python mode, 1 in isolated mode.

int **legacy\_windows\_fs\_encoding**

If non-zero :

- Set *PyPreConfig.utf8\_mode* to 0,
- Set *PyConfig.filesystem\_encoding* to "mbcs",
- Set *PyConfig.filesystem\_errors* to "replace".

Initialized the from PYTHONLEGACYWINDOWSFSENCODING environment variable value.

Only available on Windows. `#ifdef MS_WINDOWS` macro can be used for Windows specific code.

Default : 0.

**int `parse_argv`**

If non-zero, `Py_PreInitializeFromArgs()` and `Py_PreInitializeFromBytesArgs()` parse their `argv` argument the same way the regular Python parses command line arguments : see Command Line Arguments.

Default : 1 in Python config, 0 in isolated config.

**int `use_environment`**

Use environment variables? See `PyConfig.use_environment`.

Default : 1 in Python config and 0 in isolated config.

**int `utf8_mode`**

If non-zero, enable the Python UTF-8 Mode.

Set to 0 or 1 by the `-X utf8` command line option and the `PYTHONUTF8` environment variable.

Also set to 1 if the `LC_CTYPE` locale is C or POSIX.

Default : -1 in Python config and 0 in isolated config.

## 10.5 Preinitialize Python with PyPreConfig

The preinitialization of Python :

- Set the Python memory allocators (`PyPreConfig.allocator`)
- Configure the `LC_CTYPE` locale (*locale encoding*)
- Set the Python UTF-8 Mode (`PyPreConfig.utf8_mode`)

The current preconfiguration (`PyPreConfig` type) is stored in `_PyRuntime.preconfig`.

Functions to preinitialize Python :

**`PyStatus Py_PreInitialize`** (const `PyPreConfig` \*preconfig)

Preinitialize Python from *preconfig* preconfiguration.

*preconfig* must not be NULL.

**`PyStatus Py_PreInitializeFromBytesArgs`** (const `PyPreConfig` \*preconfig, int argc, char \*const \*argv)

Preinitialize Python from *preconfig* preconfiguration.

Parse *argv* command line arguments (bytes strings) if *parse\_argv* of *preconfig* is non-zero.

*preconfig* must not be NULL.

**`PyStatus Py_PreInitializeFromArgs`** (const `PyPreConfig` \*preconfig, int argc, wchar\_t \*const \*argv)

Preinitialize Python from *preconfig* preconfiguration.

Parse *argv* command line arguments (wide strings) if *parse\_argv* of *preconfig* is non-zero.

*preconfig* must not be NULL.

The caller is responsible to handle exceptions (error or exit) using `PyStatus_Exception()` and `Py_ExitStatusException()`.

For *Python Configuration* (`PyPreConfig_InitPythonConfig()`), if Python is initialized with command line arguments, the command line arguments must also be passed to preinitialize Python, since they have an effect on the pre-configuration like encodings. For example, the `-X utf8` command line option enables the Python UTF-8 Mode.

`PyMem_SetAllocator()` can be called after `Py_PreInitialize()` and before `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` to install a custom memory allocator. It can be called before `Py_PreInitialize()` if `PyPreConfig.allocator` is set to `PYMEM_ALLOCATOR_NOT_SET`.

Python memory allocation functions like `PyMem_RawMalloc()` must not be used before the Python preinitialization, whereas calling directly `malloc()` and `free()` is always safe. `Py_DecodeLocale()` must not be called before the Python preinitialization.

Example using the preinitialization to enable the Python UTF-8 Mode :

```
PyStatus status;
PyPreConfig preconfig;
PyPreConfig_InitPythonConfig(&preconfig);

preconfig.utf8_mode = 1;

status = Py_PreInitialize(&preconfig);
if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
    Py_ExitStatusException(status);
}

/* at this point, Python speaks UTF-8 */

Py_Initialize();
/* ... use Python API here ... */
Py_Finalize();
```

## 10.6 PyConfig

### type **PyConfig**

Structure containing most parameters to configure Python.

When done, the `PyConfig_Clear()` function must be used to release the configuration memory.

Structure methods :

void **PyConfig\_InitPythonConfig** (*PyConfig* \*config)

Initialize configuration with the *Python Configuration*.

void **PyConfig\_InitIsolatedConfig** (*PyConfig* \*config)

Initialize configuration with the *Isolated Configuration*.

*PyStatus* **PyConfig\_SetString** (*PyConfig* \*config, wchar\_t \*const \*config\_str, const wchar\_t \*str)

Copy the wide character string *str* into \*config\_str.

*Preinitialize Python* if needed.

*PyStatus* **PyConfig\_SetBytesString** (*PyConfig* \*config, wchar\_t \*const \*config\_str, const char \*str)

Decode *str* using `Py_DecodeLocale()` and set the result into \*config\_str.

*Preinitialize Python* if needed.

*PyStatus* **PyConfig\_SetArgv** (*PyConfig* \*config, int argc, wchar\_t \*const \*argv)

Set command line arguments (*argv* member of *config*) from the *argv* list of wide character strings.

*Preinitialize Python* if needed.

*PyStatus* **PyConfig\_SetBytesArgv** (*PyConfig* \*config, int argc, char \*const \*argv)

Set command line arguments (*argv* member of *config*) from the *argv* list of bytes strings. Decode bytes using `Py_DecodeLocale()`.

*Preinitialize Python* if needed.

*PyStatus* **PyConfig\_SetWideStringList** (*PyConfig* \*config, *PyWideStringList* \*list, Py\_ssize\_t length, wchar\_t \*\*items)

Set the list of wide strings *list* to *length* and *items*.

*Preinitialize Python* if needed.

*PyStatus* **PyConfig\_Read** (*PyConfig* \*config)

Read all Python configuration.

Fields which are already initialized are left unchanged.

Fields for *path configuration* are no longer calculated or modified when calling this function, as of Python 3.11.

The `PyConfig_Read()` function only parses `PyConfig.argv` arguments once : `PyConfig.parse_argv` is set to 2 after arguments are parsed. Since Python arguments are stripped from `PyConfig.argv`, parsing arguments twice would parse the application options as Python options.



*Preinitialize Python* if needed.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : The `PyConfig.argv` arguments are now only parsed once, `PyConfig.parse_argv` is set to 2 after arguments are parsed, and arguments are only parsed if `PyConfig.parse_argv` equals 1.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : `PyConfig_Read()` no longer calculates all paths, and so fields listed under *Python Path Configuration* may no longer be updated until `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` is called.

void **PyConfig\_Clear** (`PyConfig *config`)

Release configuration memory.

Most `PyConfig` methods *preinitialize Python* if needed. In that case, the Python preinitialization configuration (`PyPreConfig`) is based on the `PyConfig`. If configuration fields which are in common with `PyPreConfig` are tuned, they must be set before calling a `PyConfig` method :

- `PyConfig.dev_mode`
- `PyConfig.isolated`
- `PyConfig.parse_argv`
- `PyConfig.use_environment`

Moreover, if `PyConfig_SetArgv()` or `PyConfig_SetBytesArgv()` is used, this method must be called before other methods, since the preinitialization configuration depends on command line arguments (if `parse_argv` is non-zero).

The caller of these methods is responsible to handle exceptions (error or exit) using `PyStatus_Exception()` and `Py_ExitStatusException()`.

Structure fields :

*PyWideStringList* **argv**

Command line arguments : `sys.argv`.

Set `parse_argv` to 1 to parse `argv` the same way the regular Python parses Python command line arguments and then to strip Python arguments from `argv`.

If `argv` is empty, an empty string is added to ensure that `sys.argv` always exists and is never empty.

Default : NULL.

See also the `orig_argv` member.

int **safe\_path**

If equals to zero, `Py_RunMain()` prepends a potentially unsafe path to `sys.path` at startup :

- If `argv[0]` is equal to `L"-m"` (`python -m module`), prepend the current working directory.
- If running a script (`python script.py`), prepend the script's directory. If it's a symbolic link, resolve symbolic links.
- Otherwise (`python -c code and python`), prepend an empty string, which means the current working directory.

Set to 1 by the `-P` command line option and the `PYTHONSAFEPATH` environment variable.

Default : 0 in Python config, 1 in isolated config.

Added in version 3.11.

wchar\_t \***base\_exec\_prefix**

`sys.base_exec_prefix`.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

wchar\_t \***base\_executable**

Python base executable : `sys._base_executable`.

Set by the `__PYENV_LAUNCHER__` environment variable.

Set from `PyConfig.executable` if NULL.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

wchar\_t \***base\_prefix**

`sys.base_prefix`.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

**int buffered\_stdio**

If equals to 0 and `configure_c_stdio` is non-zero, disable buffering on the C streams stdout and stderr.

Set to 0 by the `-u` command line option and the `PYTHONUNBUFFERED` environment variable.

stdin is always opened in buffered mode.

Default : 1.

**int bytes\_warning**

If equals to 1, issue a warning when comparing `bytes` or `bytearray` with `str`, or comparing `bytes` with `int`.

If equal or greater to 2, raise a `BytesWarning` exception in these cases.

Incremented by the `-b` command line option.

Default : 0.

**int warn\_default\_encoding**

If non-zero, emit a `EncodingWarning` warning when `io.TextIOWrapper` uses its default encoding. See `io-encoding-warning` for details.

Default : 0.

Added in version 3.10.

**int code\_debug\_ranges**

If equals to 0, disables the inclusion of the end line and column mappings in code objects. Also disables traceback printing carets to specific error locations.

Set to 0 by the `PYTHONNODEBUGRANGES` environment variable and by the `-X no_debug_ranges` command line option.

Default : 1.

Added in version 3.11.

**wchar\_t \*check\_hash\_pycs\_mode**

Control the validation behavior of hash-based `.pyc` files : value of the `--check-hash-based-pycs` command line option.

Valid values :

— `L"always"` : Hash the source file for invalidation regardless of value of the `'check_source'` flag.

— `L"never"` : Assume that hash-based pycs always are valid.

— `L"default"` : The `'check_source'` flag in hash-based pycs determines invalidation.

Default : `L"default"`.

See also [PEP 552](#) "Deterministic pycs".

**int configure\_c\_stdio**

If non-zero, configure C standard streams :

— On Windows, set the binary mode (`O_BINARY`) on stdin, stdout and stderr.

— If `buffered_stdio` equals zero, disable buffering of stdin, stdout and stderr streams.

— If `interactive` is non-zero, enable stream buffering on stdin and stdout (only stdout on Windows).

Default : 1 in Python config, 0 in isolated config.

**int dev\_mode**

If non-zero, enable the Python Development Mode.

Set to 1 by the `-X dev` option and the `PYTHONDEVMODE` environment variable.

Default : -1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

**int dump\_refs**

Dump Python references ?

If non-zero, dump all objects which are still alive at exit.

Set to 1 by the `PYTHONDUMPREFS` environment variable.

Need a special build of Python with the `Py_TRACE_REFS` macro defined : see the `configure --with-trace-refs` option.

Default : 0.

**wchar\_t \*exec\_prefix**

The site-specific directory prefix where the platform-dependent Python files are installed : `sys.exec_prefix`.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

**wchar\_t \*executable**

The absolute path of the executable binary for the Python interpreter : `sys.executable`.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

**int faulthandler**

Enable faulthandler ?

If non-zero, call `faulthandler.enable()` at startup.

Set to 1 by `-X faulthandler` and the `PYTHONFAULTHANDLER` environment variable.

Default : -1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

**wchar\_t \*filesystem\_encoding**

*Filesystem encoding* : `sys.getfilesystemencoding()`.

On macOS, Android and VxWorks : use "utf-8" by default.

On Windows : use "utf-8" by default, or "mbcs" if *legacy\_windows\_fs\_encoding* of *PyPreConfig* is non-zero.

Default encoding on other platforms :

— "utf-8" if *PyPreConfig.utf8\_mode* is non-zero.

— "ascii" if Python detects that `nl_langinfo(CODESET)` announces the ASCII encoding, whereas the `mbstowcs()` function decodes from a different encoding (usually Latin1).

— "utf-8" if `nl_langinfo(CODESET)` returns an empty string.

— Otherwise, use the *locale encoding* : `nl_langinfo(CODESET)` result.

At Python startup, the encoding name is normalized to the Python codec name. For example, "ANSI\_X3.4-1968" is replaced with "ascii".

See also the *filesystem\_errors* member.

**wchar\_t \*filesystem\_errors**

*Filesystem error handler* : `sys.getfilesystemencodeerrors()`.

On Windows : use "surrogatepass" by default, or "replace" if *legacy\_windows\_fs\_encoding* of *PyPreConfig* is non-zero.

On other platforms : use "surrogateescape" by default.

Supported error handlers :

— "strict"

— "surrogateescape"

— "surrogatepass" (only supported with the UTF-8 encoding)

See also the *filesystem\_encoding* member.

**unsigned long hash\_seed****int use\_hash\_seed**

Randomized hash function seed.

If *use\_hash\_seed* is zero, a seed is chosen randomly at Python startup, and *hash\_seed* is ignored.

Set by the `PYTHONHASHSEED` environment variable.

Default *use\_hash\_seed* value : -1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

**wchar\_t \*home**

Python home directory.

If *Py\_SetPythonHome()* has been called, use its argument if it is not NULL.

Set by the `PYTHONHOME` environment variable.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* input.

**int `import_time`**

If non-zero, profile import time.

Set the 1 by the `-X importtime` option and the `PYTHONPROFILEIMPORTTIME` environment variable.

Default : 0.

**int `inspect`**

Enter interactive mode after executing a script or a command.

If greater than 0, enable inspect : when a script is passed as first argument or the `-c` option is used, enter interactive mode after executing the script or the command, even when `sys.stdin` does not appear to be a terminal.

Incremented by the `-i` command line option. Set to 1 if the `PYTHONINSPECT` environment variable is non-empty.

Default : 0.

**int `install_signal_handlers`**

Install Python signal handlers ?

Default : 1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

**int `interactive`**

If greater than 0, enable the interactive mode (REPL).

Incremented by the `-i` command line option.

Default : 0.

**int `int_max_str_digits`**

Configures the integer string conversion length limitation. An initial value of `-1` means the value will be taken from the command line or environment or otherwise default to 4300 (`sys.int_info.default_max_str_digits`). A value of 0 disables the limitation. Values greater than zero but less than 640 (`sys.int_info.str_digits_check_threshold`) are unsupported and will produce an error.

Configured by the `-X int_max_str_digits` command line flag or the `PYTHONINTMAXSTRDIGITS` environment variable.

Default : `-1` in Python mode. 4300 (`sys.int_info.default_max_str_digits`) in isolated mode.

Added in version 3.12.

**int `isolated`**

If greater than 0, enable isolated mode :

- Set `safe_path` to 1 : don't prepend a potentially unsafe path to `sys.path` at Python startup, such as the current directory, the script's directory or an empty string.
- Set `use_environment` to 0 : ignore PYTHON environment variables.
- Set `user_site_directory` to 0 : don't add the user site directory to `sys.path`.
- Python REPL doesn't import `readline` nor enable default readline configuration on interactive prompts.

Set to 1 by the `-I` command line option.

Default : 0 in Python mode, 1 in isolated mode.

See also the *Isolated Configuration* and *PyPreConfig.isolated*.

**int `legacy_windows_stdio`**

If non-zero, use `io.FileIO` instead of `io._WindowsConsoleIO` for `sys.stdin`, `sys.stdout` and `sys.stderr`.

Set to 1 if the `PYTHONLEGACYWINDOWSSTDIO` environment variable is set to a non-empty string.

Only available on Windows. `#ifdef MS_WINDOWS` macro can be used for Windows specific code.

Default : 0.

See also the [PEP 528](#) (Change Windows console encoding to UTF-8).

**int `malloc_stats`**

If non-zero, dump statistics on *Python pymalloc memory allocator* at exit.

Set to 1 by the `PYTHONMALLOCSTATS` environment variable.

The option is ignored if Python is configured using the `--without-pymalloc` option.

Default : 0.

**wchar\_t \*platlibdir**

Platform library directory name : `sys.platlibdir`.

Set by the `PYTHONPLATLIBDIR` environment variable.

Default : value of the `PLATLIBDIR` macro which is set by the `configure --with-platlibdir` option (default : `"lib"`, or `"DLLs"` on Windows).

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* input.

Added in version 3.9.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : This macro is now used on Windows to locate the standard library extension modules, typically under `DLLs`. However, for compatibility, note that this value is ignored for any non-standard layouts, including in-tree builds and virtual environments.

**wchar\_t \*pythonpath\_env**

Module search paths (`sys.path`) as a string separated by `os.pathsep`.

Set by the `PYTHONPATH` environment variable.

Default : `NULL`.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* input.

**PyWideStringList module\_search\_paths****int module\_search\_paths\_set**

Module search paths : `sys.path`.

If `module_search_paths_set` is equal to 0, `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` will replace `module_search_paths` and sets `module_search_paths_set` to 1.

Default : empty list (`module_search_paths`) and 0 (`module_search_paths_set`).

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

**int optimization\_level**

Compilation optimization level :

- 0 : Peephole optimizer, set `__debug__` to `True`.
- 1 : Level 0, remove assertions, set `__debug__` to `False`.
- 2 : Level 1, strip docstrings.

Incremented by the `-O` command line option. Set to the `PYTHONOPTIMIZE` environment variable value.

Default : 0.

**PyWideStringList orig\_argv**

The list of the original command line arguments passed to the Python executable : `sys.orig_argv`.

If `orig_argv` list is empty and `argv` is not a list only containing an empty string, `PyConfig_Read()` copies `argv` into `orig_argv` before modifying `argv` (if `parse_argv` is non-zero).

See also the `argv` member and the `Py_GetArgcArgv()` function.

Default : empty list.

Added in version 3.10.

**int parse\_argv**

Parse command line arguments ?

If equals to 1, parse `argv` the same way the regular Python parses command line arguments, and strip Python arguments from `argv`.

The `PyConfig_Read()` function only parses `PyConfig.argv` arguments once : `PyConfig.parse_argv` is set to 2 after arguments are parsed. Since Python arguments are stripped from `PyConfig.argv`, parsing arguments twice would parse the application options as Python options.

Default : 1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : The `PyConfig.argv` arguments are now only parsed if `PyConfig.parse_argv` equals to 1.

**int parser\_debug**

Parser debug mode. If greater than 0, turn on parser debugging output (for expert only, depending on compilation options).

Incremented by the `-d` command line option. Set to the `PYTHONDEBUG` environment variable value.

Need a debug build of Python (the `Py_DEBUG` macro must be defined).

Default : 0.

**int pathconfig\_warnings**

If non-zero, calculation of path configuration is allowed to log warnings into `stderr`. If equals to 0, suppress these warnings.

Default : 1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* input.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : Now also applies on Windows.

**wchar\_t \*prefix**

The site-specific directory prefix where the platform independent Python files are installed : `sys.prefix`.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* output.

**wchar\_t \*program\_name**

Program name used to initialize *executable* and in early error messages during Python initialization.

— If `Py_SetProgramName()` has been called, use its argument.

— On macOS, use `PYTHONEXECUTABLE` environment variable if set.

— If the `WITH_NEXT_FRAMEWORK` macro is defined, use `__PYENVV_LAUNCHER__` environment variable if set.

— Use `argv[0]` of *argv* if available and non-empty.

— Otherwise, use `L"python"` on Windows, or `L"python3"` on other platforms.

Default : NULL.

Part of the *Python Path Configuration* input.

**wchar\_t \*pycache\_prefix**

Directory where cached `.pyc` files are written : `sys.pycache_prefix`.

Set by the `-X pycache_prefix=PATH` command line option and the `PYTHONPYCACHEPREFIX` environment variable.

If NULL, `sys.pycache_prefix` is set to None.

Default : NULL.

**int quiet**

Quiet mode. If greater than 0, don't display the copyright and version at Python startup in interactive mode.

Incremented by the `-q` command line option.

Default : 0.

**wchar\_t \*run\_command**

Value of the `-c` command line option.

Used by *Py\_RunMain()*.

Default : NULL.

**wchar\_t \*run\_filename**

Filename passed on the command line : trailing command line argument without `-c` or `-m`. It is used by the *Py\_RunMain()* function.

For example, it is set to `script.py` by the `python3 script.py arg` command line.

See also the *PyConfig.skip\_source\_first\_line* option.

Default : NULL.

**wchar\_t \*run\_module**

Value of the `-m` command line option.

Used by *Py\_RunMain()*.

Default : NULL.

**int show\_ref\_count**

Show total reference count at exit (excluding immortal objects) ?

Set to 1 by `-X showrefcount` command line option.

Need a debug build of Python (the `PY_REF_DEBUG` macro must be defined).

Default : 0.

**int site\_import**

Import the `site` module at startup?

If equal to zero, disable the import of the module `site` and the site-dependent manipulations of `sys.path` that it entails.

Also disable these manipulations if the `site` module is explicitly imported later (call `site.main()` if you want them to be triggered).

Set to 0 by the `-S` command line option.

`sys.flags.no_site` is set to the inverted value of `site_import`.

Default : 1.

**int skip\_source\_first\_line**

If non-zero, skip the first line of the `PyConfig.run_filename` source.

It allows the usage of non-Unix forms of `#!cmd`. This is intended for a DOS specific hack only.

Set to 1 by the `-x` command line option.

Default : 0.

**wchar\_t \*stdio\_encoding****wchar\_t \*stdio\_errors**

Encoding and encoding errors of `sys.stdin`, `sys.stdout` and `sys.stderr` (but `sys.stderr` always uses "backslashreplace" error handler).

If `Py_SetStandardStreamEncoding()` has been called, use its `error` and `errors` arguments if they are not NULL.

Use the `PYTHONIOENCODING` environment variable if it is non-empty.

Default encoding :

— "UTF-8" if `PyPreConfig.utf8_mode` is non-zero.

— Otherwise, use the *locale encoding*.

Default error handler :

— On Windows : use "surrogateescape".

— "surrogateescape" if `PyPreConfig.utf8_mode` is non-zero, or if the `LC_CTYPE` locale is "C" or "POSIX".

— "strict" otherwise.

**int tracemalloc**

Enable `tracemalloc`?

If non-zero, call `tracemalloc.start()` at startup.

Set by `-X tracemalloc=N` command line option and by the `PYTHONTRACEMALLOC` environment variable.

Default : -1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.

**int perf\_profiling**

Enable compatibility mode with the `perf` profiler?

If non-zero, initialize the `perf` trampoline. See `perf_profiling` for more information.

Set by `-X perf` command line option and by the `PYTHONPERFSUPPORT` environment variable.

Default : -1.

Added in version 3.12.

**int use\_environment**

Use environment variables?

If equals to zero, ignore the environment variables.

Set to 0 by the `-E` environment variable.

Default : 1 in Python config and 0 in isolated config.

**int user\_site\_directory**

If non-zero, add the user site directory to `sys.path`.

Set to 0 by the `-s` and `-I` command line options.

Set to 0 by the `PYTHONNOUSERSITE` environment variable.

Default : 1 in Python mode, 0 in isolated mode.



**int verbose**

Verbose mode. If greater than 0, print a message each time a module is imported, showing the place (filename or built-in module) from which it is loaded.

If greater than or equal to 2, print a message for each file that is checked for when searching for a module. Also provides information on module cleanup at exit.

Incremented by the `-v` command line option.

Set by the `PYTHONVERBOSE` environment variable value.

Default : 0.

**PyWideStringList warnoptions**

Options of the `warnings` module to build warnings filters, lowest to highest priority : `sys.warnoptions`.

The `warnings` module adds `sys.warnoptions` in the reverse order : the last `PyConfig.warnoptions` item becomes the first item of `warnings.filters` which is checked first (highest priority).

The `-W` command line options adds its value to `warnoptions`, it can be used multiple times.

The `PYTHONWARNINGS` environment variable can also be used to add warning options. Multiple options can be specified, separated by commas ( , ).

Default : empty list.

**int write\_bytecode**

If equal to 0, Python won't try to write `.pyc` files on the import of source modules.

Set to 0 by the `-B` command line option and the `PYTHONDONTWRITEBYTECODE` environment variable.

`sys.dont_write_bytecode` is initialized to the inverted value of `write_bytecode`.

Default : 1.

**PyWideStringList xoptions**

Values of the `-X` command line options : `sys._xoptions`.

Default : empty list.

If `parse_argv` is non-zero, `argv` arguments are parsed the same way the regular Python parses command line arguments, and Python arguments are stripped from `argv`.

The `xoptions` options are parsed to set other options : see the `-X` command line option.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : The `show_alloc_count` field has been removed.

## 10.7 Initialization with PyConfig

Function to initialize Python :

**PyStatus Py\_InitializeFromConfig** (const *PyConfig* \*config)

Initialize Python from *config* configuration.

The caller is responsible to handle exceptions (error or exit) using `PyStatus_Exception()` and `Py_ExitStatusException()`.

If `PyImport_FrozenModules()`, `PyImport_AppendInittab()` or `PyImport_ExtendInittab()` are used, they must be set or called after Python preinitialization and before the Python initialization. If Python is initialized multiple times, `PyImport_AppendInittab()` or `PyImport_ExtendInittab()` must be called before each Python initialization.

The current configuration (*PyConfig* type) is stored in `PyInterpreterState.config`.

Example setting the program name :

```

void init_python(void)
{
    PyStatus status;

    PyConfig config;
    PyConfig_InitPythonConfig(&config);

    /* Set the program name. Implicitly preinitialize Python. */
    status = PyConfig_SetString(&config, &config.program_name,
                               L"/path/to/my_program");
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        goto exception;
    }

    status = Py_InitializeFromConfig(&config);
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        goto exception;
    }
    PyConfig_Clear(&config);
    return;

exception:
    PyConfig_Clear(&config);
    Py_ExitStatusException(status);
}

```

More complete example modifying the default configuration, read the configuration, and then override some parameters. Note that since 3.11, many parameters are not calculated until initialization, and so values cannot be read from the configuration structure. Any values set before initialize is called will be left unchanged by initialization :

```

PyStatus init_python(const char *program_name)
{
    PyStatus status;

    PyConfig config;
    PyConfig_InitPythonConfig(&config);

    /* Set the program name before reading the configuration
       (decode byte string from the locale encoding).

       Implicitly preinitialize Python. */
    status = PyConfig_SetBytesString(&config, &config.program_name,
                                     program_name);
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        goto done;
    }

    /* Read all configuration at once */
    status = PyConfig_Read(&config);
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        goto done;
    }

    /* Specify sys.path explicitly */
    /* If you want to modify the default set of paths, finish
       initialization first and then use PySys_GetObject("path") */
    config.module_search_paths_set = 1;
    status = PyWideStringList_Append(&config.module_search_paths,
                                     L"/path/to/stdlib");
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        goto done;
    }
}

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```
status = PyWideStringList_Append(&config.module_search_paths,
                                L"/path/to/more/modules");
if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
    goto done;
}

/* Override executable computed by PyConfig_Read() */
status = PyConfig_SetString(&config, &config.executable,
                            L"/path/to/my_executable");
if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
    goto done;
}

status = Py_InitializeFromConfig(&config);

done:
    PyConfig_Clear(&config);
    return status;
}
```

## 10.8 Isolated Configuration

*PyPreConfig\_InitIsolatedConfig()* and *PyConfig\_InitIsolatedConfig()* functions create a configuration to isolate Python from the system. For example, to embed Python into an application.

This configuration ignores global configuration variables, environment variables, command line arguments (*PyConfig.argv* is not parsed) and user site directory. The C standard streams (ex : `stdout`) and the `LC_CTYPE` locale are left unchanged. Signal handlers are not installed.

Configuration files are still used with this configuration to determine paths that are unspecified. Ensure *PyConfig.home* is specified to avoid computing the default path configuration.

## 10.9 Python Configuration

*PyPreConfig\_InitPythonConfig()* and *PyConfig\_InitPythonConfig()* functions create a configuration to build a customized Python which behaves as the regular Python.

Environments variables and command line arguments are used to configure Python, whereas global configuration variables are ignored.

This function enables C locale coercion (**PEP 538**) and Python UTF-8 Mode (**PEP 540**) depending on the `LC_CTYPE` locale, `PYTHONUTF8` and `PYTHONCOERCECLOCALE` environment variables.

## 10.10 Python Path Configuration

*PyConfig* contains multiple fields for the path configuration :

- Path configuration inputs :
  - *PyConfig.home*
  - *PyConfig.platlibdir*
  - *PyConfig.pathconfig\_warnings*
  - *PyConfig.program\_name*
  - *PyConfig.pythonpath\_env*
  - current working directory : to get absolute paths
  - `PATH` environment variable to get the program full path (from *PyConfig.program\_name*)
  - `__PYENVV_LAUNCHER__` environment variable

- (Windows only) Application paths in the registry under "SoftwarePythonPythonCoreX.YPythonPath" of HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER and HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE (where X.Y is the Python version).
- Path configuration output fields :
  - `PyConfig.base_exec_prefix`
  - `PyConfig.base_executable`
  - `PyConfig.base_prefix`
  - `PyConfig.exec_prefix`
  - `PyConfig.executable`
  - `PyConfig.module_search_paths_set`, `PyConfig.module_search_paths`
  - `PyConfig.prefix`

If at least one "output field" is not set, Python calculates the path configuration to fill unset fields. If `module_search_paths_set` is equal to 0, `module_search_paths` is overridden and `module_search_paths_set` is set to 1.

It is possible to completely ignore the function calculating the default path configuration by setting explicitly all path configuration output fields listed above. A string is considered as set even if it is non-empty. `module_search_paths` is considered as set if `module_search_paths_set` is set to 1. In this case, `module_search_paths` will be used without modification.

Set `pathconfig_warnings` to 0 to suppress warnings when calculating the path configuration (Unix only, Windows does not log any warning).

If `base_prefix` or `base_exec_prefix` fields are not set, they inherit their value from `prefix` and `exec_prefix` respectively.

`Py_RunMain()` and `Py_Main()` modify `sys.path`:

- If `run_filename` is set and is a directory which contains a `__main__.py` script, prepend `run_filename` to `sys.path`.
- If `isolated` is zero :
  - If `run_module` is set, prepend the current directory to `sys.path`. Do nothing if the current directory cannot be read.
  - If `run_filename` is set, prepend the directory of the filename to `sys.path`.
  - Otherwise, prepend an empty string to `sys.path`.

If `site_import` is non-zero, `sys.path` can be modified by the `site` module. If `user_site_directory` is non-zero and the user's site-package directory exists, the `site` module appends the user's site-package directory to `sys.path`.

The following configuration files are used by the path configuration :

- `pyenv.config`
- `._pth` file (ex : `python._pth`)
- `pybuilddir.txt` (Unix only)

If a `._pth` file is present :

- Set `isolated` to 1.
- Set `use_environment` to 0.
- Set `site_import` to 0.
- Set `safe_path` to 1.

The `__PYENVN__LAUNCHER__` environment variable is used to set `PyConfig.base_executable`

## 10.11 Py\_RunMain()

`int Py_RunMain (void)`

Execute the command (`PyConfig.run_command`), the script (`PyConfig.run_filename`) or the module (`PyConfig.run_module`) specified on the command line or in the configuration.

By default and when if `-i` option is used, run the REPL.

Finally, finalizes Python and returns an exit status that can be passed to the `exit()` function.

See *Python Configuration* for an example of customized Python always running in isolated mode using `Py_RunMain()`.

## 10.12 Py\_GetArgcArgv()

void **Py\_GetArgcArgv** (int \*argc, wchar\_t \*\*\*argv)

Get the original command line arguments, before Python modified them.

See also `PyConfig.orig_argv` member.

## 10.13 Multi-Phase Initialization Private Provisional API

This section is a private provisional API introducing multi-phase initialization, the core feature of [PEP 432](#) :

- "Core" initialization phase, "bare minimum Python" :
  - Builtin types;
  - Builtin exceptions;
  - Builtin and frozen modules;
  - The `sys` module is only partially initialized (ex : `sys.path` doesn't exist yet).
- "Main" initialization phase, Python is fully initialized :
  - Install and configure `importlib`;
  - Apply the [Path Configuration](#);
  - Install signal handlers;
  - Finish `sys` module initialization (ex : create `sys.stdout` and `sys.path`);
  - Enable optional features like `faulthandler` and `tracemalloc`;
  - Import the `site` module;
  - etc.

Private provisional API :

- `PyConfig._init_main`: if set to 0, `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` stops at the "Core" initialization phase.

`PyStatus_Py_InitializeMain` (void)

Move to the "Main" initialization phase, finish the Python initialization.

No module is imported during the "Core" phase and the `importlib` module is not configured : the [Path Configuration](#) is only applied during the "Main" phase. It may allow to customize Python in Python to override or tune the [Path Configuration](#), maybe install a custom `sys.meta_path` importer or an import hook, etc.

It may become possible to calculate the [Path Configuration](#) in Python, after the Core phase and before the Main phase, which is one of the [PEP 432](#) motivation.

The "Core" phase is not properly defined : what should be and what should not be available at this phase is not specified yet. The API is marked as private and provisional : the API can be modified or even be removed anytime until a proper public API is designed.

Example running Python code between "Core" and "Main" initialization phases :

```
void init_python(void)
{
    PyStatus status;

    PyConfig config;
    PyConfig_InitPythonConfig(&config);
    config._init_main = 0;

    /* ... customize 'config' configuration ... */

    status = Py_InitializeFromConfig(&config);
    PyConfig_Clear(&config);
    if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
        Py_ExitStatusException(status);
    }

    /* Use sys.stderr because sys.stdout is only created
```

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```
by _Py_InitializeMain() */
int res = PyRun_SimpleString(
    "import sys; "
    "print('Run Python code before _Py_InitializeMain', "
    "file=sys.stderr)");
if (res < 0) {
    exit(1);
}

/* ... put more configuration code here ... */

status = _Py_InitializeMain();
if (PyStatus_Exception(status)) {
    Py_ExitStatusException(status);
}
}
```





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Memory Management

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## 11.1 Aperçu

Memory management in Python involves a private heap containing all Python objects and data structures. The management of this private heap is ensured internally by the *Python memory manager*. The Python memory manager has different components which deal with various dynamic storage management aspects, like sharing, segmentation, preallocation or caching.

At the lowest level, a raw memory allocator ensures that there is enough room in the private heap for storing all Python-related data by interacting with the memory manager of the operating system. On top of the raw memory allocator, several object-specific allocators operate on the same heap and implement distinct memory management policies adapted to the peculiarities of every object type. For example, integer objects are managed differently within the heap than strings, tuples or dictionaries because integers imply different storage requirements and speed/space tradeoffs. The Python memory manager thus delegates some of the work to the object-specific allocators, but ensures that the latter operate within the bounds of the private heap.

It is important to understand that the management of the Python heap is performed by the interpreter itself and that the user has no control over it, even if they regularly manipulate object pointers to memory blocks inside that heap. The allocation of heap space for Python objects and other internal buffers is performed on demand by the Python memory manager through the Python/C API functions listed in this document.

To avoid memory corruption, extension writers should never try to operate on Python objects with the functions exported by the C library : `malloc()`, `calloc()`, `realloc()` and `free()`. This will result in mixed calls between the C allocator and the Python memory manager with fatal consequences, because they implement different algorithms and operate on different heaps. However, one may safely allocate and release memory blocks with the C library allocator for individual purposes, as shown in the following example :

```
PyObject *res;
char *buf = (char *) malloc(BUFSIZ); /* for I/O */

if (buf == NULL)
    return PyErr_NoMemory();
...Do some I/O operation involving buf...
res = PyBytes_FromString(buf);
free(buf); /* malloc'ed */
return res;
```

In this example, the memory request for the I/O buffer is handled by the C library allocator. The Python memory manager is involved only in the allocation of the bytes object returned as a result.

In most situations, however, it is recommended to allocate memory from the Python heap specifically because the latter is under control of the Python memory manager. For example, this is required when the interpreter is extended with new object types written in C. Another reason for using the Python heap is the desire to *inform* the Python memory manager about the memory needs of the extension module. Even when the requested memory is used exclusively for internal, highly specific purposes, delegating all memory requests to the Python memory manager causes the interpreter to have a more accurate image of its memory footprint as a whole. Consequently, under certain circumstances, the Python memory manager may or may not trigger appropriate actions, like garbage collection, memory compaction or other preventive procedures. Note that by using the C library allocator as shown in the previous example, the allocated memory for the I/O buffer escapes completely the Python memory manager.

#### Voir aussi :

The `PYTHONMALLOC` environment variable can be used to configure the memory allocators used by Python.

The `PYTHONMALLOCSTATS` environment variable can be used to print statistics of the *pymalloc memory allocator* every time a new pymalloc object arena is created, and on shutdown.

## 11.2 Allocator Domains

All allocating functions belong to one of three different “domains” (see also *PyMemAllocatorDomain*). These domains represent different allocation strategies and are optimized for different purposes. The specific details on how every domain allocates memory or what internal functions each domain calls is considered an implementation detail, but for debugging purposes a simplified table can be found at [here](#). There is no hard requirement to use the memory returned by the allocation functions belonging to a given domain for only the purposes hinted by that domain (although this is the recommended practice). For example, one could use the memory returned by *PyMem\_RawMalloc()* for allocating Python objects or the memory returned by *PyObject\_Malloc()* for allocating memory for buffers.

The three allocation domains are :

- Raw domain : intended for allocating memory for general-purpose memory buffers where the allocation *must* go to the system allocator or where the allocator can operate without the *GIL*. The memory is requested directly to the system.
- “Mem” domain : intended for allocating memory for Python buffers and general-purpose memory buffers where the allocation must be performed with the *GIL* held. The memory is taken from the Python private heap.
- Object domain : intended for allocating memory belonging to Python objects. The memory is taken from the Python private heap.

When freeing memory previously allocated by the allocating functions belonging to a given domain, the matching specific deallocating functions must be used. For example, *PyMem\_Free()* must be used to free memory allocated using *PyMem\_Malloc()*.

## 11.3 Raw Memory Interface

The following function sets are wrappers to the system allocator. These functions are thread-safe, the *GIL* does not need to be held.

The *default raw memory allocator* uses the following functions : `malloc()`, `calloc()`, `realloc()` and `free()` ; call `malloc(1)` (or `calloc(1, 1)`) when requesting zero bytes.

Added in version 3.4.

void \***PyMem\_RawMalloc** (size\_t n)

Allocates *n* bytes and returns a pointer of type `void*` to the allocated memory, or `NULL` if the request fails. Requesting zero bytes returns a distinct non-`NULL` pointer if possible, as if `PyMem_RawMalloc(1)` had been called instead. The memory will not have been initialized in any way.

void \***PyMem\_RawCalloc** (size\_t nelem, size\_t elsize)

Allocates *nelem* elements each whose size in bytes is *elsize* and returns a pointer of type `void*` to the allocated memory, or `NULL` if the request fails. The memory is initialized to zeros.

Requesting zero elements or elements of size zero bytes returns a distinct non-NULL pointer if possible, as if `PyMem_RawCalloc(1, 1)` had been called instead.

Added in version 3.5.

void **\*PyMem\_RawRealloc** (void \*p, size\_t n)

Resizes the memory block pointed to by *p* to *n* bytes. The contents will be unchanged to the minimum of the old and the new sizes.

If *p* is NULL, the call is equivalent to `PyMem_RawMalloc(n)`; else if *n* is equal to zero, the memory block is resized but is not freed, and the returned pointer is non-NULL.

Unless *p* is NULL, it must have been returned by a previous call to `PyMem_RawMalloc()`, `PyMem_RawRealloc()` or `PyMem_RawCalloc()`.

If the request fails, `PyMem_RawRealloc()` returns NULL and *p* remains a valid pointer to the previous memory area.

void **PyMem\_RawFree** (void \*p)

Frees the memory block pointed to by *p*, which must have been returned by a previous call to `PyMem_RawMalloc()`, `PyMem_RawRealloc()` or `PyMem_RawCalloc()`. Otherwise, or if `PyMem_RawFree(p)` has been called before, undefined behavior occurs.

If *p* is NULL, no operation is performed.

## 11.4 Memory Interface

The following function sets, modeled after the ANSI C standard, but specifying behavior when requesting zero bytes, are available for allocating and releasing memory from the Python heap.

The *default memory allocator* uses the *pymalloc memory allocator*.

**Avertissement :** The *GIL* must be held when using these functions.

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : The default allocator is now *pymalloc* instead of `system malloc()`.

void **\*PyMem\_Malloc** (size\_t n)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Allocates *n* bytes and returns a pointer of type `void*` to the allocated memory, or NULL if the request fails.

Requesting zero bytes returns a distinct non-NULL pointer if possible, as if `PyMem_Malloc(1)` had been called instead. The memory will not have been initialized in any way.

void **\*PyMem\_Calloc** (size\_t nelem, size\_t elsize)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.7.* Allocates *nelem* elements each whose size in bytes is *elsize* and returns a pointer of type `void*` to the allocated memory, or NULL if the request fails. The memory is initialized to zeros.

Requesting zero elements or elements of size zero bytes returns a distinct non-NULL pointer if possible, as if `PyMem_Calloc(1, 1)` had been called instead.

Added in version 3.5.

void **\*PyMem\_Realloc** (void \*p, size\_t n)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Resizes the memory block pointed to by *p* to *n* bytes. The contents will be unchanged to the minimum of the old and the new sizes.

If *p* is NULL, the call is equivalent to `PyMem_Malloc(n)`; else if *n* is equal to zero, the memory block is resized but is not freed, and the returned pointer is non-NULL.

Unless *p* is NULL, it must have been returned by a previous call to `PyMem_Malloc()`, `PyMem_Realloc()` or `PyMem_Calloc()`.

If the request fails, `PyMem_Realloc()` returns NULL and *p* remains a valid pointer to the previous memory area.

void **PyMem\_Free** (void \*p)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Frees the memory block pointed to by *p*, which must have been returned by a previous call to *PyMem\_Malloc()*, *PyMem\_Realloc()* or *PyMem\_Calloc()*. Otherwise, or if *PyMem\_Free(p)* has been called before, undefined behavior occurs.

If *p* is NULL, no operation is performed.

The following type-oriented macros are provided for convenience. Note that *TYPE* refers to any C type.

**PyMem\_New** (TYPE, n)

Same as *PyMem\_Malloc()*, but allocates  $(n * \text{sizeof}(\text{TYPE}))$  bytes of memory. Returns a pointer cast to *TYPE\**. The memory will not have been initialized in any way.

**PyMem\_Resize** (p, TYPE, n)

Same as *PyMem\_Realloc()*, but the memory block is resized to  $(n * \text{sizeof}(\text{TYPE}))$  bytes. Returns a pointer cast to *TYPE\**. On return, *p* will be a pointer to the new memory area, or NULL in the event of failure.

This is a C preprocessor macro; *p* is always reassigned. Save the original value of *p* to avoid losing memory when handling errors.

void **PyMem\_Del** (void \*p)

Same as *PyMem\_Free()*.

In addition, the following macro sets are provided for calling the Python memory allocator directly, without involving the C API functions listed above. However, note that their use does not preserve binary compatibility across Python versions and is therefore deprecated in extension modules.

- *PyMem\_MALLOC(size)*
- *PyMem\_NEW(type, size)*
- *PyMem\_REALLOC(ptr, size)*
- *PyMem\_RESIZE(ptr, type, size)*
- *PyMem\_FREE(ptr)*
- *PyMem\_DEL(ptr)*

## 11.5 Object allocators

The following function sets, modeled after the ANSI C standard, but specifying behavior when requesting zero bytes, are available for allocating and releasing memory from the Python heap.

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**Note :** There is no guarantee that the memory returned by these allocators can be successfully cast to a Python object when intercepting the allocating functions in this domain by the methods described in the [Customize Memory Allocators](#) section.

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The *default object allocator* uses the *pymalloc memory allocator*.

**Avertissement :** The *GIL* must be held when using these functions.

void \***PyObject\_Malloc** (size\_t n)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Allocates *n* bytes and returns a pointer of type *void\** to the allocated memory, or NULL if the request fails.

Requesting zero bytes returns a distinct non-NULL pointer if possible, as if *PyObject\_Malloc(1)* had been called instead. The memory will not have been initialized in any way.

void \***PyObject\_Calloc** (size\_t nelem, size\_t elsize)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.7.* Allocates *nelem* elements each whose size in bytes is *elsize* and returns a pointer of type *void\** to the allocated memory, or NULL if the request fails. The memory is initialized to zeros.

Requesting zero elements or elements of size zero bytes returns a distinct non-NULL pointer if possible, as if `PyObject_Calloc(1, 1)` had been called instead.

Added in version 3.5.

void **\*PyObject\_Realloc** (void \*p, size\_t n)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Resizes the memory block pointed to by *p* to *n* bytes. The contents will be unchanged to the minimum of the old and the new sizes.

If *p* is NULL, the call is equivalent to `PyObject_Malloc(n)` ; else if *n* is equal to zero, the memory block is resized but is not freed, and the returned pointer is non-NULL.

Unless *p* is NULL, it must have been returned by a previous call to `PyObject_Malloc()`, `PyObject_Realloc()` or `PyObject_Calloc()`.

If the request fails, `PyObject_Realloc()` returns NULL and *p* remains a valid pointer to the previous memory area.

void **PyObject\_Free** (void \*p)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Frees the memory block pointed to by *p*, which must have been returned by a previous call to `PyObject_Malloc()`, `PyObject_Realloc()` or `PyObject_Calloc()`. Otherwise, or if `PyObject_Free(p)` has been called before, undefined behavior occurs.

If *p* is NULL, no operation is performed.

## 11.6 Default Memory Allocators

Default memory allocators :

Configuration	Nom	Py-Mem_RawMalloc	PyMem_Malloc	PyOb-ject_Malloc
Release build	"pymalloc"	malloc	pymalloc	pymalloc
Debug build	"pymalloc_debug"	malloc + debug	pymalloc + debug	pymalloc + debug
Release build, without pymalloc	"malloc"	malloc	malloc	malloc
Debug build, without pymalloc	"malloc_debug"	malloc + debug	malloc + debug	malloc + debug

Legend :

- Name : value for PYTHONMALLOC environment variable.
- malloc : system allocators from the standard C library, C functions : `malloc()`, `calloc()`, `realloc()` and `free()`.
- pymalloc : *pymalloc memory allocator*.
- "+ debug" : with *debug hooks on the Python memory allocators*.
- "Debug build" : Python build in debug mode.

## 11.7 Customize Memory Allocators

Added in version 3.4.

type **PyMemAllocatorEx**

Structure used to describe a memory block allocator. The structure has the following fields :

Champ	Signification
<code>void *ctx</code>	user context passed as first argument
<code>void* malloc(void *ctx, size_t size)</code>	allocate a memory block
<code>void* calloc(void *ctx, size_t nelem, size_t elsize)</code>	allocate a memory block initialized with zeros
<code>void* realloc(void *ctx, void *ptr, size_t new_size)</code>	allocate or resize a memory block
<code>void free(void *ctx, void *ptr)</code>	free a memory block

Modifié dans la version 3.5 : The `PyMemAllocator` structure was renamed to `PyMemAllocatorEx` and a new `calloc` field was added.

type **PyMemAllocatorDomain**

Enum used to identify an allocator domain. Domains :

#### **PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_RAW**

Functions :

- `PyMem_RawMalloc()`
- `PyMem_RawRealloc()`
- `PyMem_RawCalloc()`
- `PyMem_RawFree()`

#### **PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_MEM**

Functions :

- `PyMem_Malloc()`,
- `PyMem_Realloc()`
- `PyMem_Calloc()`
- `PyMem_Free()`

#### **PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_OBJ**

Functions :

- `PyObject_Malloc()`
- `PyObject_Realloc()`
- `PyObject_Calloc()`
- `PyObject_Free()`

void **PyMem\_GetAllocator** (*PyMemAllocatorDomain* domain, *PyMemAllocatorEx* \*allocator)

Get the memory block allocator of the specified domain.

void **PyMem\_SetAllocator** (*PyMemAllocatorDomain* domain, *PyMemAllocatorEx* \*allocator)

Set the memory block allocator of the specified domain.

The new allocator must return a distinct non-NULL pointer when requesting zero bytes.

For the `PYMEM_DOMAIN_RAW` domain, the allocator must be thread-safe : the *GIL* is not held when the allocator is called.

For the remaining domains, the allocator must also be thread-safe : the allocator may be called in different interpreters that do not share a *GIL*.

If the new allocator is not a hook (does not call the previous allocator), the `PyMem_SetupDebugHooks()` function must be called to reinstall the debug hooks on top on the new allocator.

See also `PyPreConfig.allocator` and *Preinitialize Python with PyPreConfig*.

**Avertissement :** `PyMem_SetAllocator()` does have the following contract :

- It can be called after `Py_PreInitialize()` and before `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` to install a custom memory allocator. There are no restrictions over the installed allocator other than the ones imposed by the domain (for instance, the Raw Domain allows the allocator to be called without the *GIL* held). See *the section on allocator domains* for more information.
- If called after Python has finish initializing (after `Py_InitializeFromConfig()` has been called) the allocator **must** wrap the existing allocator. Substituting the current allocator for some other arbitrary one is **not supported**.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : All allocators must be thread-safe.

void **PyMem\_SetupDebugHooks** (void)

Setup *debug hooks in the Python memory allocators* to detect memory errors.

## 11.8 Debug hooks on the Python memory allocators

When Python is built in debug mode, the *PyMem\_SetupDebugHooks()* function is called at the *Python preinitialization* to setup debug hooks on Python memory allocators to detect memory errors.

The PYTHONMALLOC environment variable can be used to install debug hooks on a Python compiled in release mode (ex : PYTHONMALLOC=debug).

The *PyMem\_SetupDebugHooks()* function can be used to set debug hooks after calling *PyMem\_SetAllocator()*.

These debug hooks fill dynamically allocated memory blocks with special, recognizable bit patterns. Newly allocated memory is filled with the byte 0xCD (PYMEM\_CLEANBYTE), freed memory is filled with the byte 0xDD (PYMEM\_DEADBYTE). Memory blocks are surrounded by "forbidden bytes" filled with the byte 0xFD (PYMEM\_FORBIDDENBYTE). Strings of these bytes are unlikely to be valid addresses, floats, or ASCII strings.

Runtime checks :

- Detect API violations. For example, detect if *PyObject\_Free()* is called on a memory block allocated by *PyMem\_Malloc()*.
- Detect write before the start of the buffer (buffer underflow).
- Detect write after the end of the buffer (buffer overflow).
- Check that the *GIL* is held when allocator functions of *PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_OBJ* (ex : *PyObject\_Malloc()*) and *PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_MEM* (ex : *PyMem\_Malloc()*) domains are called.

On error, the debug hooks use the *tracemalloc* module to get the traceback where a memory block was allocated. The traceback is only displayed if *tracemalloc* is tracing Python memory allocations and the memory block was traced.

Let  $S = \text{sizeof}(\text{size\_t})$ .  $2*S$  bytes are added at each end of each block of  $N$  bytes requested. The memory layout is like so, where  $p$  represents the address returned by a malloc-like or realloc-like function ( $p[i:j]$  means the slice of bytes from  $*(p+i)$  inclusive up to  $*(p+j)$  exclusive; note that the treatment of negative indices differs from a Python slice) :

**$p[-2*S:-S]$**

Number of bytes originally asked for. This is a *size\_t*, big-endian (easier to read in a memory dump).

**$p[-S]$**

API identifier (ASCII character) :

- 'r' for *PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_RAW*.
- 'm' for *PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_MEM*.
- 'o' for *PYMEM\_DOMAIN\_OBJ*.

**$p[-S+1:0]$**

Copies of PYMEM\_FORBIDDENBYTE. Used to catch under- writes and reads.

**$p[0:N]$**

The requested memory, filled with copies of PYMEM\_CLEANBYTE, used to catch reference to uninitialized memory. When a realloc-like function is called requesting a larger memory block, the new excess bytes are also filled with PYMEM\_CLEANBYTE. When a free-like function is called, these are overwritten with PYMEM\_DEADBYTE, to catch reference to freed memory. When a realloc-like function is called requesting a smaller memory block, the excess old bytes are also filled with PYMEM\_DEADBYTE.

**$p[N:N+S]$**

Copies of PYMEM\_FORBIDDENBYTE. Used to catch over- writes and reads.

**$p[N+S:N+2*S]$**

Only used if the PYMEM\_DEBUG\_SERIALNO macro is defined (not defined by default).

A serial number, incremented by 1 on each call to a malloc-like or realloc-like function. Big-endian *size\_t*. If "bad memory" is detected later, the serial number gives an excellent way to set a breakpoint on the next run,



to capture the instant at which this block was passed out. The static function `bumpserialno()` in `obmalloc.c` is the only place the serial number is incremented, and exists so you can set such a breakpoint easily.

A `realloc`-like or `free`-like function first checks that the `PYMEM_FORBIDDENBYTE` bytes at each end are intact. If they've been altered, diagnostic output is written to `stderr`, and the program is aborted via `Py_FatalError()`. The other main failure mode is provoking a memory error when a program reads up one of the special bit patterns and tries to use it as an address. If you get in a debugger then and look at the object, you're likely to see that it's entirely filled with `PYMEM_DEADBYTE` (meaning freed memory is getting used) or `PYMEM_CLEANBYTE` (meaning uninitialized memory is getting used).

Modifié dans la version 3.6 : The `PyMem_SetupDebugHooks()` function now also works on Python compiled in release mode. On error, the debug hooks now use `tracemalloc` to get the traceback where a memory block was allocated. The debug hooks now also check if the GIL is held when functions of `PYMEM_DOMAIN_OBJ` and `PYMEM_DOMAIN_MEM` domains are called.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Byte patterns `0xCB` (`PYMEM_CLEANBYTE`), `0xDB` (`PYMEM_DEADBYTE`) and `0xFB` (`PYMEM_FORBIDDENBYTE`) have been replaced with `0xCD`, `0xDD` and `0xFD` to use the same values than Windows CRT debug `malloc()` and `free()`.

## 11.9 The pymalloc allocator

Python has a *pymalloc* allocator optimized for small objects (smaller or equal to 512 bytes) with a short lifetime. It uses memory mappings called "arenas" with a fixed size of either 256 KiB on 32-bit platforms or 1 MiB on 64-bit platforms. It falls back to `PyMem_RawMalloc()` and `PyMem_RawRealloc()` for allocations larger than 512 bytes.

*pymalloc* is the *default allocator* of the `PYMEM_DOMAIN_MEM` (ex : `PyMem_Malloc()`) and `PYMEM_DOMAIN_OBJ` (ex : `PyObject_Malloc()`) domains.

The arena allocator uses the following functions :

- `VirtualAlloc()` and `VirtualFree()` on Windows,
- `mmap()` and `munmap()` if available,
- `malloc()` and `free()` otherwise.

This allocator is disabled if Python is configured with the `--without-pymalloc` option. It can also be disabled at runtime using the `PYTHONMALLOC` environment variable (ex : `PYTHONMALLOC=malloc`).

### 11.9.1 Customize pymalloc Arena Allocator

Added in version 3.4.

type **PyObjectArenaAllocator**

Structure used to describe an arena allocator. The structure has three fields :

Champ	Signification
<code>void *ctx</code>	user context passed as first argument
<code>void* alloc(void *ctx, size_t size)</code>	allocate an arena of size bytes
<code>void free(void *ctx, void *ptr, size_t size)</code>	free an arena

void **PyObject\_GetArenaAllocator** (*PyObjectArenaAllocator* \*allocator)

Get the arena allocator.

void **PyObject\_SetArenaAllocator** (*PyObjectArenaAllocator* \*allocator)

Set the arena allocator.

## 11.10 tracemalloc C API

Added in version 3.7.

int **PyTraceMalloc\_Track** (unsigned int domain, uintptr\_t ptr, size\_t size)

Track an allocated memory block in the `tracemalloc` module.

Return 0 on success, return -1 on error (failed to allocate memory to store the trace). Return -2 if `tracemalloc` is disabled.

If memory block is already tracked, update the existing trace.

int **PyTraceMalloc\_Untrack** (unsigned int domain, uintptr\_t ptr)

Untrack an allocated memory block in the `tracemalloc` module. Do nothing if the block was not tracked.

Return -2 if `tracemalloc` is disabled, otherwise return 0.

## 11.11 Examples

Here is the example from section [Aperçu](#), rewritten so that the I/O buffer is allocated from the Python heap by using the first function set :

```
PyObject *res;
char *buf = (char *) PyMem_Malloc(BUFSIZ); /* for I/O */

if (buf == NULL)
    return PyErr_NoMemory();
/* ...Do some I/O operation involving buf... */
res = PyBytes_FromString(buf);
PyMem_Free(buf); /* allocated with PyMem_Malloc */
return res;
```

The same code using the type-oriented function set :

```
PyObject *res;
char *buf = PyMem_New(char, BUFSIZ); /* for I/O */

if (buf == NULL)
    return PyErr_NoMemory();
/* ...Do some I/O operation involving buf... */
res = PyBytes_FromString(buf);
PyMem_Del(buf); /* allocated with PyMem_New */
return res;
```

Note that in the two examples above, the buffer is always manipulated via functions belonging to the same set. Indeed, it is required to use the same memory API family for a given memory block, so that the risk of mixing different allocators is reduced to a minimum. The following code sequence contains two errors, one of which is labeled as *fatal* because it mixes two different allocators operating on different heaps.

```
char *buf1 = PyMem_New(char, BUFSIZ);
char *buf2 = (char *) malloc(BUFSIZ);
char *buf3 = (char *) PyMem_Malloc(BUFSIZ);
...
PyMem_Del(buf3); /* Wrong -- should be PyMem_Free() */
free(buf2);      /* Right -- allocated via malloc() */
free(buf1);      /* Fatal -- should be PyMem_Del() */
```

In addition to the functions aimed at handling raw memory blocks from the Python heap, objects in Python are allocated and released with `PyObject_New`, `PyObject_NewVar` and `PyObject_Del()`.

These will be explained in the next chapter on defining and implementing new object types in C.



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 Implémentation d'objets
 

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Ce chapitre décrit les fonctions, types, et macros utilisées pour définir de nouveaux types d'objets.

## 12.1 Allouer des objets dans le tas

*PyObject* \***\_PyObject\_New** (*PyTypeObject* \*type)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.

*PyVarObject* \***\_PyObject\_NewVar** (*PyTypeObject* \*type, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

Valeur de retour : nouvelle référence.

*PyObject* \***PyObject\_Init** (*PyObject* \*op, *PyTypeObject* \*type)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI.* Initialize a newly allocated object *op* with its type and initial reference. Returns the initialized object. If *type* indicates that the object participates in the cyclic garbage detector, it is added to the detector's set of observed objects. Other fields of the object are not affected.

*PyVarObject* \***PyObject\_InitVar** (*PyVarObject* \*op, *PyTypeObject* \*type, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

Valeur de retour : référence empruntée. *Part of the Stable ABI.* Effectue les mêmes opérations que *PyObject\_Init()* fait, et initialise également l'information de la longueur pour un objet de taille variable.

**PyObject\_New** (TYPE, typeobj)

Allocate a new Python object using the C structure type *TYPE* and the Python type object *typeobj* (*PyTypeObject*\*). Fields not defined by the Python object header are not initialized. The caller will own the only reference to the object (i.e. its reference count will be one). The size of the memory allocation is determined from the *tp\_basicsize* field of the type object.

**PyObject\_NewVar** (TYPE, typeobj, size)

Allocate a new Python object using the C structure type *TYPE* and the Python type object *typeobj* (*PyTypeObject*\*). Fields not defined by the Python object header are not initialized. The allocated memory allows for the *TYPE* structure plus *size* (*Py\_ssize\_t*) fields of the size given by the *tp\_itemsize* field of *typeobj*. This is useful for implementing objects like tuples, which are able to determine their size at construction time. Embedding the array of fields into the same allocation decreases the number of allocations, improving the memory management efficiency.

void **PyObject\_Del** (void \*op)

Releases memory allocated to an object using *PyObject\_New* or *PyObject\_NewVar*. This is normally

called from the `tp_dealloc` handler specified in the object's type. The fields of the object should not be accessed after this call as the memory is no longer a valid Python object.

#### `PyObject_Py_NoneStruct`

Objet qui est visible en tant que `None` dans Python. Ne devrait être accessible uniquement en utilisant la macro `Py_None`, qui évalue cet objet à un pointeur.

**Voir aussi :**

#### `PyModule_Create()`

Allouer et créer des modules d'extension.

## 12.2 Common Object Structures

There are a large number of structures which are used in the definition of object types for Python. This section describes these structures and how they are used.

### 12.2.1 Base object types and macros

All Python objects ultimately share a small number of fields at the beginning of the object's representation in memory. These are represented by the `PyObject` and `PyVarObject` types, which are defined, in turn, by the expansions of some macros also used, whether directly or indirectly, in the definition of all other Python objects. Additional macros can be found under *reference counting*.

#### type `PyObject`

*Part of the Limited API. (Only some members are part of the stable ABI.)* All object types are extensions of this type. This is a type which contains the information Python needs to treat a pointer to an object as an object. In a normal "release" build, it contains only the object's reference count and a pointer to the corresponding type object. Nothing is actually declared to be a `PyObject`, but every pointer to a Python object can be cast to a `PyObject*`. Access to the members must be done by using the macros `Py_REFCNT` and `Py_TYPE`.

#### type `PyVarObject`

*Part of the Limited API. (Only some members are part of the stable ABI.)* This is an extension of `PyObject` that adds the `ob_size` field. This is only used for objects that have some notion of *length*. This type does not often appear in the Python/C API. Access to the members must be done by using the macros `Py_REFCNT`, `Py_TYPE`, and `Py_SIZE`.

#### `PyObject_HEAD`

This is a macro used when declaring new types which represent objects without a varying length. The `PyObject_HEAD` macro expands to :

```
PyObject ob_base;
```

See documentation of `PyObject` above.

#### `PyObject_VAR_HEAD`

This is a macro used when declaring new types which represent objects with a length that varies from instance to instance. The `PyObject_VAR_HEAD` macro expands to :

```
PyVarObject ob_base;
```

See documentation of `PyVarObject` above.

#### int `Py_Is (PyObject *x, PyObject *y)`

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Test if the *x* object is the *y* object, the same as `x is y` in Python. Added in version 3.10.

int **Py\_IsNone** (*PyObject* \*x)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Test if an object is the `None` singleton, the same as `x is None` in Python.

Added in version 3.10.

int **Py\_IsTrue** (*PyObject* \*x)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Test if an object is the `True` singleton, the same as `x is True` in Python.

Added in version 3.10.

int **Py\_IsFalse** (*PyObject* \*x)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Test if an object is the `False` singleton, the same as `x is False` in Python.

Added in version 3.10.

*PyTypeObject* \***Py\_TYPE** (*PyObject* \*o)

Get the type of the Python object *o*.

Return a *borrowed reference*.

Use the `Py_SET_TYPE()` function to set an object type.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : `Py_TYPE()` is changed to an inline static function. The parameter type is no longer `const PyObject*`.

int **Py\_IS\_TYPE** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyTypeObject* \*type)

Return non-zero if the object *o* type is *type*. Return zero otherwise. Equivalent to `:Py_TYPE(o) == type`.

Added in version 3.9.

void **Py\_SET\_TYPE** (*PyObject* \*o, *PyTypeObject* \*type)

Set the object *o* type to *type*.

Added in version 3.9.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **Py\_SIZE** (*PyVarObject* \*o)

Get the size of the Python object *o*.

Use the `Py_SET_SIZE()` function to set an object size.

Modifié dans la version 3.11 : `Py_SIZE()` is changed to an inline static function. The parameter type is no longer `const PyVarObject*`.

void **Py\_SET\_SIZE** (*PyVarObject* \*o, *Py\_ssize\_t* size)

Set the object *o* size to *size*.

Added in version 3.9.

**PyObject\_HEAD\_INIT** (type)

This is a macro which expands to initialization values for a new *PyObject* type. This macro expands to :

```
_PyObject_EXTRA_INIT
1, type,
```

**PyVarObject\_HEAD\_INIT** (type, size)

This is a macro which expands to initialization values for a new *PyVarObject* type, including the *ob\_size* field. This macro expands to :

```
_PyObject_EXTRA_INIT
1, type, size,
```

## 12.2.2 Implementing functions and methods

### type **PyCFunction**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Type of the functions used to implement most Python callables in C. Functions of this type take two *PyObject\** parameters and return one such value. If the return value is NULL, an exception shall have been set. If not NULL, the return value is interpreted as the return value of the function as exposed in Python. The function must return a new reference.

The function signature is :

```
PyObject *PyCFunction(PyObject *self,
                      PyObject *args);
```

### type **PyCFunctionWithKeywords**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* Type of the functions used to implement Python callables in C with signature *METH\_VARARGS* | *METH\_KEYWORDS*. The function signature is :

```
PyObject *PyCFunctionWithKeywords(PyObject *self,
                                   PyObject *args,
                                   PyObject *kwargs);
```

### type **\_PyCFunctionFast**

Type of the functions used to implement Python callables in C with signature *METH\_FASTCALL*. The function signature is :

```
PyObject *_PyCFunctionFast(PyObject *self,
                           PyObject *const *args,
                           Py_ssize_t nargs);
```

### type **\_PyCFunctionFastWithKeywords**

Type of the functions used to implement Python callables in C with signature *METH\_FASTCALL* | *METH\_KEYWORDS*. The function signature is :

```
PyObject *_PyCFunctionFastWithKeywords(PyObject *self,
                                        PyObject *const *args,
                                        Py_ssize_t nargs,
                                        PyObject *kwnames);
```

### type **PyMethod**

Type of the functions used to implement Python callables in C with signature *METH\_METHOD* | *METH\_FASTCALL* | *METH\_KEYWORDS*. The function signature is :

```
PyObject *PyMethod(PyObject *self,
                   PyTypeObject *defining_class,
                   PyObject *const *args,
                   Py_ssize_t nargs,
                   PyObject *kwnames)
```

Added in version 3.9.

### type **PyMethodDef**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) (including all members).* Structure used to describe a method of an extension type. This structure has four fields :

const char \***ml\_name**

    Name of the method.

*PyCFunction* **ml\_meth**

    Pointer to the C implementation.

int **ml\_flags**

    Flags bits indicating how the call should be constructed.



```
const char *ml_doc
```

Points to the contents of the docstring.

The `ml_method` is a C function pointer. The functions may be of different types, but they always return `PyObject*`. If the function is not of the `PyCFunction`, the compiler will require a cast in the method table. Even though `PyCFunction` defines the first parameter as `PyObject*`, it is common that the method implementation uses the specific C type of the `self` object.

The `ml_flags` field is a bitfield which can include the following flags. The individual flags indicate either a calling convention or a binding convention.

There are these calling conventions :

#### **METH\_VARARGS**

This is the typical calling convention, where the methods have the type `PyCFunction`. The function expects two `PyObject*` values. The first one is the `self` object for methods ; for module functions, it is the module object. The second parameter (often called `args`) is a tuple object representing all arguments. This parameter is typically processed using `PyArg_ParseTuple()` or `PyArg_UnpackTuple()`.

#### **METH\_KEYWORDS**

Can only be used in certain combinations with other flags : `METH_VARARGS | METH_KEYWORDS`, `METH_FASTCALL | METH_KEYWORDS` and `METH_METHOD | METH_FASTCALL | METH_KEYWORDS`.

#### **METH\_VARARGS | METH\_KEYWORDS**

Methods with these flags must be of type `PyCFunctionWithKeywords`. The function expects three parameters : `self`, `args`, `kwargs` where `kwargs` is a dictionary of all the keyword arguments or possibly NULL if there are no keyword arguments. The parameters are typically processed using `PyArg_ParseTupleAndKeywords()`.

#### **METH\_FASTCALL**

Fast calling convention supporting only positional arguments. The methods have the type `_PyCFunctionFast`. The first parameter is `self`, the second parameter is a C array of `PyObject*` values indicating the arguments and the third parameter is the number of arguments (the length of the array).

Added in version 3.7.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : `METH_FASTCALL` is now part of the *stable ABI*.

#### **METH\_FASTCALL | METH\_KEYWORDS**

Extension of `METH_FASTCALL` supporting also keyword arguments, with methods of type `_PyCFunctionFastWithKeywords`. Keyword arguments are passed the same way as in the *vectorcall protocol* : there is an additional fourth `PyObject*` parameter which is a tuple representing the names of the keyword arguments (which are guaranteed to be strings) or possibly NULL if there are no keywords. The values of the keyword arguments are stored in the `args` array, after the positional arguments.

Added in version 3.7.

#### **METH\_METHOD**

Can only be used in the combination with other flags : `METH_METHOD | METH_FASTCALL | METH_KEYWORDS`.

#### **METH\_METHOD | METH\_FASTCALL | METH\_KEYWORDS**

Extension of `METH_FASTCALL | METH_KEYWORDS` supporting the *defining class*, that is, the class that contains the method in question. The defining class might be a superclass of `Py_TYPE(self)`.

The method needs to be of type `PyCMethod`, the same as for `METH_FASTCALL | METH_KEYWORDS` with `defining_class` argument added after `self`.

Added in version 3.9.

#### **METH\_NOARGS**

Methods without parameters don't need to check whether arguments are given if they are listed with the `METH_NOARGS` flag. They need to be of type `PyCFunction`. The first parameter is typically named `self` and will hold a reference to the module or object instance. In all cases the second parameter will be NULL.

The function must have 2 parameters. Since the second parameter is unused, `Py_UNUSED` can be used to prevent a compiler warning.

#### **METH\_O**

Methods with a single object argument can be listed with the `METH_O` flag, instead of invoking `PyArg_ParseTuple()` with a "O" argument. They have the type `PyCFunction`, with the *self* parameter, and a `PyObject*` parameter representing the single argument.

These two constants are not used to indicate the calling convention but the binding when use with methods of classes. These may not be used for functions defined for modules. At most one of these flags may be set for any given method.

#### **METH\_CLASS**

The method will be passed the type object as the first parameter rather than an instance of the type. This is used to create *class methods*, similar to what is created when using the `classmethod()` built-in function.

#### **METH\_STATIC**

The method will be passed `NULL` as the first parameter rather than an instance of the type. This is used to create *static methods*, similar to what is created when using the `staticmethod()` built-in function.

One other constant controls whether a method is loaded in place of another definition with the same method name.

#### **METH\_COEXIST**

The method will be loaded in place of existing definitions. Without `METH_COEXIST`, the default is to skip repeated definitions. Since slot wrappers are loaded before the method table, the existence of a `sq_contains` slot, for example, would generate a wrapped method named `__contains__()` and preclude the loading of a corresponding `PyCFunction` with the same name. With the flag defined, the `PyCFunction` will be loaded in place of the wrapper object and will co-exist with the slot. This is helpful because calls to `PyCFunctions` are optimized more than wrapper object calls.

*PyObject\** **PyMethod\_New** (*PyMethodDef* \*ml, *PyObject* \*self, *PyObject* \*module, *PyTypeObject* \*cls)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.9. Turn *ml* into a Python *callable* object. The caller must ensure that *ml* outlives the *callable*. Typically, *ml* is defined as a static variable.

The *self* parameter will be passed as the *self* argument to the C function in `ml->ml_meth` when invoked. *self* can be `NULL`.

The *callable* object's `__module__` attribute can be set from the given *module* argument. *module* should be a Python string, which will be used as name of the module the function is defined in. If unavailable, it can be set to `None` or `NULL`.

**Voir aussi :**

`function.__module__`

The *cls* parameter will be passed as the *defining\_class* argument to the C function. Must be set if `METH_METHOD` is set on `ml->ml_flags`.

Added in version 3.9.

*PyObject\** **PyCFunction\_NewEx** (*PyMethodDef* \*ml, *PyObject* \*self, *PyObject* \*module)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Equivalent to `PyMethod_New(ml, self, module, NULL)`.

*PyObject\** **PyCFunction\_New** (*PyMethodDef* \*ml, *PyObject* \*self)

*Valeur de retour* : nouvelle référence. Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.4. Equivalent to `PyMethod_New(ml, self, NULL, NULL)`.

## 12.2.3 Accessing attributes of extension types

type **PyMemberDef**

*Part of the Stable ABI (including all members).* Structure which describes an attribute of a type which corresponds to a C struct member. When defining a class, put a NULL-terminated array of these structures in the `tp_members` slot.

Its fields are, in order :

const char \***name**

Name of the member. A NULL value marks the end of a `PyMemberDef[]` array.

The string should be static, no copy is made of it.

int **type**

The type of the member in the C struct. See *Member types* for the possible values.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **offset**

The offset in bytes that the member is located on the type's object struct.

int **flags**

Zero or more of the *Member flags*, combined using bitwise OR.

const char \***doc**

The docstring, or NULL. The string should be static, no copy is made of it. Typically, it is defined using *PyDoc\_STR*.

By default (when *flags* is 0), members allow both read and write access. Use the *Py\_READONLY* flag for read-only access. Certain types, like *Py\_T\_STRING*, imply *Py\_READONLY*. Only *Py\_T\_OBJECT\_EX* (and legacy *T\_OBJECT*) members can be deleted.

For heap-allocated types (created using *PyType\_FromSpec()* or similar), `PyMemberDef` may contain a definition for the special member `"__vectorcalloffset__"`, corresponding to `tp_vectorcall_offset` in type objects. These must be defined with *Py\_T\_PYSSIZET* and *Py\_READONLY*, for example :

```
static PyMemberDef spam_type_members[] = {
    {"__vectorcalloffset__", Py_T_PYSSIZET,
     offsetof(Spam_object, vectorcall), Py_READONLY},
    {NULL} /* Sentinel */
};
```

(You may need to `#include <stddef.h>` for `offsetof()`.)

The legacy offsets `tp_dictoffset` and `tp_weaklistoffset` can be defined similarly using `"__dictoffset__"` and `"__weaklistoffset__"` members, but extensions are strongly encouraged to use *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MANAGED\_DICT* and *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MANAGED\_WEAKREF* instead.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : `PyMemberDef` is always available. Previously, it required including `"structmember.h"`.

*PyObject* \***PyMember\_GetOne** (const char \*obj\_addr, struct *PyMemberDef* \*m)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Get an attribute belonging to the object at address *obj\_addr*. The attribute is described by `PyMemberDef` *m*. Returns NULL on error.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : `PyMember_GetOne` is always available. Previously, it required including `"structmember.h"`.

int **PyMember\_SetOne** (char \*obj\_addr, struct *PyMemberDef* \*m, *PyObject* \*o)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set an attribute belonging to the object at address *obj\_addr* to object *o*. The attribute to set is described by `PyMemberDef` *m*. Returns 0 if successful and a negative value on failure.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : `PyMember_SetOne` is always available. Previously, it required including `"structmember.h"`.

### Member flags

The following flags can be used with `PyMemberDef.flags` :

#### **Py\_READONLY**

Not writable.

#### **Py\_AUDIT\_READ**

Emit an `object.__getattr__` audit event before reading.

#### **Py\_RELATIVE\_OFFSET**

Indicates that the `offset` of this `PyMemberDef` entry indicates an offset from the subclass-specific data, rather than from `PyObject`.

Can only be used as part of `Py_tp_members_slot` when creating a class using negative `basicsize`. It is mandatory in that case.

This flag is only used in `PyType_Slot`. When setting `tp_members` during class creation, Python clears it and sets `PyMemberDef.offset` to the offset from the `PyObject` struct.

Modifié dans la version 3.10 : The `RESTRICTED`, `READ_RESTRICTED` and `WRITE_RESTRICTED` macros available with `#include "structmember.h"` are deprecated. `READ_RESTRICTED` and `RESTRICTED` are equivalent to `Py_AUDIT_READ`; `WRITE_RESTRICTED` does nothing.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : The `READONLY` macro was renamed to `Py_READONLY`. The `PY_AUDIT_READ` macro was renamed with the `Py_` prefix. The new names are now always available. Previously, these required `#include "structmember.h"`. The header is still available and it provides the old names.

### Member types

`PyMemberDef.type` can be one of the following macros corresponding to various C types. When the member is accessed in Python, it will be converted to the equivalent Python type. When it is set from Python, it will be converted back to the C type. If that is not possible, an exception such as `TypeError` or `ValueError` is raised.

Unless marked (D), attributes defined this way cannot be deleted using e.g. `del` or `delattr()`.

Macro name	Type C	Python type
<b>Py_T_BYTE</b>	char	int
<b>Py_T_SHORT</b>	short	int
<b>Py_T_INT</b>	int	int
<b>Py_T_LONG</b>	long	int
<b>Py_T_LONGLONG</b>	long long	int
<b>Py_T_UBYTE</b>	unsigned char	int
<b>Py_T_UINT</b>	unsigned int	int
<b>Py_T_USHORT</b>	unsigned short	int
<b>Py_T_ULONG</b>	unsigned long	int
<b>Py_T_ULONGLONG</b>	unsigned long long	int
<b>Py_T_PYSSIZET</b>	<i>Py_ssize_t</i>	int
<b>Py_T_FLOAT</b>	float	float
<b>Py_T_DOUBLE</b>	double	float
<b>Py_T_BOOL</b>	char (written as 0 or 1)	bool
<b>Py_T_STRING</b>	const char* (*)	str (RO)
<b>Py_T_STRING_INPLACE</b>	const char[] (*)	str (RO)
<b>Py_T_CHAR</b>	char (0-127)	str (**)
<b>Py_T_OBJECT_EX</b>	<i>PyObject*</i>	object (D)

(\*) : Zero-terminated, UTF8-encoded C string. With `Py_T_STRING` the C representation is a pointer ;

with `Py_T_STRING_INPLACE` the string is stored directly in the structure.

(**\*\***) : String of length 1. Only ASCII is accepted.

(**RO**) : Implies `Py_READONLY`.

(**D**) : Can be deleted, in which case the pointer is set to `NULL`. Reading a `NULL` pointer raises `AttributeError`.

Added in version 3.12 : In previous versions, the macros were only available with `#include "structmember.h"` and were named without the `Py_` prefix (e.g. as `T_INT`). The header is still available and contains the old names, along with the following deprecated types :

#### **T\_OBJECT**

Like `Py_T_OBJECT_EX`, but `NULL` is converted to `None`. This results in surprising behavior in Python : deleting the attribute effectively sets it to `None`.

#### **T\_NONE**

Always `None`. Must be used with `Py_READONLY`.

## Defining Getters and Setters

### type **PyGetSetDef**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) (including all members).* Structure to define property-like access for a type. See also description of the `PyTypeObject.tp_getset` slot.

const char \***name**

attribute name

*getter* **get**

C function to get the attribute.

*setter* **set**

Optional C function to set or delete the attribute. If `NULL`, the attribute is read-only.

const char \***doc**

optional docstring

void \***closure**

Optional user data pointer, providing additional data for getter and setter.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***getter**)(*PyObject*\*, void\*)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* The `get` function takes one *PyObject*\* parameter (the instance) and a user data pointer (the associated `closure`) :

It should return a new reference on success or `NULL` with a set exception on failure.

typedef int (\***setter**)(*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*, void\*)

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#).* `set` functions take two *PyObject*\* parameters (the instance and the value to be set) and a user data pointer (the associated `closure`) :

In case the attribute should be deleted the second parameter is `NULL`. Should return 0 on success or `-1` with a set exception on failure.

## 12.3 Objets type

Perhaps one of the most important structures of the Python object system is the structure that defines a new type : the `PyTypeObject` structure. Type objects can be handled using any of the `PyObject_*` or `PyType_*` functions, but do not offer much that's interesting to most Python applications. These objects are fundamental to how objects behave, so they are very important to the interpreter itself and to any extension module that implements new types.

Type objects are fairly large compared to most of the standard types. The reason for the size is that each type object stores a large number of values, mostly C function pointers, each of which implements a small part of the type's functionality. The fields of the type object are examined in detail in this section. The fields will be described in the order in which they occur in the structure.

In addition to the following quick reference, the [Examples](#) section provides at-a-glance insight into the meaning and use of `PyTypeObject`.

### 12.3.1 Quick Reference

#### “tp slots”

PyTypeObject Slot <sup>page 242, 1</sup>	Type	special methods/attrs	Info <sup>page 242, 2</sup>
			C T D I
<R> <code>tp_name</code>	<code>const char *</code>	<code>__name__</code>	X X
<code>tp_basicsize</code>	<code>Py_ssize_t</code>		X X X
<code>tp_itemsize</code>	<code>Py_ssize_t</code>		X X
<code>tp_dealloc</code>	<code>destructor</code>		X X X
<code>tp_vectorcall_offset</code>	<code>Py_ssize_t</code>		X X
( <code>tp_getattr</code> )	<code>getattrfunc</code>	<code>__getattribute__</code> , <code>__getattr__</code>	G
( <code>tp_setattr</code> )	<code>setattrfunc</code>	<code>__setattr__</code> , <code>__delattr__</code>	G
<code>tp_as_async</code>	<code>PyAsyncMethods *</code>	<code>sub-slots</code>	%
<code>tp_repr</code>	<code>reprfunc</code>	<code>__repr__</code>	X X X
<code>tp_as_number</code>	<code>PyNumberMethods *</code>	<code>sub-slots</code>	%
<code>tp_as_sequence</code>	<code>PySequenceMethods *</code>	<code>sub-slots</code>	%
<code>tp_as_mapping</code>	<code>PyMappingMethods *</code>	<code>sub-slots</code>	%
<code>tp_hash</code>	<code>hashfunc</code>	<code>__hash__</code>	X G
<code>tp_call</code>	<code>ternaryfunc</code>	<code>__call__</code>	X X
<code>tp_str</code>	<code>reprfunc</code>	<code>__str__</code>	X X
<code>tp_getattro</code>	<code>getattrofunc</code>	<code>__getattribute__</code> , <code>__getattr__</code>	X X G
<code>tp_setattro</code>	<code>setattrofunc</code>	<code>__setattr__</code> , <code>__delattr__</code>	X X G
<code>tp_as_buffer</code>	<code>PyBufferProcs *</code>		%
<code>tp_flags</code>	<code>unsigned long</code>		X X ?
<code>tp_doc</code>	<code>const char *</code>	<code>__doc__</code>	X X
<code>tp_traverse</code>	<code>traverseproc</code>		X G
<code>tp_clear</code>	<code>inquiry</code>		X G
<code>tp_richcompare</code>	<code>richcmpfunc</code>	<code>__lt__</code> , <code>__le__</code> , <code>__eq__</code> , <code>__ne__</code> , <code>__gt__</code> , <code>__ge__</code>	X G
( <code>tp_weaklistoffset</code> )	<code>Py_ssize_t</code>		X ?
<code>tp_iter</code>	<code>getiterfunc</code>	<code>__iter__</code>	X
<code>tp_iternext</code>	<code>iternextfunc</code>	<code>__next__</code>	X
<code>tp_methods</code>	<code>PyMethodDef []</code>		X X
<code>tp_members</code>	<code>PyMemberDef []</code>		X
<code>tp_getset</code>	<code>PyGetSetDef []</code>		X X
<code>tp_base</code>	<code>PyTypeObject *</code>	<code>__base__</code>	X
<code>tp_dict</code>	<code>PyObject *</code>	<code>__dict__</code>	?
<code>tp_descr_get</code>	<code>descrgetfunc</code>	<code>__get__</code>	X
<code>tp_descr_set</code>	<code>descrsetfunc</code>	<code>__set__</code> , <code>__delete__</code>	X
( <code>tp_dictoffset</code> )	<code>Py_ssize_t</code>		X ?
<code>tp_init</code>	<code>initproc</code>	<code>__init__</code>	X X X
<code>tp_alloc</code>	<code>allocfunc</code>		X ? ?
<code>tp_new</code>	<code>newfunc</code>	<code>__new__</code>	X X ? ?
<code>tp_free</code>	<code>freefunc</code>		X X ? ?
<code>tp_is_gc</code>	<code>inquiry</code>		X X
< <code>tp_bases</code> >	<code>PyObject *</code>	<code>__bases__</code>	~
< <code>tp_mro</code> >	<code>PyObject *</code>	<code>__mro__</code>	~
[ <code>tp_cache</code> ]	<code>PyObject *</code>		
[ <code>tp_subclasses</code> ]	<code>void *</code>	<code>__subclasses__</code>	
[ <code>tp_weaklist</code> ]	<code>PyObject *</code>		
( <code>tp_del</code> )	<code>destructor</code>		

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PyTypeObject Slot <sup>page 242, 1</sup>	Type	special methods/attrs	Info <sup>2</sup> C T D I
[ <i>tp_version_tag</i> ]	unsigned int		
<i>tp_finalize</i>	destructor	<code>__del__</code>	X
<i>tp_vectorcall</i>	vectorcallfunc		
[ <i>tp_watched</i> ]	unsigned char		

## sub-slots

Slot	Type	special methods
<i>am_await</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__await__</code>
<i>am_aiter</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__aiter__</code>
<i>am_anext</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__anext__</code>
<i>am_send</i>	sendfunc	
<i>nb_add</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__add__</code> <code>__radd__</code>
<i>nb_inplace_add</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__iadd__</code>
<i>nb_subtract</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__sub__</code> <code>__rsub__</code>
<i>nb_inplace_subtract</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__isub__</code>
<i>nb_multiply</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__mul__</code> <code>__rmul__</code>
<i>nb_inplace_multiply</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__imul__</code>
<i>nb_remainder</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__mod__</code> <code>__rmod__</code>
<i>nb_inplace_remainder</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__imod__</code>
<i>nb_divmod</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__divmod__</code> <code>__rdivmod__</code>
<i>nb_power</i>	ternaryfunc	<code>__pow__</code> <code>__rpow__</code>
<i>nb_inplace_power</i>	ternaryfunc	<code>__ipow__</code>
<i>nb_negative</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__neg__</code>
<i>nb_positive</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__pos__</code>
<i>nb_absolute</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__abs__</code>
<i>nb_bool</i>	inquiry	<code>__bool__</code>
<i>nb_invert</i>	unaryfunc	<code>__invert__</code>
<i>nb_lshift</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__lshift__</code> <code>__rlshift__</code>
<i>nb_inplace_lshift</i>	binaryfunc	<code>__ilshift__</code>

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1. () : A slot name in parentheses indicates it is (effectively) deprecated.  
 <> : Names in angle brackets should be initially set to NULL and treated as read-only.  
 [] : Names in square brackets are for internal use only.  
 <R> (as a prefix) means the field is required (must be non-NULL).

2. Columns :

"O" : set on PyBaseObject\_Type

"T" : set on PyType\_Type

"D" : default (if slot is set to NULL)

X - PyType\_Ready sets this value if it is NULL

~ - PyType\_Ready always sets this value (it should be NULL)

? - PyType\_Ready may set this value depending on other slots

Also see the inheritance column ("I").

"I" : inheritance

X - type slot is inherited via \*PyType\_Ready\* if defined with a \*NULL\* value

% - the slots of the sub-struct are inherited individually

G - inherited, but only in combination with other slots; see the slot's description

? - it's complicated; see the slot's description

Note that some slots are effectively inherited through the normal attribute lookup chain.

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Slot	Type	special methods
<code>nb_rshift</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__rshift__</code> <code>__rrshift__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_rshift</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__irshift__</code>
<code>nb_and</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__and__</code> <code>__rand__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_and</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__iand__</code>
<code>nb_xor</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__xor__</code> <code>__rxor__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_xor</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__ixor__</code>
<code>nb_or</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__or__</code> <code>__ror__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_or</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__ior__</code>
<code>nb_int</code>	<code>unaryfunc</code>	<code>__int__</code>
<code>nb_reserved</code>	<code>void *</code>	
<code>nb_float</code>	<code>unaryfunc</code>	<code>__float__</code>
<code>nb_floor_divide</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__floordiv__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_floor_divide</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__ifloordiv__</code>
<code>nb_true_divide</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__truediv__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_true_divide</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__itruediv__</code>
<code>nb_index</code>	<code>unaryfunc</code>	<code>__index__</code>
<code>nb_matrix_multiply</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__matmul__</code> <code>__rmatmul__</code>
<code>nb_inplace_matrix_multiply</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__imatmul__</code>
<code>mp_length</code>	<code>lenfunc</code>	<code>__len__</code>
<code>mp_subscript</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__getitem__</code>
<code>mp_ass_subscript</code>	<code>objobjargproc</code>	<code>__setitem__</code> , <code>__delitem__</code>
<code>sq_length</code>	<code>lenfunc</code>	<code>__len__</code>
<code>sq_concat</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__add__</code>
<code>sq_repeat</code>	<code>ssizeargfunc</code>	<code>__mul__</code>
<code>sq_item</code>	<code>ssizeargfunc</code>	<code>__getitem__</code>
<code>sq_ass_item</code>	<code>ssizeobjargproc</code>	<code>__setitem__</code> <code>__delitem__</code>
<code>sq_contains</code>	<code>objobjproc</code>	<code>__contains__</code>
<code>sq_inplace_concat</code>	<code>binaryfunc</code>	<code>__iadd__</code>
<code>sq_inplace_repeat</code>	<code>ssizeargfunc</code>	<code>__imul__</code>
<code>bf_getbuffer</code>	<code>getbufferproc()</code>	
<code>bf_releasebuffer</code>	<code>releasebufferproc()</code>	

slot typedefs

typedef	Parameter Types	Return Type
<i>allocfunc</i>	<i>PyTypeObject</i> * <i>Py_ssize_t</i>	<i>PyObject</i> *
<i>destructor</i>	<i>PyObject</i> *	void
<i>freefunc</i>	void *	void
<i>traverseproc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> * <i>visitproc</i> void *	<i>int</i>
<i>newfunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> *	<i>PyObject</i> *
<i>initproc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> *	<i>int</i>
<i>reprfunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> *	<i>PyObject</i> *
<i>getattrfunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> *  <i>PyObject</i> * const char *	<i>PyObject</i> *
<i>setattrfunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> * const char * <i>PyObject</i> *	<i>int</i>
<i>getattrofunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> *  <i>PyObject</i> *	<i>PyObject</i> *
<i>setattrofunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> *	<i>int</i>
<i>descrgetfunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> * <i>PyObject</i> *	<i>PyObject</i> *
<i>descrsetfunc</i>	<i>PyObject</i> *	<i>int</i>
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<i>richcmpfunc</i>		<i>PyObject</i> *

See *Slot Type typedefs* below for more detail.

### 12.3.2 PyTypeObject Definition

The structure definition for *PyTypeObject* can be found in `Include/object.h`. For convenience of reference, this repeats the definition found there :

```
typedef struct _typeobject {
    PyObject_VAR_HEAD
    const char *tp_name; /* For printing, in format "<module>.<name>" */
    Py_ssize_t tp_basicsize, tp_itemsize; /* For allocation */

    /* Methods to implement standard operations */

    destructor tp_dealloc;
    Py_ssize_t tp_vectorcall_offset;
    getattrofunc tp_getattr;
    setattrofunc tp_setattr;
    PyAsyncMethods *tp_as_async; /* formerly known as tp_compare (Python 2)
                                   or tp_reserved (Python 3) */
    reprfunc tp_repr;

    /* Method suites for standard classes */

    PyNumberMethods *tp_as_number;
    PySequenceMethods *tp_as_sequence;
    PyMappingMethods *tp_as_mapping;

    /* More standard operations (here for binary compatibility) */

    hashfunc tp_hash;
    ternaryfunc tp_call;
    reprfunc tp_str;
    getattrofunc tp_getattro;
    setattrofunc tp_setattro;

    /* Functions to access object as input/output buffer */
    PyBufferProcs *tp_as_buffer;

    /* Flags to define presence of optional/expanded features */
    unsigned long tp_flags;

    const char *tp_doc; /* Documentation string */

    /* Assigned meaning in release 2.0 */
    /* call function for all accessible objects */
    traverseproc tp_traverse;

    /* delete references to contained objects */
    inquiry tp_clear;

    /* Assigned meaning in release 2.1 */
    /* rich comparisons */
    richcmpfunc tp_richcompare;

    /* weak reference enabler */
    Py_ssize_t tp_weaklistoffset;

    /* Iterators */
    getiterfunc tp_iter;
    iternextfunc tp_iternext;
}
```

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```

/* Attribute descriptor and subclassing stuff */
struct PyMethodDef *tp_methods;
struct PyMemberDef *tp_members;
struct PyGetSetDef *tp_getset;
// Strong reference on a heap type, borrowed reference on a static type
struct _typeobject *tp_base;
PyObject *tp_dict;
descrgetfunc tp_descr_get;
descrsetfunc tp_descr_set;
Py_ssize_t tp_dictoffset;
initproc tp_init;
allocfunc tp_alloc;
newfunc tp_new;
freefunc tp_free; /* Low-level free-memory routine */
inquiry tp_is_gc; /* For PyObject_IS_GC */
PyObject *tp_bases;
PyObject *tp_mro; /* method resolution order */
PyObject *tp_cache;
PyObject *tp_subclasses;
PyObject *tp_weaklist;
destructor tp_del;

/* Type attribute cache version tag. Added in version 2.6 */
unsigned int tp_version_tag;

destructor tp_finalize;
vectorcallfunc tp_vectorcall;

/* bitset of which type-watchers care about this type */
unsigned char tp_watched;
} PyTypeObject;

```

### 12.3.3 PyObject Slots

The type object structure extends the *PyVarObject* structure. The *ob\_size* field is used for dynamic types (created by *type\_new()*, usually called from a class statement). Note that *PyType\_Type* (the metatype) initializes *tp\_itemsize*, which means that its instances (i.e. type objects) *must* have the *ob\_size* field.

*Py\_ssize\_t* *PyObject.ob\_refcnt*

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the type object's reference count, initialized to 1 by the *PyObject\_HEAD\_INIT* macro. Note that for *statically allocated type objects*, the type's instances (objects whose *ob\_type* points back to the type) do *not* count as references. But for *dynamically allocated type objects*, the instances *do* count as references.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes.

*PyTypeObject \*PyObject.ob\_type*

*Part of the Stable ABI.* This is the type's type, in other words its metatype. It is initialized by the argument to the *PyObject\_HEAD\_INIT* macro, and its value should normally be *&PyType\_Type*. However, for dynamically loadable extension modules that must be usable on Windows (at least), the compiler complains that this is not a valid initializer. Therefore, the convention is to pass *NULL* to the *PyObject\_HEAD\_INIT* macro and to initialize this field explicitly at the start of the module's initialization function, before doing anything else. This is typically done like this :

```
Foo_Type.ob_type = &PyType_Type;
```

This should be done before any instances of the type are created. *PyType\_Ready()* checks if *ob\_type* is *NULL*, and if so, initializes it to the *ob\_type* field of the base class. *PyType\_Ready()* will not change

this field if it is non-zero.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

*PyObject* \**PyObject*.\_ob\_next

*PyObject* \**PyObject*.\_ob\_prev

These fields are only present when the macro `Py_TRACE_REFS` is defined (see the configure `--with-trace-refs` option).

Their initialization to `NULL` is taken care of by the `PyObject_HEAD_INIT` macro. For *statically allocated objects*, these fields always remain `NULL`. For *dynamically allocated objects*, these two fields are used to link the object into a doubly linked list of *all* live objects on the heap.

This could be used for various debugging purposes; currently the only uses are the `sys.getobjects()` function and to print the objects that are still alive at the end of a run when the environment variable `PYTHONDUMPREFS` is set.

**Inheritance :**

These fields are not inherited by subtypes.

## 12.3.4 PyVarObject Slots

*Py\_ssize\_t* *PyVarObject*.ob\_size

*Part of the Stable ABI.* For *statically allocated type objects*, this should be initialized to zero. For *dynamically allocated type objects*, this field has a special internal meaning.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes.

## 12.3.5 PyTypeObject Slots

Each slot has a section describing inheritance. If *PyType\_Ready()* may set a value when the field is set to `NULL` then there will also be a "Default" section. (Note that many fields set on *PyBaseObject\_Type* and *PyType\_Type* effectively act as defaults.)

`const char` \**PyTypeObject*.tp\_name

Pointer to a NUL-terminated string containing the name of the type. For types that are accessible as module globals, the string should be the full module name, followed by a dot, followed by the type name; for built-in types, it should be just the type name. If the module is a submodule of a package, the full package name is part of the full module name. For example, a type named `T` defined in module `M` in subpackage `Q` in package `P` should have the *tp\_name* initializer `"P.Q.M.T"`.

For *dynamically allocated type objects*, this should just be the type name, and the module name explicitly stored in the type dict as the value for key `'__module__'`.

For *statically allocated type objects*, the *tp\_name* field should contain a dot. Everything before the last dot is made accessible as the `__module__` attribute, and everything after the last dot is made accessible as the `__name__` attribute.

If no dot is present, the entire *tp\_name* field is made accessible as the `__name__` attribute, and the `__module__` attribute is undefined (unless explicitly set in the dictionary, as explained above). This means your type will be impossible to pickle. Additionally, it will not be listed in module documentations created with `pydoc`.

This field must not be `NULL`. It is the only required field in *PyTypeObject()* (other than potentially *tp\_itemsize*).

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes.

*Py\_ssize\_t* *PyTypeObject*.tp\_basicsize

*Py\_ssize\_t* *PyObject.tp\_itemsize*

These fields allow calculating the size in bytes of instances of the type.

There are two kinds of types : types with fixed-length instances have a zero *tp\_itemsize* field, types with variable-length instances have a non-zero *tp\_itemsize* field. For a type with fixed-length instances, all instances have the same size, given in *tp\_basicsize*.

For a type with variable-length instances, the instances must have an *ob\_size* field, and the instance size is *tp\_basicsize* plus N times *tp\_itemsize*, where N is the "length" of the object. The value of N is typically stored in the instance's *ob\_size* field. There are exceptions : for example, ints use a negative *ob\_size* to indicate a negative number, and N is `abs(ob_size)` there. Also, the presence of an *ob\_size* field in the instance layout doesn't mean that the instance structure is variable-length (for example, the structure for the list type has fixed-length instances, yet those instances have a meaningful *ob\_size* field).

The basic size includes the fields in the instance declared by the macro *PyObject\_HEAD* or *PyObject\_VAR\_HEAD* (whichever is used to declare the instance struct) and this in turn includes the *\_ob\_prev* and *\_ob\_next* fields if they are present. This means that the only correct way to get an initializer for the *tp\_basicsize* is to use the `sizeof` operator on the struct used to declare the instance layout. The basic size does not include the GC header size.

A note about alignment : if the variable items require a particular alignment, this should be taken care of by the value of *tp\_basicsize*. Example : suppose a type implements an array of double. *tp\_itemsize* is `sizeof(double)`. It is the programmer's responsibility that *tp\_basicsize* is a multiple of `sizeof(double)` (assuming this is the alignment requirement for double).

For any type with variable-length instances, this field must not be NULL.

**Inheritance :**

These fields are inherited separately by subtypes. If the base type has a non-zero *tp\_itemsize*, it is generally not safe to set *tp\_itemsize* to a different non-zero value in a subtype (though this depends on the implementation of the base type).

*destructor* *PyObject.tp\_dealloc*

A pointer to the instance destructor function. This function must be defined unless the type guarantees that its instances will never be deallocated (as is the case for the singletons `None` and `Ellipsis`). The function signature is :

```
void tp_dealloc(PyObject *self);
```

The destructor function is called by the *Py\_DECREF()* and *Py\_XDECREF()* macros when the new reference count is zero. At this point, the instance is still in existence, but there are no references to it. The destructor function should free all references which the instance owns, free all memory buffers owned by the instance (using the freeing function corresponding to the allocation function used to allocate the buffer), and call the type's *tp\_free* function. If the type is not subtypable (doesn't have the *Py\_TPFLAGS\_BASETYPE* flag bit set), it is permissible to call the object deallocator directly instead of via *tp\_free*. The object deallocator should be the one used to allocate the instance; this is normally *PyObject\_Del()* if the instance was allocated using *PyObject\_New* or *PyObject\_NewVar*, or *PyObject\_GC\_Del()* if the instance was allocated using *PyObject\_GC\_New* or *PyObject\_GC\_NewVar*.

If the type supports garbage collection (has the *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_GC* flag bit set), the destructor should call *PyObject\_GC\_UnTrack()* before clearing any member fields.

```
static void foo_dealloc(foo_object *self) {
    PyObject_GC_UnTrack(self);
    Py_CLEAR(self->ref);
    Py_TYPE(self)->tp_free((PyObject *)self);
}
```

Finally, if the type is heap allocated (*Py\_TPFLAGS\_HEAPTYPE*), the deallocator should release the owned reference to its type object (via *Py\_DECREF()*) after calling the type deallocator. In order to avoid dangling pointers, the recommended way to achieve this is :

```
static void foo_dealloc(foo_object *self) {
    PyTypeObject *tp = Py_TYPE(self);
    // free references and buffers here
    tp->tp_free(self);
```

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```
Py_DECREF (tp) ;
}
```

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

*Py\_ssize\_t* *PyObject*.**tp\_vectorcall\_offset**

An optional offset to a per-instance function that implements calling the object using the *vectorcall protocol*, a more efficient alternative of the simpler *tp\_call*.

This field is only used if the flag *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_VECTORCALL* is set. If so, this must be a positive integer containing the offset in the instance of a *vectorcallfunc* pointer.

The *vectorcallfunc* pointer may be NULL, in which case the instance behaves as if *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_VECTORCALL* was not set : calling the instance falls back to *tp\_call*.

Any class that sets *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_VECTORCALL* must also set *tp\_call* and make sure its behaviour is consistent with the *vectorcallfunc* function. This can be done by setting *tp\_call* to *PyVectorcall\_Call()*.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Before version 3.8, this slot was named *tp\_print*. In Python 2.x, it was used for printing to a file. In Python 3.0 to 3.7, it was unused.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Before version 3.12, it was not recommended for *mutable heap types* to implement the vectorcall protocol. When a user sets *\_\_call\_\_* in Python code, only *tp\_call* is updated, likely making it inconsistent with the vectorcall function. Since 3.12, setting *\_\_call\_\_* will disable vectorcall optimization by clearing the *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_VECTORCALL* flag.

**Inheritance :**

This field is always inherited. However, the *Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_VECTORCALL* flag is not always inherited. If it's not set, then the subclass won't use *vectorcall*, except when *PyVectorcall\_Call()* is explicitly called.

*getattrofunc* *PyObject*.**tp\_getattr**

An optional pointer to the get-attribute-string function.

This field is deprecated. When it is defined, it should point to a function that acts the same as the *tp\_getattro* function, but taking a C string instead of a Python string object to give the attribute name.

**Inheritance :**

Group : *tp\_getattr*, *tp\_getattro*

This field is inherited by subtypes together with *tp\_getattro* : a subtype inherits both *tp\_getattr* and *tp\_getattro* from its base type when the subtype's *tp\_getattr* and *tp\_getattro* are both NULL.

*setattrofunc* *PyObject*.**tp\_setattr**

An optional pointer to the function for setting and deleting attributes.

This field is deprecated. When it is defined, it should point to a function that acts the same as the *tp\_setattro* function, but taking a C string instead of a Python string object to give the attribute name.

**Inheritance :**

Group : *tp\_setattr*, *tp\_setattro*

This field is inherited by subtypes together with *tp\_setattro* : a subtype inherits both *tp\_setattr* and *tp\_setattro* from its base type when the subtype's *tp\_setattr* and *tp\_setattro* are both NULL.

*PyAsyncMethods* \**PyObject*.**tp\_as\_async**

Pointer to an additional structure that contains fields relevant only to objects which implement *awaitable* and *asynchronous iterator* protocols at the C-level. See *Async Object Structures* for details.

Added in version 3.5 : Formerly known as *tp\_compare* and *tp\_reserved*.

**Inheritance :**

The *tp\_as\_async* field is not inherited, but the contained fields are inherited individually.

*reprfunc* *PyObject*.**tp\_repr**

An optional pointer to a function that implements the built-in function *repr()*.

The signature is the same as for *PyObject\_Repr()* :

```
PyObject *tp_repr(PyObject *self);
```

The function must return a string or a Unicode object. Ideally, this function should return a string that, when passed to `eval()`, given a suitable environment, returns an object with the same value. If this is not feasible, it should return a string starting with '`<`' and ending with '`>`' from which both the type and the value of the object can be deduced.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

**Default :**

When this field is not set, a string of the form `<%s object at %p>` is returned, where `%s` is replaced by the type name, and `%p` by the object's memory address.

*PyNumberMethods* \*PyTypeObject.**tp\_as\_number**

Pointer to an additional structure that contains fields relevant only to objects which implement the number protocol. These fields are documented in *Number Object Structures*.

**Inheritance :**

The `tp_as_number` field is not inherited, but the contained fields are inherited individually.

*PySequenceMethods* \*PyTypeObject.**tp\_as\_sequence**

Pointer to an additional structure that contains fields relevant only to objects which implement the sequence protocol. These fields are documented in *Sequence Object Structures*.

**Inheritance :**

The `tp_as_sequence` field is not inherited, but the contained fields are inherited individually.

*PyMappingMethods* \*PyTypeObject.**tp\_as\_mapping**

Pointer to an additional structure that contains fields relevant only to objects which implement the mapping protocol. These fields are documented in *Mapping Object Structures*.

**Inheritance :**

The `tp_as_mapping` field is not inherited, but the contained fields are inherited individually.

*hashfunc* PyTypeObject.**tp\_hash**

An optional pointer to a function that implements the built-in function `hash()`.

The signature is the same as for *PyObject\_Hash()* :

```
Py_hash_t tp_hash(PyObject *);
```

The value `-1` should not be returned as a normal return value; when an error occurs during the computation of the hash value, the function should set an exception and return `-1`.

When this field is not set (and `tp_richcompare` is not set), an attempt to take the hash of the object raises `TypeError`. This is the same as setting it to `PyObject_HashNotImplemented()`.

This field can be set explicitly to `PyObject_HashNotImplemented()` to block inheritance of the hash method from a parent type. This is interpreted as the equivalent of `__hash__ = None` at the Python level, causing `isinstance(o, collections.Hashable)` to correctly return `False`. Note that the converse is also true - setting `__hash__ = None` on a class at the Python level will result in the `tp_hash` slot being set to `PyObject_HashNotImplemented()`.

**Inheritance :**

Group : `tp_hash`, `tp_richcompare`

This field is inherited by subtypes together with `tp_richcompare` : a subtype inherits both of `tp_richcompare` and `tp_hash`, when the subtype's `tp_richcompare` and `tp_hash` are both `NULL`.

*ternaryfunc* PyTypeObject.**tp\_call**

An optional pointer to a function that implements calling the object. This should be `NULL` if the object is not callable. The signature is the same as for *PyObject\_Call()* :

```
PyObject *tp_call(PyObject *self, PyObject *args, PyObject *kwargs);
```

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

*reprfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_str`

An optional pointer to a function that implements the built-in operation `str()`. (Note that `str` is a type now, and `str()` calls the constructor for that type. This constructor calls `PyObject_Str()` to do the actual work, and `PyObject_Str()` will call this handler.)

The signature is the same as for `PyObject_Str()`:

```
PyObject *tp_str(PyObject *self);
```

The function must return a string or a Unicode object. It should be a “friendly” string representation of the object, as this is the representation that will be used, among other things, by the `print()` function.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

**Default :**

When this field is not set, `PyObject_Repr()` is called to return a string representation.

*getattrfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_getattro`

An optional pointer to the get-attribute function.

The signature is the same as for `PyObject_GetAttr()`:

```
PyObject *tp_getattro(PyObject *self, PyObject *attr);
```

It is usually convenient to set this field to `PyObject_GenericGetAttr()`, which implements the normal way of looking for object attributes.

**Inheritance :**

Group : `tp_getattr`, `tp_getattro`

This field is inherited by subtypes together with `tp_getattr`: a subtype inherits both `tp_getattr` and `tp_getattro` from its base type when the subtype’s `tp_getattr` and `tp_getattro` are both NULL.

**Default :**

`PyBaseObject_Type` uses `PyObject_GenericGetAttr()`.

*setattrfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_setattro`

An optional pointer to the function for setting and deleting attributes.

The signature is the same as for `PyObject_SetAttr()`:

```
int tp_setattro(PyObject *self, PyObject *attr, PyObject *value);
```

In addition, setting `value` to NULL to delete an attribute must be supported. It is usually convenient to set this field to `PyObject_GenericSetAttr()`, which implements the normal way of setting object attributes.

**Inheritance :**

Group : `tp_setattr`, `tp_setattro`

This field is inherited by subtypes together with `tp_setattr`: a subtype inherits both `tp_setattr` and `tp_setattro` from its base type when the subtype’s `tp_setattr` and `tp_setattro` are both NULL.

**Default :**

`PyBaseObject_Type` uses `PyObject_GenericSetAttr()`.

*PyBufferProcs* \*`PyTypeObject.tp_as_buffer`

Pointer to an additional structure that contains fields relevant only to objects which implement the buffer interface. These fields are documented in *Buffer Object Structures*.

**Inheritance :**

The `tp_as_buffer` field is not inherited, but the contained fields are inherited individually.

unsigned long `PyTypeObject.tp_flags`

This field is a bit mask of various flags. Some flags indicate variant semantics for certain situations; others are used to indicate that certain fields in the type object (or in the extension structures referenced via `tp_as_number`, `tp_as_sequence`, `tp_as_mapping`, and `tp_as_buffer`) that were historically not always present are valid; if such a flag bit is clear, the type fields it guards must not be accessed and must be considered to have a zero or NULL value instead.

**Inheritance :**

Inheritance of this field is complicated. Most flag bits are inherited individually, i.e. if the base type has a flag bit set, the subtype inherits this flag bit. The flag bits that pertain to extension structures are strictly inherited if the extension structure is inherited, i.e. the base type's value of the flag bit is copied into the subtype together with a pointer to the extension structure. The `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit is inherited together with the `tp_traverse` and `tp_clear` fields, i.e. if the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit is clear in the subtype and the `tp_traverse` and `tp_clear` fields in the subtype exist and have NULL values. ... XXX are most flag bits *really* inherited individually?

**Default :**

`PyBaseObject_Type` uses `Py_TPFLAGS_DEFAULT | Py_TPFLAGS_BASETYPE`.

**Bit Masks :**

The following bit masks are currently defined; these can be Ored together using the `|` operator to form the value of the `tp_flags` field. The macro `PyType_HasFeature()` takes a type and a flags value, `tp` and `f`, and checks whether `tp->tp_flags & f` is non-zero.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_HEAPTYPE**

This bit is set when the type object itself is allocated on the heap, for example, types created dynamically using `PyType_FromSpec()`. In this case, the `ob_type` field of its instances is considered a reference to the type, and the type object is INCREf'ed when a new instance is created, and DECREf'ed when an instance is destroyed (this does not apply to instances of subtypes; only the type referenced by the instance's `ob_type` gets INCREf'ed or DECREf'ed). Heap types should also *support garbage collection* as they can form a reference cycle with their own module object.

**Inheritance :**

???

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_BASETYPE**

This bit is set when the type can be used as the base type of another type. If this bit is clear, the type cannot be subtyped (similar to a "final" class in Java).

**Inheritance :**

???

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_READY**

This bit is set when the type object has been fully initialized by `PyType_Ready()`.

**Inheritance :**

???

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_READYING**

This bit is set while `PyType_Ready()` is in the process of initializing the type object.

**Inheritance :**

???

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_GC**

This bit is set when the object supports garbage collection. If this bit is set, instances must be created using `PyObject_GC_New` and destroyed using `PyObject_GC_Del()`. More information in section *Supporting Cyclic Garbage Collection*. This bit also implies that the GC-related fields `tp_traverse` and `tp_clear` are present in the type object.

**Inheritance :**

Group : `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC`, `tp_traverse`, `tp_clear`

The `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit is inherited together with the `tp_traverse` and `tp_clear` fields, i.e. if the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit is clear in the subtype and the `tp_traverse` and `tp_clear` fields in the subtype exist and have NULL values.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_DEFAULT**

This is a bitmask of all the bits that pertain to the existence of certain fields in the type object and its extension structures. Currently, it includes the following bits : `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_STACKLESS_EXTENSION`.

**Inheritance :**

???

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_METHOD\_DESCRIPTOR**

This bit indicates that objects behave like unbound methods.

If this flag is set for `type(meth)`, then :

- `meth.__get__(obj, cls) (*args, **kwargs)` (with `obj` not `None`) must be equivalent to `meth(obj, *args, **kwargs)`.
- `meth.__get__(None, cls) (*args, **kwargs)` must be equivalent to `meth(*args, **kwargs)`.

This flag enables an optimization for typical method calls like `obj.meth()` : it avoids creating a temporary "bound method" object for `obj.meth`.

Added in version 3.8.

#### Inheritance :

This flag is never inherited by types without the `Py_TPFLAGS_IMMUTABLETYPE` flag set. For extension types, it is inherited whenever `tp_descr_get` is inherited.

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_MANAGED\_DICT**

This bit indicates that instances of the class have a `__dict__` attribute, and that the space for the dictionary is managed by the VM.

If this flag is set, `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` should also be set.

Added in version 3.12.

#### Inheritance :

This flag is inherited unless the `tp_dictoffset` field is set in a superclass.

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_MANAGED\_WEAKREF**

This bit indicates that instances of the class should be weakly referenceable.

Added in version 3.12.

#### Inheritance :

This flag is inherited unless the `tp_weaklistoffset` field is set in a superclass.

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_ITEMS\_AT\_END**

Only usable with variable-size types, i.e. ones with non-zero `tp_itemsize`.

Indicates that the variable-sized portion of an instance of this type is at the end of the instance's memory area, at an offset of `Py_TYPE(obj) -> tp_basicsize` (which may be different in each subclass).

When setting this flag, be sure that all superclasses either use this memory layout, or are not variable-sized. Python does not check this.

Added in version 3.12.

#### Inheritance :

This flag is inherited.

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_LONG\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_LIST\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_TUPLE\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_BYTES\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_UNICODE\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_DICT\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_BASE\_EXC\_SUBCLASS**

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_TYPE\_SUBCLASS**

These flags are used by functions such as `PyLong_Check()` to quickly determine if a type is a subclass of a built-in type; such specific checks are faster than a generic check, like `PyObject_IsInstance()`. Custom types that inherit from built-ins should have their `tp_flags` set appropriately, or the code that interacts with such types will behave differently depending on what kind of check is used.

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_FINALIZE**

This bit is set when the `tp_finalize` slot is present in the type structure.

Added in version 3.4.

Obsolète depuis la version 3.8 : This flag isn't necessary anymore, as the interpreter assumes the `tp_finalize` slot is always present in the type structure.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_VECTORCALL**

This bit is set when the class implements the *vectorcall protocol*. See *tp\_vectorcall\_offset* for details.

**Inheritance :**

This bit is inherited if *tp\_call* is also inherited.

Added in version 3.9.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : This flag is now removed from a class when the class's `__call__()` method is reassigned.

This flag can now be inherited by mutable classes.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_IMMUTABLETYPE**

This bit is set for type objects that are immutable : type attributes cannot be set nor deleted.

*PyType\_Ready()* automatically applies this flag to *static types*.

**Inheritance :**

This flag is not inherited.

Added in version 3.10.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_DISALLOW\_INSTANTIATION**

Disallow creating instances of the type : set *tp\_new* to NULL and don't create the `__new__` key in the type dictionary.

The flag must be set before creating the type, not after. For example, it must be set before *PyType\_Ready()* is called on the type.

The flag is set automatically on *static types* if *tp\_base* is NULL or `&PyBaseObject_Type` and *tp\_new* is NULL.

**Inheritance :**

This flag is not inherited. However, subclasses will not be instantiable unless they provide a non-NULL *tp\_new* (which is only possible via the C API).

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**Note :** To disallow instantiating a class directly but allow instantiating its subclasses (e.g. for an *abstract base class*), do not use this flag. Instead, make *tp\_new* only succeed for subclasses.

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Added in version 3.10.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_MAPPING**

This bit indicates that instances of the class may match mapping patterns when used as the subject of a match block. It is automatically set when registering or subclassing `collections.abc.Mapping`, and unset when registering `collections.abc.Sequence`.

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**Note :** *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MAPPING* and *Py\_TPFLAGS\_SEQUENCE* are mutually exclusive; it is an error to enable both flags simultaneously.

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**Inheritance :**

This flag is inherited by types that do not already set *Py\_TPFLAGS\_SEQUENCE*.

**Voir aussi :**

**PEP 634** -- Structural Pattern Matching : Specification

Added in version 3.10.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_SEQUENCE**

This bit indicates that instances of the class may match sequence patterns when used as the subject of a match block. It is automatically set when registering or subclassing `collections.abc.Sequence`, and unset when registering `collections.abc.Mapping`.

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**Note :** *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MAPPING* and *Py\_TPFLAGS\_SEQUENCE* are mutually exclusive; it is an error to enable both flags simultaneously.

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**Inheritance :**

This flag is inherited by types that do not already set *Py\_TPFLAGS\_MAPPING*.

Voir aussi :

**PEP 634** -- Structural Pattern Matching : Specification

Added in version 3.10.

#### **Py\_TPFLAGS\_VALID\_VERSION\_TAG**

Internal. Do not set or unset this flag. To indicate that a class has changed call `PyType_Modified()`

**Avertissement :** This flag is present in header files, but is an internal feature and should not be used. It will be removed in a future version of CPython

const char \*`PyTypeObject.tp_doc`

An optional pointer to a NUL-terminated C string giving the docstring for this type object. This is exposed as the `__doc__` attribute on the type and instances of the type.

#### **Inheritance :**

This field is *not* inherited by subtypes.

*traverseproc* `PyTypeObject.tp_traverse`

An optional pointer to a traversal function for the garbage collector. This is only used if the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit is set. The signature is :

```
int tp_traverse(PyObject *self, visitproc visit, void *arg);
```

More information about Python's garbage collection scheme can be found in section [Supporting Cyclic Garbage Collection](#).

The `tp_traverse` pointer is used by the garbage collector to detect reference cycles. A typical implementation of a `tp_traverse` function simply calls `Py_VISIT()` on each of the instance's members that are Python objects that the instance owns. For example, this is function `local_traverse()` from the `_thread` extension module :

```
static int
local_traverse(localobject *self, visitproc visit, void *arg)
{
    Py_VISIT(self->args);
    Py_VISIT(self->kw);
    Py_VISIT(self->dict);
    return 0;
}
```

Note that `Py_VISIT()` is called only on those members that can participate in reference cycles. Although there is also a `self->key` member, it can only be NULL or a Python string and therefore cannot be part of a reference cycle.

On the other hand, even if you know a member can never be part of a cycle, as a debugging aid you may want to visit it anyway just so the `gc` module's `get_referents()` function will include it.

**Avertissement :** When implementing `tp_traverse`, only the members that the instance *owns* (by having *strong references* to them) must be visited. For instance, if an object supports weak references via the `tp_weaklist` slot, the pointer supporting the linked list (what `tp_weaklist` points to) must **not** be visited as the instance does not directly own the weak references to itself (the weakreference list is there to support the weak reference machinery, but the instance has no strong reference to the elements inside it, as they are allowed to be removed even if the instance is still alive).

Note that `Py_VISIT()` requires the `visit` and `arg` parameters to `local_traverse()` to have these specific names; don't name them just anything.

Instances of *heap-allocated types* hold a reference to their type. Their traversal function must therefore either visit `Py_TYPE(self)`, or delegate this responsibility by calling `tp_traverse` of another heap-allocated type (such as a heap-allocated superclass). If they do not, the type object may not be garbage-collected.

Modifié dans la version 3.9 : Heap-allocated types are expected to visit `Py_TYPE(self)` in `tp_traverse`. In earlier versions of Python, due to [bug 40217](#), doing this may lead to crashes in subclasses.



**Inheritance :**

Group : `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC`, `tp_traverse`, `tp_clear`

This field is inherited by subtypes together with `tp_clear` and the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit : the flag bit, `tp_traverse`, and `tp_clear` are all inherited from the base type if they are all zero in the subtype.

*inquiry* `PyTypeObject.tp_clear`

An optional pointer to a clear function for the garbage collector. This is only used if the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit is set. The signature is :

```
int tp_clear(PyObject *);
```

The `tp_clear` member function is used to break reference cycles in cyclic garbage detected by the garbage collector. Taken together, all `tp_clear` functions in the system must combine to break all reference cycles. This is subtle, and if in any doubt supply a `tp_clear` function. For example, the tuple type does not implement a `tp_clear` function, because it's possible to prove that no reference cycle can be composed entirely of tuples. Therefore the `tp_clear` functions of other types must be sufficient to break any cycle containing a tuple. This isn't immediately obvious, and there's rarely a good reason to avoid implementing `tp_clear`.

Implementations of `tp_clear` should drop the instance's references to those of its members that may be Python objects, and set its pointers to those members to NULL, as in the following example :

```
static int
local_clear(localobject *self)
{
    Py_CLEAR(self->key);
    Py_CLEAR(self->args);
    Py_CLEAR(self->kw);
    Py_CLEAR(self->dict);
    return 0;
}
```

The `Py_CLEAR()` macro should be used, because clearing references is delicate : the reference to the contained object must not be released (via `Py_DECREF()`) until after the pointer to the contained object is set to NULL. This is because releasing the reference may cause the contained object to become trash, triggering a chain of reclamation activity that may include invoking arbitrary Python code (due to finalizers, or weakref callbacks, associated with the contained object). If it's possible for such code to reference `self` again, it's important that the pointer to the contained object be NULL at that time, so that `self` knows the contained object can no longer be used. The `Py_CLEAR()` macro performs the operations in a safe order.

Note that `tp_clear` is not *always* called before an instance is deallocated. For example, when reference counting is enough to determine that an object is no longer used, the cyclic garbage collector is not involved and `tp_dealloc` is called directly.

Because the goal of `tp_clear` functions is to break reference cycles, it's not necessary to clear contained objects like Python strings or Python integers, which can't participate in reference cycles. On the other hand, it may be convenient to clear all contained Python objects, and write the type's `tp_dealloc` function to invoke `tp_clear`.

More information about Python's garbage collection scheme can be found in section *Supporting Cyclic Garbage Collection*.

**Inheritance :**

Group : `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC`, `tp_traverse`, `tp_clear`

This field is inherited by subtypes together with `tp_traverse` and the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit : the flag bit, `tp_traverse`, and `tp_clear` are all inherited from the base type if they are all zero in the subtype.

*richcmpfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_richcompare`

An optional pointer to the rich comparison function, whose signature is :

```
PyObject *tp_richcompare(PyObject *self, PyObject *other, int op);
```

The first parameter is guaranteed to be an instance of the type that is defined by `PyTypeObject`.

The function should return the result of the comparison (usually `Py_True` or `Py_False`). If the comparison is undefined, it must return `Py_NotImplemented`, if another error occurred it must return NULL and set an exception condition.

The following constants are defined to be used as the third argument for `tp_richcompare` and for `PyObject_RichCompare()` :

Constante	Comparaison
<code>Py_LT</code>	<code>&lt;</code>
<code>Py_LE</code>	<code>&lt;=</code>
<code>Py_EQ</code>	<code>==</code>
<code>Py_NE</code>	<code>!=</code>
<code>Py_GT</code>	<code>&gt;</code>
<code>Py_GE</code>	<code>&gt;=</code>

The following macro is defined to ease writing rich comparison functions :

**Py\_RETURN\_RICHCOMPARE** (VAL\_A, VAL\_B, op)

Return `Py_True` or `Py_False` from the function, depending on the result of a comparison. VAL\_A and VAL\_B must be orderable by C comparison operators (for example, they may be C ints or floats). The third argument specifies the requested operation, as for `PyObject_RichCompare()`.

The returned value is a new *strong reference*.

On error, sets an exception and returns NULL from the function.

Added in version 3.7.

#### Inheritance :

Group : `tp_hash`, `tp_richcompare`

This field is inherited by subtypes together with `tp_hash` : a subtype inherits `tp_richcompare` and `tp_hash` when the subtype's `tp_richcompare` and `tp_hash` are both NULL.

#### Default :

`PyBaseObject_Type` provides a `tp_richcompare` implementation, which may be inherited. However, if only `tp_hash` is defined, not even the inherited function is used and instances of the type will not be able to participate in any comparisons.

#### `Py_ssize_t PyObject.tp_weaklistoffset`

While this field is still supported, `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_WEAKREF` should be used instead, if at all possible.

If the instances of this type are weakly referenceable, this field is greater than zero and contains the offset in the instance structure of the weak reference list head (ignoring the GC header, if present); this offset is used by `PyObject_ClearWeakRefs()` and the `PyWeakref_*` functions. The instance structure needs to include a field of type `PyObject*` which is initialized to NULL.

Do not confuse this field with `tp_weaklist`; that is the list head for weak references to the type object itself.

It is an error to set both the `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_WEAKREF` bit and `tp_weaklist`.

#### Inheritance :

This field is inherited by subtypes, but see the rules listed below. A subtype may override this offset; this means that the subtype uses a different weak reference list head than the base type. Since the list head is always found via `tp_weaklistoffset`, this should not be a problem.

#### Default :

If the `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_WEAKREF` bit is set in the `tp_dict` field, then `tp_weaklistoffset` will be set to a negative value, to indicate that it is unsafe to use this field.

*getterfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_iter`

An optional pointer to a function that returns an *iterator* for the object. Its presence normally signals that the instances of this type are *iterable* (although sequences may be iterable without this function).

This function has the same signature as `PyObject_GetIter()` :

```
PyObject *tp_iter(PyObject *self);
```

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

*iternextfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_iternext`

An optional pointer to a function that returns the next item in an *iterator*. The signature is :

```
PyObject *tp_iternext(PyObject *self);
```

When the iterator is exhausted, it must return NULL; a `StopIteration` exception may or may not be set. When another error occurs, it must return NULL too. Its presence signals that the instances of this type are iterators.

Iterator types should also define the `tp_iter` function, and that function should return the iterator instance itself (not a new iterator instance).

This function has the same signature as `PyIter_Next()`.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

struct `PyMethodDef *PyTypeObject.tp_methods`

An optional pointer to a static NULL-terminated array of `PyMethodDef` structures, declaring regular methods of this type.

For each entry in the array, an entry is added to the type's dictionary (see `tp_dict` below) containing a method descriptor.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes (methods are inherited through a different mechanism).

struct `PyMemberDef *PyTypeObject.tp_members`

An optional pointer to a static NULL-terminated array of `PyMemberDef` structures, declaring regular data members (fields or slots) of instances of this type.

For each entry in the array, an entry is added to the type's dictionary (see `tp_dict` below) containing a member descriptor.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes (members are inherited through a different mechanism).

struct `PyGetSetDef *PyTypeObject.tp_getset`

An optional pointer to a static NULL-terminated array of `PyGetSetDef` structures, declaring computed attributes of instances of this type.

For each entry in the array, an entry is added to the type's dictionary (see `tp_dict` below) containing a getset descriptor.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes (computed attributes are inherited through a different mechanism).

`PyTypeObject *PyTypeObject.tp_base`

An optional pointer to a base type from which type properties are inherited. At this level, only single inheritance is supported; multiple inheritance require dynamically creating a type object by calling the metatype.

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**Note :** Slot initialization is subject to the rules of initializing globals. C99 requires the initializers to be "address constants". Function designators like `PyType_GenericNew()`, with implicit conversion to a pointer, are valid C99 address constants.

However, the unary `'&'` operator applied to a non-static variable like `PyBaseObject_Type` is not required to produce an address constant. Compilers may support this (gcc does), MSVC does not. Both compilers are strictly standard conforming in this particular behavior.

Consequently, `tp_base` should be set in the extension module's init function.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes (obviously).

**Default :**

This field defaults to `&PyBaseObject_Type` (which to Python programmers is known as the type object).

*PyObject* \**PyTypeObject*.**tp\_dict**

The type's dictionary is stored here by `PyType_Ready()`.

This field should normally be initialized to `NULL` before `PyType_Ready` is called; it may also be initialized to a dictionary containing initial attributes for the type. Once `PyType_Ready()` has initialized the type, extra attributes for the type may be added to this dictionary only if they don't correspond to overloaded operations (like `__add__()`). Once initialization for the type has finished, this field should be treated as read-only.

Some types may not store their dictionary in this slot. Use `PyType_GetDict()` to retrieve the dictionary for an arbitrary type.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Internals detail : For static builtin types, this is always `NULL`. Instead, the dict for such types is stored on `PyInterpreterState`. Use `PyType_GetDict()` to get the dict for an arbitrary type.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited by subtypes (though the attributes defined in here are inherited through a different mechanism).

**Default :**

If this field is `NULL`, `PyType_Ready()` will assign a new dictionary to it.

**Avertissement :** It is not safe to use `PyDict_SetItem()` on or otherwise modify `tp_dict` with the dictionary C-API.

*descrgetfunc* *PyTypeObject*.**tp\_descr\_get**

An optional pointer to a "descriptor get" function.

The function signature is :

```
PyObject * tp_descr_get(PyObject *self, PyObject *obj, PyObject *type);
```

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

*descrsetfunc* *PyTypeObject*.**tp\_descr\_set**

An optional pointer to a function for setting and deleting a descriptor's value.

The function signature is :

```
int tp_descr_set(PyObject *self, PyObject *obj, PyObject *value);
```

The *value* argument is set to `NULL` to delete the value.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

*Py\_ssize\_t* *PyTypeObject*.**tp\_dictoffset**

While this field is still supported, `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_DICT` should be used instead, if at all possible. If the instances of this type have a dictionary containing instance variables, this field is non-zero and contains the offset in the instances of the type of the instance variable dictionary; this offset is used by `PyObject_GenericGetAttr()`.

Do not confuse this field with `tp_dict`; that is the dictionary for attributes of the type object itself.

The value specifies the offset of the dictionary from the start of the instance structure.

The `tp_dictoffset` should be regarded as write-only. To get the pointer to the dictionary call `PyObject_GenericGetDict()`. Calling `PyObject_GenericGetDict()` may need to allocate

memory for the dictionary, so it may be more efficient to call `PyObject_GetAttr()` when accessing an attribute on the object.

It is an error to set both the `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_WEAKREF` bit and `tp_dictoffset`.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes. A subtype should not override this offset; doing so could be unsafe, if C code tries to access the dictionary at the previous offset. To properly support inheritance, use `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_DICT`.

**Default :**

This slot has no default. For *static types*, if the field is `NULL` then no `__dict__` gets created for instances.

If the `Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_DICT` bit is set in the `tp_dict` field, then `tp_dictoffset` will be set to `-1`, to indicate that it is unsafe to use this field.

*initproc* `PyTypeObject.tp_init`

An optional pointer to an instance initialization function.

This function corresponds to the `__init__()` method of classes. Like `__init__()`, it is possible to create an instance without calling `__init__()`, and it is possible to reinitialize an instance by calling its `__init__()` method again.

The function signature is :

```
int tp_init(PyObject *self, PyObject *args, PyObject *kwargs);
```

The `self` argument is the instance to be initialized; the `args` and `kwargs` arguments represent positional and keyword arguments of the call to `__init__()`.

The `tp_init` function, if not `NULL`, is called when an instance is created normally by calling its type, after the type's `tp_new` function has returned an instance of the type. If the `tp_new` function returns an instance of some other type that is not a subtype of the original type, no `tp_init` function is called; if `tp_new` returns an instance of a subtype of the original type, the subtype's `tp_init` is called.

Returns 0 on success, `-1` and sets an exception on error.

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by subtypes.

**Default :**

For *static types* this field does not have a default.

*allocfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_alloc`

An optional pointer to an instance allocation function.

The function signature is :

```
PyObject *tp_alloc(PyTypeObject *self, Py_ssize_t nitems);
```

**Inheritance :**

This field is inherited by static subtypes, but not by dynamic subtypes (subtypes created by a class statement).

**Default :**

For dynamic subtypes, this field is always set to `PyType_GenericAlloc()`, to force a standard heap allocation strategy.

For static subtypes, `PyBaseObject_Type` uses `PyType_GenericAlloc()`. That is the recommended value for all statically defined types.

*newfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_new`

An optional pointer to an instance creation function.

The function signature is :

```
PyObject *tp_new(PyTypeObject *subtype, PyObject *args, PyObject *kwargs);
```

The `subtype` argument is the type of the object being created; the `args` and `kwargs` arguments represent positional and keyword arguments of the call to the type. Note that `subtype` doesn't have to equal the type whose `tp_new` function is called; it may be a subtype of that type (but not an unrelated type).

The `tp_new` function should call `subtype->tp_alloc(subtype, nitems)` to allocate space for the object, and then do only as much further initialization as is absolutely necessary. Initialization that can

safely be ignored or repeated should be placed in the `tp_init` handler. A good rule of thumb is that for immutable types, all initialization should take place in `tp_new`, while for mutable types, most initialization should be deferred to `tp_init`.

Set the `Py_TPFLAGS_DISALLOW_INSTANTIATION` flag to disallow creating instances of the type in Python.

#### Inheritance :

This field is inherited by subtypes, except it is not inherited by *static types* whose `tp_base` is NULL or `&PyObject_Type`.

#### Default :

For *static types* this field has no default. This means if the slot is defined as NULL, the type cannot be called to create new instances; presumably there is some other way to create instances, like a factory function.

#### *freefunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_free`

An optional pointer to an instance deallocation function. Its signature is :

```
void tp_free(void *self);
```

An initializer that is compatible with this signature is `PyObject_Free()`.

#### Inheritance :

This field is inherited by static subtypes, but not by dynamic subtypes (subtypes created by a class statement)

#### Default :

In dynamic subtypes, this field is set to a deallocator suitable to match `PyType_GenericAlloc()` and the value of the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit.

For static subtypes, `PyObject_Type` uses `PyObject_Del()`.

#### *inquiry* `PyTypeObject.tp_is_gc`

An optional pointer to a function called by the garbage collector.

The garbage collector needs to know whether a particular object is collectible or not. Normally, it is sufficient to look at the object's type's `tp_flags` field, and check the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag bit. But some types have a mixture of statically and dynamically allocated instances, and the statically allocated instances are not collectible. Such types should define this function; it should return 1 for a collectible instance, and 0 for a non-collectible instance. The signature is :

```
int tp_is_gc(PyObject *self);
```

(The only example of this are types themselves. The metatype, `PyType_Type`, defines this function to distinguish between statically and *dynamically allocated types*.)

#### Inheritance :

This field is inherited by subtypes.

#### Default :

This slot has no default. If this field is NULL, `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` is used as the functional equivalent.

#### *PyObject\** `PyTypeObject.tp_bases`

Tuple of base types.

This field should be set to NULL and treated as read-only. Python will fill it in when the type is *initialized*. For dynamically created classes, the `Py_tp_bases` slot can be used instead of the *bases* argument of `PyType_FromSpecWithBases()`. The argument form is preferred.

**Avertissement :** Multiple inheritance does not work well for statically defined types. If you set `tp_bases` to a tuple, Python will not raise an error, but some slots will only be inherited from the first base.

#### Inheritance :

This field is not inherited.

#### *PyObject\** `PyTypeObject.tp_mro`

Tuple containing the expanded set of base types, starting with the type itself and ending with `object`, in Method Resolution Order.

This field should be set to `NULL` and treated as read-only. Python will fill it in when the type is *initialized*.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited; it is calculated fresh by `PyType_Ready()`.

*PyObject* \*`PyTypeObject.tp_cache`

Unused. Internal use only.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited.

`void` \*`PyTypeObject.tp_subclasses`

A collection of subclasses. Internal use only. May be an invalid pointer.

To get a list of subclasses, call the Python method `__subclasses__()`.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : For some types, this field does not hold a valid *PyObject* \*. The type was changed to `void*` to indicate this.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited.

*PyObject* \*`PyTypeObject.tp_weaklist`

Weak reference list head, for weak references to this type object. Not inherited. Internal use only.

Modifié dans la version 3.12 : Internals detail : For the static builtin types this is always `NULL`, even if weakrefs are added. Instead, the weakrefs for each are stored on `PyInterpreterState`. Use the public C-API or the internal `_PyObject_GET_WEAKREFS_LISTPTR()` macro to avoid the distinction.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited.

*destructor* `PyTypeObject.tp_del`

This field is deprecated. Use `tp_finalize` instead.

`unsigned int` `PyTypeObject.tp_version_tag`

Used to index into the method cache. Internal use only.

**Inheritance :**

This field is not inherited.

*destructor* `PyTypeObject.tp_finalize`

An optional pointer to an instance finalization function. Its signature is :

```
void tp_finalize(PyObject *self);
```

If `tp_finalize` is set, the interpreter calls it once when finalizing an instance. It is called either from the garbage collector (if the instance is part of an isolated reference cycle) or just before the object is deallocated. Either way, it is guaranteed to be called before attempting to break reference cycles, ensuring that it finds the object in a sane state.

`tp_finalize` should not mutate the current exception status; therefore, a recommended way to write a non-trivial finalizer is :

```
static void
local_finalize(PyObject *self)
{
    PyObject *error_type, *error_value, *error_traceback;

    /* Save the current exception, if any. */
    PyErr_Fetch(&error_type, &error_value, &error_traceback);

    /* ... */

    /* Restore the saved exception. */
    PyErr_Restore(error_type, error_value, error_traceback);
}
```



Also, note that, in a garbage collected Python, `tp_dealloc` may be called from any Python thread, not just the thread which created the object (if the object becomes part of a refcount cycle, that cycle might be collected by a garbage collection on any thread). This is not a problem for Python API calls, since the thread on which `tp_dealloc` is called will own the Global Interpreter Lock (GIL). However, if the object being destroyed in turn destroys objects from some other C or C++ library, care should be taken to ensure that destroying those objects on the thread which called `tp_dealloc` will not violate any assumptions of the library.

#### Inheritance :

This field is inherited by subtypes.

Added in version 3.4.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : Before version 3.8 it was necessary to set the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_FINALIZE` flags bit in order for this field to be used. This is no longer required.

#### Voir aussi :

”Safe object finalization” ([PEP 442](#))

*vectorcallfunc* `PyTypeObject.tp_vectorcall`

Vectorcall function to use for calls of this type object. In other words, it is used to implement *vectorcall* for `type.__call__`. If `tp_vectorcall` is NULL, the default call implementation using `__new__()` and `__init__()` is used.

#### Inheritance :

This field is never inherited.

Added in version 3.9 : (the field exists since 3.8 but it’s only used since 3.9)

unsigned char `PyTypeObject.tp_watched`

Internal. Do not use.

Added in version 3.12.

## 12.3.6 Static Types

Traditionally, types defined in C code are *static*, that is, a static `PyTypeObject` structure is defined directly in code and initialized using `PyType_Ready()`.

This results in types that are limited relative to types defined in Python :

- Static types are limited to one base, i.e. they cannot use multiple inheritance.
- Static type objects (but not necessarily their instances) are immutable. It is not possible to add or modify the type object’s attributes from Python.
- Static type objects are shared across *sub-interpreters*, so they should not include any subinterpreter-specific state.

Also, since `PyTypeObject` is only part of the *Limited API* as an opaque struct, any extension modules using static types must be compiled for a specific Python minor version.

## 12.3.7 Heap Types

An alternative to *static types* is *heap-allocated types*, or *heap types* for short, which correspond closely to classes created by Python’s `class` statement. Heap types have the `Py_TPFLAGS_HEAPTYPE` flag set.

This is done by filling a `PyType_Spec` structure and calling `PyType_FromSpec()`, `PyType_FromSpecWithBases()`, `PyType_FromModuleAndSpec()`, or `PyType_FromMetaclass()`.

## 12.4 Number Object Structures

type **PyNumberMethods**

This structure holds pointers to the functions which an object uses to implement the number protocol. Each function is used by the function of similar name documented in the [Number Protocol](#) section.

Here is the structure definition :

```
typedef struct {
    binaryfunc nb_add;
    binaryfunc nb_subtract;
    binaryfunc nb_multiply;
    binaryfunc nb_remainder;
    binaryfunc nb_divmod;
    ternaryfunc nb_power;
    unaryfunc nb_negative;
    unaryfunc nb_positive;
    unaryfunc nb_absolute;
    inquiry nb_bool;
    unaryfunc nb_invert;
    binaryfunc nb_lshift;
    binaryfunc nb_rshift;
    binaryfunc nb_and;
    binaryfunc nb_xor;
    binaryfunc nb_or;
    unaryfunc nb_int;
    void *nb_reserved;
    unaryfunc nb_float;

    binaryfunc nb_inplace_add;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_subtract;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_multiply;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_remainder;
    ternaryfunc nb_inplace_power;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_lshift;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_rshift;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_and;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_xor;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_or;

    binaryfunc nb_floor_divide;
    binaryfunc nb_true_divide;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_floor_divide;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_true_divide;

    unaryfunc nb_index;

    binaryfunc nb_matrix_multiply;
    binaryfunc nb_inplace_matrix_multiply;
} PyNumberMethods;
```

---

**Note :** Binary and ternary functions must check the type of all their operands, and implement the necessary conversions (at least one of the operands is an instance of the defined type). If the operation is not defined for the given operands, binary and ternary functions must return `Py_NotImplemented`, if another error occurred they must return `NULL` and set an exception.

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**Note :** The `nb_reserved` field should always be `NULL`. It was previously called `nb_long`, and was renamed in Python 3.0.1.

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*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_add`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_subtract`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_multiply`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_remainder`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_divmod`

*ternaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_power`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_negative`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_positive`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_absolute`

*inquiry* `PyNumberMethods.nb_bool`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_invert`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_lshift`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_rshift`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_and`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_xor`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_or`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_int`

`void *``PyNumberMethods.nb_reserved`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_float`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_add`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_subtract`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_multiply`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_remainder`

*ternaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_power`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_lshift`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_rshift`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_and`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_xor`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_or`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_floor_divide`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_true_divide`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_floor_divide`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_true_divide`

*unaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_index`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_matrix_multiply`

*binaryfunc* `PyNumberMethods.nb_inplace_matrix_multiply`

## 12.5 Mapping Object Structures

type **PyMappingMethods**

This structure holds pointers to the functions which an object uses to implement the mapping protocol. It has three members :

*lenfunc* `PyMappingMethods.mp_length`

This function is used by `PyMapping_Size()` and `PyObject_Size()`, and has the same signature. This slot may be set to NULL if the object has no defined length.

*binaryfunc* `PyMappingMethods.mp_subscript`

This function is used by `PyObject_GetItem()` and `PySequence_GetSlice()`, and has the same signature as `PyObject_GetItem()`. This slot must be filled for the `PyMapping_Check()` function to return 1, it can be NULL otherwise.

*objobjargproc* `PyMappingMethods.mp_ass_subscript`

This function is used by `PyObject_SetItem()`, `PyObject_DelItem()`, `PySequence_SetSlice()` and `PySequence_DelSlice()`. It has the same signature as `PyObject_SetItem()`, but `v` can also be set to NULL to delete an item. If this slot is NULL, the object does not support item assignment and deletion.

## 12.6 Sequence Object Structures

type **PySequenceMethods**

This structure holds pointers to the functions which an object uses to implement the sequence protocol.

*lenfunc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_length`

This function is used by `PySequence_Size()` and `PyObject_Size()`, and has the same signature. It is also used for handling negative indices via the `sq_item` and the `sq_ass_item` slots.

*binaryfunc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_concat`

This function is used by `PySequence_Concat()` and has the same signature. It is also used by the `+` operator, after trying the numeric addition via the `nb_add` slot.

*ssizeargfunc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_repeat`

This function is used by `PySequence_Repeat()` and has the same signature. It is also used by the `*` operator, after trying numeric multiplication via the `nb_multiply` slot.

*ssizeargfunc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_item`

This function is used by `PySequence_GetItem()` and has the same signature. It is also used by `PyObject_GetItem()`, after trying the subscription via the `mp_subscript` slot. This slot must be filled for the `PySequence_Check()` function to return 1, it can be NULL otherwise.

Negative indexes are handled as follows : if the `sq_length` slot is filled, it is called and the sequence length is used to compute a positive index which is passed to `sq_item`. If `sq_length` is NULL, the index is passed as is to the function.

*ssizeobjargproc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_ass_item`

This function is used by `PySequence_SetItem()` and has the same signature. It is also used by `PyObject_SetItem()` and `PyObject_DelItem()`, after trying the item assignment and deletion via the `mp_ass_subscript` slot. This slot may be left to NULL if the object does not support item assignment and deletion.

*objobjproc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_contains`

This function may be used by `PySequence_Contains()` and has the same signature. This slot may be left to NULL, in this case `PySequence_Contains()` simply traverses the sequence until it finds a match.

*binaryfunc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_inplace_concat`

This function is used by `PySequence_InPlaceConcat()` and has the same signature. It should modify its first operand, and return it. This slot may be left to NULL, in this case `PySequence_InPlaceConcat()` will fall back to `PySequence_Concat()`. It is also used by the augmented assignment `+=`, after trying numeric in-place addition via the `nb_inplace_add` slot.

*ssizeargfunc* `PySequenceMethods.sq_inplace_repeat`

This function is used by `PySequence_InPlaceRepeat()` and has the same signature. It should modify its first operand, and return it. This slot may be left to NULL, in this case `PySequence_InPlaceRepeat()` will fall back to `PySequence_Repeat()`. It is also used by the augmented assignment `*=`, after trying numeric in-place multiplication via the `nb_inplace_multiply` slot.

## 12.7 Buffer Object Structures

type `PyBufferProcs`

This structure holds pointers to the functions required by the *Buffer protocol*. The protocol defines how an exporter object can expose its internal data to consumer objects.

*getbufferproc* `PyBufferProcs.bf_getbuffer`

The signature of this function is :

```
int (PyObject *exporter, Py_buffer *view, int flags);
```

Handle a request to *exporter* to fill in *view* as specified by *flags*. Except for point (3), an implementation of this function MUST take these steps :

- (1) Check if the request can be met. If not, raise `BufferError`, set `view->obj` to NULL and return -1.
- (2) Fill in the requested fields.
- (3) Increment an internal counter for the number of exports.
- (4) Set `view->obj` to *exporter* and increment `view->obj`.
- (5) Return 0.

If *exporter* is part of a chain or tree of buffer providers, two main schemes can be used :

- Re-export : Each member of the tree acts as the exporting object and sets `view->obj` to a new reference to itself.
- Redirect : The buffer request is redirected to the root object of the tree. Here, `view->obj` will be a new reference to the root object.

The individual fields of *view* are described in section *Buffer structure*, the rules how an exporter must react to specific requests are in section *Buffer request types*.

All memory pointed to in the `Py_buffer` structure belongs to the exporter and must remain valid until there are no consumers left. *format*, *shape*, *strides*, *suboffsets* and *internal* are read-only for the consumer.

`PyBuffer_FillInfo()` provides an easy way of exposing a simple bytes buffer while dealing correctly with all request types.

`PyObject_GetBuffer()` is the interface for the consumer that wraps this function.

*releasebufferproc* `PyBufferProcs.bf_releasebuffer`

The signature of this function is :

```
void (PyObject *exporter, Py_buffer *view);
```

Handle a request to release the resources of the buffer. If no resources need to be released, `PyBufferProcs.bf_releasebuffer` may be NULL. Otherwise, a standard implementation of this function will take these optional steps :

- (1) Decrement an internal counter for the number of exports.
- (2) If the counter is 0, free all memory associated with *view*.

The exporter **MUST** use the *internal* field to keep track of buffer-specific resources. This field is guaranteed to remain constant, while a consumer **MAY** pass a copy of the original buffer as the *view* argument.

This function **MUST NOT** decrement *view*->*obj*, since that is done automatically in *PyBuffer\_Release()* (this scheme is useful for breaking reference cycles).

*PyBuffer\_Release()* is the interface for the consumer that wraps this function.

## 12.8 Async Object Structures

Added in version 3.5.

type **PyAsyncMethods**

This structure holds pointers to the functions required to implement *awaitable* and *asynchronous iterator* objects.

Here is the structure definition :

```
typedef struct {
    unaryfunc am_await;
    unaryfunc am_aiter;
    unaryfunc am_anext;
    sendfunc am_send;
} PyAsyncMethods;
```

*unaryfunc* *PyAsyncMethods.am\_await*

The signature of this function is :

```
PyObject *am_await(PyObject *self);
```

The returned object must be an *iterator*, i.e. *PyIter\_Check()* must return 1 for it.

This slot may be set to NULL if an object is not an *awaitable*.

*unaryfunc* *PyAsyncMethods.am\_aiter*

The signature of this function is :

```
PyObject *am_aiter(PyObject *self);
```

Must return an *asynchronous iterator* object. See *\_\_anext\_\_()* for details.

This slot may be set to NULL if an object does not implement asynchronous iteration protocol.

*unaryfunc* *PyAsyncMethods.am\_anext*

The signature of this function is :

```
PyObject *am_anext(PyObject *self);
```

Must return an *awaitable* object. See *\_\_anext\_\_()* for details. This slot may be set to NULL.

*sendfunc* *PyAsyncMethods.am\_send*

The signature of this function is :

```
PySendResult am_send(PyObject *self, PyObject *arg, PyObject **result);
```

See *PyIter\_Send()* for details. This slot may be set to NULL.

Added in version 3.10.

## 12.9 Slot Type typedefs

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***allocfunc**)(*PyTypeObject* \*cls, *Py\_ssize\_t* nitems)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* The purpose of this function is to separate memory allocation from memory initialization. It should return a pointer to a block of memory of adequate length for the instance, suitably aligned, and initialized to zeros, but with *ob\_refcnt* set to 1 and *ob\_type* set to the type argument. If the type's *tp\_itemsize* is non-zero, the object's *ob\_size* field should be initialized to *nitems* and the length of the allocated memory block should be *tp\_basicsize* + *nitems*\**tp\_itemsize*, rounded up to a multiple of `sizeof(void*)` ; otherwise, *nitems* is not used and the length of the block should be *tp\_basicsize*. This function should not do any other instance initialization, not even to allocate additional memory ; that should be done by *tp\_new*.

typedef void (\***destructor**)(*PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

typedef void (\***freefunc**)(void\*)

See *tp\_free*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***newfunc**)(*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_new*.

typedef int (\***initproc**)(*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_init*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***reprfunc**)(*PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_repr*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***getattrfunc**)(*PyObject* \*self, char \*attr)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the value of the named attribute for the object.

typedef int (\***setattrfunc**)(*PyObject* \*self, char \*attr, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set the value of the named attribute for the object. The value argument is set to NULL to delete the attribute.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***getattrofunc**)(*PyObject* \*self, *PyObject* \*attr)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Return the value of the named attribute for the object.

See *tp\_getattro*.

typedef int (\***setattrofunc**)(*PyObject* \*self, *PyObject* \*attr, *PyObject* \*value)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Set the value of the named attribute for the object. The value argument is set to NULL to delete the attribute.

See *tp\_setattro*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***descrgetfunc**)(*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_descr\_get*.

typedef int (\***descrsetfunc**)(*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_descr\_set*.

typedef *Py\_hash\_t* (\***hashfunc**)(*PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_hash*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***richcmpfunc**)(*PyObject*\*, *PyObject*\*, int)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_richcompare*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***getiterfunc**)(*PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_iter*.

typedef *PyObject* \*(\***iternextfunc**)(*PyObject*\*)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* See *tp\_iternext*.



```
typedef Py_ssize_t (*lenfunc)(PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef int (*getbufferproc)(PyObject*, Py_buffer*, int)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12.*

```
typedef void (*releasebufferproc)(PyObject*, Py_buffer*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.12.*

```
typedef PyObject* (*unaryfunc)(PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef PyObject* (*binaryfunc)(PyObject*, PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef PySendResult (*sendfunc)(PyObject*, PyObject*, PyObject**)
```

See *am\_send*.

```
typedef PyObject* (*ternaryfunc)(PyObject*, PyObject*, PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef PyObject* (*ssizeargfunc)(PyObject*, Py_ssize_t)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef int (*ssizeobjargproc)(PyObject*, Py_ssize_t, PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef int (*objobjproc)(PyObject*, PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

```
typedef int (*objobjargproc)(PyObject*, PyObject*, PyObject*)
```

*Part of the Stable ABI.*

## 12.10 Exemples

The following are simple examples of Python type definitions. They include common usage you may encounter. Some demonstrate tricky corner cases. For more examples, practical info, and a tutorial, see [defining-new-types](#) and [new-types-topics](#).

A basic *static type* :

```
typedef struct {
    PyObject_HEAD
    const char *data;
} MyObject;

static PyTypeObject MyObject_Type = {
    PyVarObject_HEAD_INIT(NULL, 0)
    .tp_name = "mymod.MyObject",
    .tp_basicsize = sizeof(MyObject),
    .tp_doc = PyDoc_STR("My objects"),
    .tp_new = myobj_new,
    .tp_dealloc = (destructor)myobj_dealloc,
    .tp_repr = (reprfunc)myobj_repr,
};
```

You may also find older code (especially in the CPython code base) with a more verbose initializer :

```

static PyObject MyObject_Type = {
    PyVarObject_HEAD_INIT(NULL, 0)
    "mymod.MyObject",          /* tp_name */
    sizeof(MyObject),          /* tp_basicsize */
    0,                          /* tp_itemsize */
    (destructor)myobj_dealloc, /* tp_dealloc */
    0,                          /* tp_vectorcall_offset */
    0,                          /* tp_getattr */
    0,                          /* tp_setattr */
    0,                          /* tp_as_async */
    (reprfunc)myobj_repr,      /* tp_repr */
    0,                          /* tp_as_number */
    0,                          /* tp_as_sequence */
    0,                          /* tp_as_mapping */
    0,                          /* tp_hash */
    0,                          /* tp_call */
    0,                          /* tp_str */
    0,                          /* tp_getattro */
    0,                          /* tp_setattro */
    0,                          /* tp_as_buffer */
    0,                          /* tp_flags */
    PyDoc_STR("My objects"),    /* tp_doc */
    0,                          /* tp_traverse */
    0,                          /* tp_clear */
    0,                          /* tp_richcompare */
    0,                          /* tp_weaklistoffset */
    0,                          /* tp_iter */
    0,                          /* tp_iternext */
    0,                          /* tp_methods */
    0,                          /* tp_members */
    0,                          /* tp_getset */
    0,                          /* tp_base */
    0,                          /* tp_dict */
    0,                          /* tp_descr_get */
    0,                          /* tp_descr_set */
    0,                          /* tp_dictoffset */
    0,                          /* tp_init */
    0,                          /* tp_alloc */
    myobj_new,                  /* tp_new */
};

```

A type that supports weakrefs, instance dicts, and hashing :

```

typedef struct {
    PyObject_HEAD
    const char *data;
} MyObject;

static PyObject MyObject_Type = {
    PyVarObject_HEAD_INIT(NULL, 0)
    .tp_name = "mymod.MyObject",
    .tp_basicsize = sizeof(MyObject),
    .tp_doc = PyDoc_STR("My objects"),
    .tp_flags = Py_TPFLAGS_DEFAULT | Py_TPFLAGS_BASETYPE |
        Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC | Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_DICT |
        Py_TPFLAGS_MANAGED_WEAKREF,
    .tp_new = myobj_new,
    .tp_traverse = (traverseproc)myobj_traverse,
    .tp_clear = (inquiry)myobj_clear,
    .tp_alloc = PyType_GenericNew,
    .tp_dealloc = (destructor)myobj_dealloc,
    .tp_repr = (reprfunc)myobj_repr,
};

```

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```
.tp_hash = (hashfunc)myobj_hash,
.tp_richcompare = PyBaseObject_Type.tp_richcompare,
};
```

A str subclass that cannot be subclassed and cannot be called to create instances (e.g. uses a separate factory func) using `Py_TPFLAGS_DISALLOW_INSTANTIATION` flag :

```
typedef struct {
    PyUnicodeObject raw;
    char *extra;
} MyStr;

static PyTypeObject MyStr_Type = {
    PyVarObject_HEAD_INIT(NULL, 0)
    .tp_name = "mymod.MyStr",
    .tp_basicsize = sizeof(MyStr),
    .tp_base = NULL, // set to &PyUnicode_Type in module init
    .tp_doc = PyDoc_STR("my custom str"),
    .tp_flags = Py_TPFLAGS_DEFAULT | Py_TPFLAGS_DISALLOW_INSTANTIATION,
    .tp_repr = (reprfunc)myobj_repr,
};
```

The simplest *static type* with fixed-length instances :

```
typedef struct {
    PyObject_HEAD
} MyObject;

static PyTypeObject MyObject_Type = {
    PyVarObject_HEAD_INIT(NULL, 0)
    .tp_name = "mymod.MyObject",
};
```

The simplest *static type* with variable-length instances :

```
typedef struct {
    PyObject_VAR_HEAD
    const char *data[1];
} MyObject;

static PyTypeObject MyObject_Type = {
    PyVarObject_HEAD_INIT(NULL, 0)
    .tp_name = "mymod.MyObject",
    .tp_basicsize = sizeof(MyObject) - sizeof(char *),
    .tp_itemsize = sizeof(char *),
};
```

## 12.11 Supporting Cyclic Garbage Collection

Python's support for detecting and collecting garbage which involves circular references requires support from object types which are "containers" for other objects which may also be containers. Types which do not store references to other objects, or which only store references to atomic types (such as numbers or strings), do not need to provide any explicit support for garbage collection.

To create a container type, the `tp_flags` field of the type object must include the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` and provide an implementation of the `tp_traverse` handler. If instances of the type are mutable, a `tp_clear` implementation must also be provided.

**Py\_TPFLAGS\_HAVE\_GC**

Objects with a type with this flag set must conform with the rules documented here. For convenience these objects will be referred to as container objects.

Constructors for container types must conform to two rules :

1. The memory for the object must be allocated using `PyObject_GC_New` or `PyObject_GC_NewVar`.
2. Once all the fields which may contain references to other containers are initialized, it must call `PyObject_GC_Track()`.

Similarly, the deallocator for the object must conform to a similar pair of rules :

1. Before fields which refer to other containers are invalidated, `PyObject_GC_UnTrack()` must be called.
2. The object's memory must be deallocated using `PyObject_GC_Del()`.

**Avertissement :** If a type adds the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC`, then it *must* implement at least a `tp_traverse` handler or explicitly use one from its subclass or subclasses.

When calling `PyType_Ready()` or some of the APIs that indirectly call it like `PyType_FromSpecWithBases()` or `PyType_FromSpec()` the interpreter will automatically populate the `tp_flags`, `tp_traverse` and `tp_clear` fields if the type inherits from a class that implements the garbage collector protocol and the child class does *not* include the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag.

**PyObject\_GC\_New** (TYPE, typeobj)

Analogous to `PyObject_New` but for container objects with the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag set.

**PyObject\_GC\_NewVar** (TYPE, typeobj, size)

Analogous to `PyObject_NewVar` but for container objects with the `Py_TPFLAGS_HAVE_GC` flag set.

**PyObject\*PyObject\_GC\_NewWithExtraData** (PyTypeObject \*type, size\_t extra\_size)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Analogous to `PyObject_GC_New` but allocates `extra_size` bytes at the end of the object (at offset `tp_basicsize`). The allocated memory is initialized to zeros, except for the *Python object header*. The extra data will be deallocated with the object, but otherwise it is not managed by Python.

**Avertissement :** The function is marked as unstable because the final mechanism for reserving extra data after an instance is not yet decided. For allocating a variable number of fields, prefer using `PyVarObject` and `tp_itemsize` instead.

Added in version 3.12.

**PyObject\_GC\_Resize** (TYPE, op, newsize)

Resize an object allocated by `PyObject_NewVar`. Returns the resized object of type `TYPE*` (refers to any C type) or `NULL` on failure.

`op` must be of type `PyVarObject*` and must not be tracked by the collector yet. `newsize` must be of type `Py_ssize_t`.

void **PyObject\_GC\_Track** (PyObject \*op)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Adds the object `op` to the set of container objects tracked by the collector. The collector can run at unexpected times so objects must be valid while being tracked. This should be called once all the fields followed by the `tp_traverse` handler become valid, usually near the end of the constructor.

int **PyObject\_IS\_GC** (PyObject \*obj)

Returns non-zero if the object implements the garbage collector protocol, otherwise returns 0.

The object cannot be tracked by the garbage collector if this function returns 0.

int **PyObject\_GC\_IsTracked**(PyObject \*op)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.9. Returns 1 if the object type of *op* implements the GC protocol and *op* is being currently tracked by the garbage collector and 0 otherwise.

This is analogous to the Python function `gc.is_tracked()`.

Added in version 3.9.

int **PyObject\_GC\_IsFinalized**(PyObject \*op)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.9. Returns 1 if the object type of *op* implements the GC protocol and *op* has been already finalized by the garbage collector and 0 otherwise.

This is analogous to the Python function `gc.is_finalized()`.

Added in version 3.9.

void **PyObject\_GC\_Del**(void \*op)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Releases memory allocated to an object using `PyObject_GC_New` or `PyObject_GC_NewVar`.

void **PyObject\_GC\_UnTrack**(void \*op)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Remove the object *op* from the set of container objects tracked by the collector. Note that `PyObject_GC_Track()` can be called again on this object to add it back to the set of tracked objects. The deallocator (`tp_dealloc` handler) should call this for the object before any of the fields used by the `tp_traverse` handler become invalid.

Modifié dans la version 3.8 : The `_PyObject_GC_TRACK()` and `_PyObject_GC_UNTRACK()` macros have been removed from the public C API.

The `tp_traverse` handler accepts a function parameter of this type :

typedef int (\***visitproc**)(PyObject \*object, void \*arg)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Type of the visitor function passed to the `tp_traverse` handler. The function should be called with an object to traverse as *object* and the third parameter to the `tp_traverse` handler as *arg*. The Python core uses several visitor functions to implement cyclic garbage detection; it's not expected that users will need to write their own visitor functions.

The `tp_traverse` handler must have the following type :

typedef int (\***traverseproc**)(PyObject \*self, *visitproc* visit, void \*arg)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Traversal function for a container object. Implementations must call the *visit* function for each object directly contained by *self*, with the parameters to *visit* being the contained object and the *arg* value passed to the handler. The *visit* function must not be called with a NULL object argument. If *visit* returns a non-zero value that value should be returned immediately.

To simplify writing `tp_traverse` handlers, a `Py_VISIT()` macro is provided. In order to use this macro, the `tp_traverse` implementation must name its arguments exactly *visit* and *arg* :

void **Py\_VISIT**(PyObject \*o)

If *o* is not NULL, call the *visit* callback, with arguments *o* and *arg*. If *visit* returns a non-zero value, then return it. Using this macro, `tp_traverse` handlers look like :

```
static int
my_traverse(Noddy *self, visitproc visit, void *arg)
{
    Py_VISIT(self->foo);
    Py_VISIT(self->bar);
    return 0;
}
```

The `tp_clear` handler must be of the *inquiry* type, or NULL if the object is immutable.

typedef int (\***inquiry**)(PyObject \*self)

Part of the [Stable ABI](#). Drop references that may have created reference cycles. Immutable objects do not have to define this method since they can never directly create reference cycles. Note that the object must still be valid after calling this method (don't just call `Py_DECREF()` on a reference). The collector will call this method if it detects that this object is involved in a reference cycle.

### 12.11.1 Controlling the Garbage Collector State

The C-API provides the following functions for controlling garbage collection runs.

*Py\_ssize\_t* **PyGC\_Collect** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI.* Perform a full garbage collection, if the garbage collector is enabled. (Note that `gc.collect()` runs it unconditionally.)

Returns the number of collected + unreachable objects which cannot be collected. If the garbage collector is disabled or already collecting, returns 0 immediately. Errors during garbage collection are passed to `sys.unraisablehook`. This function does not raise exceptions.

int **PyGC\_Enable** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Enable the garbage collector : similar to `gc.enable()`. Returns the previous state, 0 for disabled and 1 for enabled.

Added in version 3.10.

int **PyGC\_Disable** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Disable the garbage collector : similar to `gc.disable()`. Returns the previous state, 0 for disabled and 1 for enabled.

Added in version 3.10.

int **PyGC\_IsEnabled** (void)

*Part of the Stable ABI since version 3.10.* Query the state of the garbage collector : similar to `gc.isenabled()`. Returns the current state, 0 for disabled and 1 for enabled.

Added in version 3.10.

### 12.11.2 Querying Garbage Collector State

The C-API provides the following interface for querying information about the garbage collector.

void **PyUnstable\_GC\_VisitObjects** (*gcvisitobjects\_t* callback, void \*arg)

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This is *Unstable API*. It may change without warning in minor releases.

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Run supplied *callback* on all live GC-capable objects. *arg* is passed through to all invocations of *callback*.

**Avertissement :** If new objects are (de)allocated by the callback it is undefined if they will be visited. Garbage collection is disabled during operation. Explicitly running a collection in the callback may lead to undefined behaviour e.g. visiting the same objects multiple times or not at all.

Added in version 3.12.

typedef int (\***gcvisitobjects\_t**)(*PyObject* \*object, void \*arg)

Type of the visitor function to be passed to `PyUnstable_GC_VisitObjects()`. *arg* is the same as the *arg* passed to `PyUnstable_GC_VisitObjects`. Return 0 to continue iteration, return 1 to stop iteration. Other return values are reserved for now so behavior on returning anything else is undefined.

Added in version 3.12.





# CHAPITRE 13

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## Version des API et ABI

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CPython révèle son numéro de version dans les macros suivantes. À noter qu'ils correspondent au code de la version **compilée** avec, pas nécessairement la version utilisée à l'**exécution**.

Voir *Stabilité de l'API C* pour une discussion sur la stabilité des API et ABI entre (ou en fonction) de la version.

### **PY\_MAJOR\_VERSION**

Le 3 dans 3.4.1a2.)

### **PY\_MINOR\_VERSION**

Le 4 dans 3.4.1a2.

### **PY\_MICRO\_VERSION**

Le 1 dans 3.4.1a2.)

### **PY\_RELEASE\_LEVEL**

The a in 3.4.1a2. This can be 0xA for alpha, 0xB for beta, 0xC for release candidate or 0xF for final.

### **PY\_RELEASE\_SERIAL**

Le 2 dans 3.4.1a2. Nul pour des versions finales.

### **PY\_VERSION\_HEX**

Le numéro de version de Python encodé en un seul entier.

L'information sur la version sous-jacente peut être trouvée en la traitant comme un nombre sous 32 bits de la manière suivante :

Octets	Bits (ordre gros-boutiste)	Signification	Valeur pour 3.4.1a2
1	1-8	PY_MAJOR_VERSION	0x03
2	9-16	PY_MINOR_VERSION	0x04
3	17-24	PY_MICRO_VERSION	0x01
4	25-28	PY_RELEASE_LEVEL	0xA
	29-32	PY_RELEASE_SERIAL	0x2

Ainsi, 0x030401a2 est la version en notation hexadécimale sur un entier de 3.4.1a2 et 0x030a00f0 est la version en notation hexadécimale sur un entier de 3.10.0

Vous pouvez l'utiliser pour les comparaisons numériques, par exemple, `#if PY_VERSION_HEX >= ...`. This version is also available via the symbol *Py\_Version*.

const unsigned long **Py\_Version**

*Part of the [Stable ABI](#) since version 3.11.* La version à l'exécution de Python est encodée en une constante, avec le même format que la macro `PY_VERSION_HEX`. Cela contient la version de Python utilisée lors de l'exécution.

Added in version 3.11.

Toutes les macros données sont définies dans [Include/patchlevel.h](#).

&gt;&gt;&gt;

L'invite de commande utilisée par défaut dans l'interpréteur interactif. On la voit souvent dans des exemples de code qui peuvent être exécutés interactivement dans l'interpréteur.

...

Peut faire référence à :

- L'invite de commande utilisée par défaut dans l'interpréteur interactif lorsqu'on entre un bloc de code indenté, dans des délimiteurs fonctionnant par paires (parenthèses, crochets, accolades, triple guillemets), ou après un avoir spécifié un décorateur.
- La constante `Ellipsis`.

**2to3**

Outil qui essaie de convertir du code pour Python 2.x en code pour Python 3.x en gérant la plupart des incompatibilités qui peuvent être détectées en analysant la source et parcourant son arbre syntaxique.

`2to3` est disponible dans la bibliothèque standard sous le nom de `lib2to3` ; un point d'entrée indépendant est fourni via `Tools/scripts/2to3`. Cf. `2to3-reference`.

**classe mère abstraite**

Les classes mères abstraites (ABC, suivant l'abréviation anglaise *Abstract Base Class*) complètent le *duck-typing* en fournissant un moyen de définir des interfaces pour les cas où d'autres techniques comme `hasattr()` seraient inélégantes ou subtilement fausses (par exemple avec les méthodes magiques). Les ABC introduisent des sous-classes virtuelles qui n'héritent pas d'une classe mais qui sont quand même reconnues par `isinstance()` ou `issubclass()` (voir la documentation du module `abc`). Python contient de nombreuses ABC pour les structures de données (dans le module `collections.abc`), les nombres (dans le module `numbers`), les flux (dans le module `io`) et les chercheurs-chargeurs du système d'importation (dans le module `importlib.abc`). Vous pouvez créer vos propres ABC avec le module `abc`.

**annotation**

Étiquette associée à une variable, un attribut de classe, un paramètre de fonction ou une valeur de retour. Elle est utilisée par convention comme *type hint*.

Les annotations de variables locales ne sont pas accessibles au moment de l'exécution, mais les annotations de variables globales, d'attributs de classe et de fonctions sont stockées dans l'attribut spécial `__annotations__` des modules, classes et fonctions, respectivement.

Voir *annotation de variable*, *annotation de fonction*, les **PEP 484** et **PEP 526**, qui décrivent cette fonctionnalité. Voir aussi *annotations-howto* sur les bonnes pratiques concernant les annotations.

**argument**

Valeur, donnée à une *fonction* ou à une *méthode* lors de son appel. Il existe deux types d'arguments :

- *argument nommé* : un argument précédé d'un identifiant (comme `name=`) ou un dictionnaire précédé de `**`, lors d'un appel de fonction. Par exemple, 3 et 5 sont tous les deux des arguments nommés dans l'appel à `complex()` ici :

```
complex(real=3, imag=5)
complex(**{'real': 3, 'imag': 5})
```

- *argument positionnel* : un argument qui n'est pas nommé. Les arguments positionnels apparaissent au début de la liste des arguments, ou donnés sous forme d'un *itérable* précédé par `*`. Par exemple, 3 et 5 sont tous les deux des arguments positionnels dans les appels suivants :

```
complex(3, 5)
complex(*(3, 5))
```

Les arguments se retrouvent dans le corps de la fonction appelée parmi les variables locales. Voir la section calls à propos des règles dictant cette affectation. Syntaxiquement, toute expression est acceptée comme argument, et c'est la valeur résultante de l'expression qui sera affectée à la variable locale.

Voir aussi *paramètre* dans le glossaire, la question Différence entre argument et paramètre de la FAQ et la [PEP 362](#).

### gestionnaire de contexte asynchrone

(*asynchronous context manager* en anglais) Objet contrôlant l'environnement à l'intérieur d'une instruction `async with` en définissant les méthodes `__aenter__()` et `__aexit__()`. A été Introduit par la [PEP 492](#).

### générateur asynchrone

Fonction qui renvoie un *itérateur de générateur asynchrone*. Cela ressemble à une coroutine définie par `async def`, sauf qu'elle contient une ou des expressions `yield` produisant ainsi une série de valeurs utilisables dans une boucle `async for`.

Générateur asynchrone fait généralement référence à une fonction, mais peut faire référence à un *itérateur de générateur asynchrone* dans certains contextes. Dans les cas où le sens voulu n'est pas clair, utiliser l'ensemble des termes lève l'ambiguïté.

Un générateur asynchrone peut contenir des expressions `await` ainsi que des instructions `async for`, et `async with`.

### itérateur de générateur asynchrone

Objet créé par un *générateur asynchrone*.

C'est un *asynchronous iterator* qui, lorsqu'il est appelé via la méthode `__anext__()` renvoie un objet *awaitable* qui exécute le corps de la fonction du générateur asynchrone jusqu'au prochain `yield`.

Chaque `yield` suspend temporairement l'exécution, en gardant en mémoire l'emplacement et l'état de l'exécution (ce qui inclut les variables locales et les `try` en cours). Lorsque l'exécution de l'itérateur de générateur asynchrone reprend avec un nouvel *awaitable* renvoyé par `__anext__()`, elle repart de là où elle s'était arrêtée. Voir les [PEP 492](#) et [PEP 525](#).

### itérable asynchrone

Objet qui peut être utilisé dans une instruction `async for`. Sa méthode `__aiter__()` doit renvoyer un *asynchronous iterator*. A été introduit par la [PEP 492](#).

### itérateur asynchrone

Objet qui implémente les méthodes `__aiter__()` et `__anext__()`. `__anext__()` doit renvoyer un objet *awaitable*. Tant que la méthode `__anext__()` produit des objets *awaitable*, le `async for` appelant les consomme. L'itérateur asynchrone lève une exception `StopAsyncIteration` pour signifier la fin de l'itération. A été introduit par la [PEP 492](#).

### attribut

Valeur associée à un objet et habituellement désignée par son nom *via* une notation utilisant des points. Par exemple, si un objet `o` possède un attribut `a`, cet attribut est référencé par `o.a`.

Il est possible de donner à un objet un attribut dont le nom n'est pas un identifiant tel que défini pour les identifiants, par exemple en utilisant `setattr()`, si l'objet le permet. Un tel attribut ne sera pas accessible à l'aide d'une expression pointée et on devra y accéder avec `getattr()`.

### attendable (*awaitable*)

Objet pouvant être utilisé dans une expression `await`. Ce peut être une *coroutine* ou un objet avec une méthode `__await__()`. Voir aussi la [PEP 492](#).

**BDFL**

Dictateur bienveillant à vie (*Benevolent Dictator For Life* en anglais). Pseudonyme de [Guido van Rossum](#), le créateur de Python.

**fichier binaire**

A *file object* able to read and write *bytes-like objects*. Examples of binary files are files opened in binary mode ('rb', 'wb' or 'rb+'), `sys.stdin.buffer`, `sys.stdout.buffer`, and instances of `io.BytesIO` and `gzip.GzipFile`.

Consultez *fichier texte*, un objet fichier capable de lire et d'écrire des objets `str`.

**référence empruntée**

In Python's C API, a borrowed reference is a reference to an object, where the code using the object does not own the reference. It becomes a dangling pointer if the object is destroyed. For example, a garbage collection can remove the last *strong reference* to the object and so destroy it.

Il est recommandé d'appeler `Py_INCREF()` sur la *référence empruntée*, ce qui la transforme *in situ* en une *référence forte*. Vous pouvez faire une exception si vous êtes certain que l'objet ne peut pas être supprimé avant la dernière utilisation de la référence empruntée. Voir aussi la fonction `Py_NewRef()`, qui crée une nouvelle *référence forte*.

**objet octet-compatible**

Un objet gérant le *protocole tampon* et pouvant exporter un tampon (*buffer* en anglais) *C-contigu*. Cela inclut les objets `bytes`, `bytearray` et `array.array`, ainsi que beaucoup d'objets `memoryview`. Les objets octets-compatibles peuvent être utilisés pour diverses opérations sur des données binaires, comme la compression, la sauvegarde dans un fichier binaire ou l'envoi sur le réseau.

Certaines opérations nécessitent de travailler sur des données binaires variables. La documentation parle de ceux-ci comme des *read-write bytes-like objects*. Par exemple, `bytearray` ou une `memoryview` d'un `bytearray` en font partie. D'autres opérations nécessitent de travailler sur des données binaires stockées dans des objets immuables (« *objets octets-compatibles en lecture seule* »), par exemple des `bytes` ou des `memoryview` d'un objet `bytes`.

**code intermédiaire (bytecode)**

Le code source, en Python, est compilé en un code intermédiaire (*bytecode* en anglais), la représentation interne à CPython d'un programme Python. Le code intermédiaire est mis en cache dans un fichier `.pyc` de manière à ce qu'une seconde exécution soit plus rapide (la compilation en code intermédiaire a déjà été faite). On dit que ce *langage intermédiaire* est exécuté sur une *virtual machine* qui exécute des instructions machine pour chaque instruction du code intermédiaire. Notez que le code intermédiaire n'a pas vocation à fonctionner sur différentes machines virtuelles Python ou à être stable entre différentes versions de Python.

La documentation du module `dis` fournit une liste des instructions du code intermédiaire.

**appelable (callable)**

Un callable est un objet qui peut être appelé, éventuellement avec un ensemble d'arguments (voir *argument*), avec la syntaxe suivante :

```
callable(argument1, argument2, argumentN)
```

Une *fonction*, et par extension une *méthode*, est un callable. Une instance d'une classe qui implémente la méthode `__call__()` est également un callable.

**fonction de rappel (callback)**

Une fonction (classique, par opposition à une coroutine) passée en argument pour être exécutée plus tard.

**classe**

Modèle pour créer des objets définis par l'utilisateur. Une définition de classe (*class*) contient normalement des définitions de méthodes qui agissent sur les instances de la classe.

**variable de classe**

Une variable définie dans une classe et destinée à être modifiée uniquement au niveau de la classe (c'est-à-dire, pas dans une instance de la classe).

**nombre complexe**

Extension des nombres réels familiers, dans laquelle tous les nombres sont exprimés sous la forme d'une somme d'une partie réelle et d'une partie imaginaire. Les nombres imaginaires sont les nombres réels multipliés par l'unité imaginaire (la racine carrée de  $-1$ , souvent écrite  $i$  en mathématiques ou  $j$  par les ingénieurs). Python comprend nativement les nombres complexes, écrits avec cette dernière notation : la partie

imaginaire est écrite avec un suffixe `j`, exemple, `3+1j`. Pour utiliser les équivalents complexes de `math`, utilisez `cmath`. Les nombres complexes sont un concept assez avancé en mathématiques. Si vous ne connaissez pas ce concept, vous pouvez tranquillement les ignorer.

#### gestionnaire de contexte

An object which controls the environment seen in a `with` statement by defining `__enter__()` and `__exit__()` methods. See [PEP 343](#).

#### variable de contexte

Une variable qui peut avoir des valeurs différentes en fonction de son contexte. Cela est similaire au stockage par fil d'exécution (*Thread Local Storage* en anglais) dans lequel chaque fil d'exécution peut avoir une valeur différente pour une variable. Toutefois, avec les variables de contexte, il peut y avoir plusieurs contextes dans un fil d'exécution et l'utilisation principale pour les variables de contexte est de garder une trace des variables dans les tâches asynchrones concourantes. Voir `contextvars`.

#### contigu

Un tampon (*buffer* en anglais) est considéré comme contigu s'il est soit *C-contigu* soit *Fortran-contigu*. Les tampons de dimension zéro sont C-contigus et Fortran-contigus. Pour un tableau à une dimension, ses éléments doivent être placés en mémoire l'un à côté de l'autre, dans l'ordre croissant de leur indice, en commençant à zéro. Pour qu'un tableau multidimensionnel soit C-contigu, le dernier indice doit être celui qui varie le plus rapidement lors du parcours de ses éléments dans l'ordre de leur adresse mémoire. À l'inverse, dans les tableaux Fortran-contigu, c'est le premier indice qui doit varier le plus rapidement.

#### coroutine

Les coroutines sont une forme généralisée des fonctions. On entre dans une fonction en un point et on en sort en un autre point. On peut entrer, sortir et reprendre l'exécution d'une coroutine en plusieurs points. Elles peuvent être implémentées en utilisant l'instruction `async def`. Voir aussi la [PEP 492](#).

#### fonction coroutine

Fonction qui renvoie un objet *coroutine*. Une fonction coroutine peut être définie par l'instruction `async def` et peut contenir les mots clés `await`, `async for` ainsi que `async with`. A été introduit par la [PEP 492](#).

#### CPython

L'implémentation canonique du langage de programmation Python, tel que distribué sur [python.org](https://python.org). Le terme "CPython" est utilisé dans certains contextes lorsqu'il est nécessaire de distinguer cette implémentation des autres comme *Jython* ou *IronPython*.

#### décorateur

Fonction dont la valeur de retour est une autre fonction. Un décorateur est habituellement utilisé pour transformer une fonction via la syntaxe `@wrapper`, dont les exemples typiques sont `classmethod()` et `staticmethod()`.

La syntaxe des décorateurs est simplement du sucre syntaxique, les définitions des deux fonctions suivantes sont sémantiquement équivalentes :

```
def f(arg):
    ...
f = staticmethod(f)

@staticmethod
def f(arg):
    ...
```

Quoique moins fréquemment utilisé, le même concept existe pour les classes. Consultez la documentation définitions de fonctions et définitions de classes pour en savoir plus sur les décorateurs.

#### descripteur

Any object which defines the methods `__get__()`, `__set__()`, or `__delete__()`. When a class attribute is a descriptor, its special binding behavior is triggered upon attribute lookup. Normally, using `a.b` to get, set or delete an attribute looks up the object named `b` in the class dictionary for `a`, but if `b` is a descriptor, the respective descriptor method gets called. Understanding descriptors is a key to a deep understanding of Python because they are the basis for many features including functions, methods, properties, class methods, static methods, and reference to super classes.

Pour plus d'informations sur les méthodes des descripteurs, consultez `descriptors` ou le guide pour l'utilisation des descripteurs.

**dictionnaire**

An associative array, where arbitrary keys are mapped to values. The keys can be any object with `__hash__()` and `__eq__()` methods. Called a hash in Perl.

**dictionnaire en compréhension (ou dictionnaire en intension)**

Écriture concise pour traiter tout ou partie des éléments d'un itérable et renvoyer un dictionnaire contenant les résultats. `results = {n: n ** 2 for n in range(10)}` génère un dictionnaire contenant des clés `n` liées à leurs valeurs `n ** 2`. Voir [compréhensions](#).

**vue de dictionnaire**

Objets retournés par les méthodes `dict.keys()`, `dict.values()` et `dict.items()`. Ils fournissent des vues dynamiques des entrées du dictionnaire, ce qui signifie que lorsque le dictionnaire change, la vue change. Pour transformer une vue en vraie liste, utilisez `list(dictview)`. Voir [dict-views](#).

**chaîne de documentation (*docstring*)**

A string literal which appears as the first expression in a class, function or module. While ignored when the suite is executed, it is recognized by the compiler and put into the `__doc__` attribute of the enclosing class, function or module. Since it is available via introspection, it is the canonical place for documentation of the object.

**typage canard (*duck-typing*)**

Style de programmation qui ne prend pas en compte le type d'un objet pour déterminer s'il respecte une interface, mais qui appelle simplement la méthode ou l'attribut (*Si ça a un bec et que ça cancanne, ça doit être un canard*, *duck* signifie canard en anglais). En se concentrant sur les interfaces plutôt que les types, du code bien construit améliore sa flexibilité en autorisant des substitutions polymorphiques. Le *duck-typing* évite de vérifier les types via `type()` ou `isinstance()`, Notez cependant que le *duck-typing* peut travailler de pair avec les *classes mère abstraites*. À la place, le *duck-typing* utilise plutôt `hasattr()` ou la programmation *EAFP*.

**EAFP**

Il est plus simple de demander pardon que demander la permission (*Easier to Ask for Forgiveness than Permission* en anglais). Ce style de développement Python fait l'hypothèse que le code est valide et traite les exceptions si cette hypothèse s'avère fausse. Ce style, propre et efficace, est caractérisé par la présence de beaucoup de mots clés `try` et `except`. Cette technique de programmation contraste avec le style *LBYL* utilisé couramment dans les langages tels que C.

**expression**

Suite logique de termes et chiffres conformes à la syntaxe Python dont l'évaluation fournit une valeur. En d'autres termes, une expression est une suite d'éléments tels que des noms, opérateurs, littéraux, accès d'attributs, méthodes ou fonctions qui aboutissent à une valeur. Contrairement à beaucoup d'autres langages, les différentes constructions du langage ne sont pas toutes des expressions. On trouve également des *instructions* qui ne peuvent pas être utilisées comme expressions, tel que `while`. Les affectations sont également des instructions et non des expressions.

**module d'extension**

Module écrit en C ou C++, utilisant l'API C de Python pour interagir avec Python et le code de l'utilisateur.

**f-string**

Chaîne littérale préfixée de `'f'` ou `'F'`. Les "f-strings" sont un raccourci pour formatted string literals. Voir la [PEP 498](#).

**objet fichier**

An object exposing a file-oriented API (with methods such as `read()` or `write()`) to an underlying resource. Depending on the way it was created, a file object can mediate access to a real on-disk file or to another type of storage or communication device (for example standard input/output, in-memory buffers, sockets, pipes, etc.). File objects are also called *file-like objects* or *streams*.

Il existe en réalité trois catégories de fichiers objets : les *fichiers binaires* bruts, les *fichiers binaires* avec tampon (*buffer*) et les *fichiers textes*. Leurs interfaces sont définies dans le module `io`. Le moyen le plus simple et direct de créer un objet fichier est d'utiliser la fonction `open()`.

**objet fichier-compatible**

Synonyme de *objet fichier*.

**encodage du système de fichiers et gestionnaire d'erreurs associé**

Encodage et gestionnaire d'erreurs utilisés par Python pour décoder les octets fournis par le système d'exploitation et encoder les chaînes de caractères Unicode afin de les passer au système.



L'encodage du système de fichiers doit impérativement pouvoir décoder tous les octets jusqu'à 128. Si ce n'est pas le cas, certaines fonctions de l'API lèvent `UnicodeError`.

Cet encodage et son gestionnaire d'erreur peuvent être obtenus à l'aide des fonctions `sys.getfilesystemencoding()` et `sys.getfilesystemencodeerrors()`.

L'encodage du système de fichiers et gestionnaire d'erreurs associé sont configurés au démarrage de Python par la fonction `PyConfig_Read()` : regardez `filesystem_encoding` et `filesystem_errors` dans les membres de `PyConfig`.

Voir aussi *encodage régional*.

### chercheur

Objet qui essaie de trouver un *chargeur* pour le module en cours d'importation.

Depuis Python 3.3, il existe deux types de chercheurs : les *chercheurs dans les méta-chemins* à utiliser avec `sys.meta_path` ; les *chercheurs d'entrée dans path* à utiliser avec `sys.path_hooks`.

Voir les [PEP 302](#), [PEP 420](#) et [PEP 451](#) pour plus de détails.

### division entière

Division mathématique arrondissant à l'entier inférieur. L'opérateur de la division entière est `//`. Par exemple l'expression `11 // 4` vaut 2, contrairement à `11 / 4` qui vaut 2.75. Notez que `(-11) // 4` vaut -3 car l'arrondi se fait à l'entier inférieur. Voir la [PEP 328](#).

### fonction

Suite d'instructions qui renvoie une valeur à son appelant. On peut lui passer des *arguments* qui pourront être utilisés dans le corps de la fonction. Voir aussi *paramètre*, *méthode* et fonction.

### annotation de fonction

*annotation* d'un paramètre de fonction ou valeur de retour.

Les annotations de fonctions sont généralement utilisées pour des *indications de types* : par exemple, cette fonction devrait prendre deux arguments `int` et devrait également avoir une valeur de retour de type `int` :

```
def sum_two_numbers(a: int, b: int) -> int:
    return a + b
```

L'annotation syntaxique de la fonction est expliquée dans la section fonction.

Voir *annotation de variable* et la [PEP 484](#), qui décrivent cette fonctionnalité. Voir aussi *annotations-howto* sur les bonnes pratiques concernant les annotations.

### `__future__`

Une importation depuis le futur s'écrit `from __future__ import <fonctionnalité>`. Lorsqu'une importation du futur est active dans un module, Python compile ce module avec une certaine modification de la syntaxe ou du comportement qui est vouée à devenir standard dans une version ultérieure. Le module `__future__` documente les possibilités pour *fonctionnalité*. L'importation a aussi l'effet normal d'importer une variable du module. Cette variable contient des informations utiles sur la fonctionnalité en question, notamment la version de Python dans laquelle elle a été ajoutée, et celle dans laquelle elle deviendra standard :

```
>>> import __future__
>>> __future__.division
_Feature((2, 2, 0, 'alpha', 2), (3, 0, 0, 'alpha', 0), 8192)
```

### ramasse-miettes

(*garbage collection* en anglais) Mécanisme permettant de libérer de la mémoire lorsqu'elle n'est plus utilisée. Python utilise un ramasse-miettes par comptage de référence et un ramasse-miettes cyclique capable de détecter et casser les références circulaires. Le ramasse-miettes peut être contrôlé en utilisant le module `gc`.

### générateur

Fonction qui renvoie un *itérateur de générateur*. Cela ressemble à une fonction normale, en dehors du fait qu'elle contient une ou des expressions `yield` produisant une série de valeurs utilisable dans une boucle `for` ou récupérées une à une via la fonction `next()`.

Fait généralement référence à une fonction génératrice mais peut faire référence à un *itérateur de générateur* dans certains contextes. Dans les cas où le sens voulu n'est pas clair, utiliser les termes complets lève l'ambiguïté.

### itérateur de générateur

Objet créé par une fonction *générateur*.

Chaque `yield` suspend temporairement l'exécution, en se rappelant l'endroit et l'état de l'exécution (y compris les variables locales et les `try` en cours). Lorsque l'itérateur de générateur reprend, il repart là où il en était (contrairement à une fonction qui prendrait un nouveau départ à chaque invocation).

### expression génératrice

Expression qui donne un itérateur. Elle ressemble à une expression normale, suivie d'une clause `for` définissant une variable de boucle, un intervalle et une clause `if` optionnelle. Toute cette expression génère des valeurs pour la fonction qui l'entoure :

```
>>> sum(i*i for i in range(10))      # sum of squares 0, 1, 4, ... 81
285
```

### fonction générique

Fonction composée de plusieurs fonctions implémentant les mêmes opérations pour différents types. L'implémentation à utiliser est déterminée lors de l'appel par l'algorithme de répartition.

Voir aussi *single dispatch*, le décorateur `functools singledispatch()` et la [PEP 443](#).

### type générique

Un *type* qui peut être paramétré ; généralement un conteneur comme `list` ou `dict`. Utilisé pour les *indications de type* et les *annotations*.

Pour plus de détails, voir *types alias génériques* et le module `typing`. On trouvera l'historique de cette fonctionnalité dans les [PEP 483](#), [PEP 484](#) et [PEP 585](#).

### GIL

Voir *global interpreter lock*.

### verrou global de l'interpréteur

(*global interpreter lock* en anglais) Mécanisme utilisé par l'interpréteur *CPython* pour s'assurer qu'un seul fil d'exécution (*thread* en anglais) n'exécute le *bytecode* à la fois. Cela simplifie l'implémentation de *CPython* en rendant le modèle objet (incluant des parties critiques comme la classe native `dict`) implicitement protégé contre les accès concourants. Verrouiller l'interpréteur entier rend plus facile l'implémentation de multiples fils d'exécution (*multi-thread* en anglais), au détriment malheureusement de beaucoup du parallélisme possible sur les machines ayant plusieurs processeurs.

Cependant, certains modules d'extension, standards ou non, sont conçus de manière à libérer le GIL lorsqu'ils effectuent des tâches lourdes tel que la compression ou le hachage. De la même manière, le GIL est toujours libéré lors des entrées-sorties.

Les tentatives précédentes d'implémenter un interpréteur Python avec une granularité de verrouillage plus fine ont toutes échouées, à cause de leurs mauvaises performances dans le cas d'un processeur unique. Il est admis que corriger ce problème de performance induit mènerait à une implémentation beaucoup plus compliquée et donc plus coûteuse à maintenir.

### pyc utilisant le hachage

Un fichier de cache de code intermédiaire (*bytecode* en anglais) qui utilise le hachage plutôt que l'heure de dernière modification du fichier source correspondant pour déterminer sa validité. Voir *pyc-invalidation*.

### hachable

An object is *hashable* if it has a hash value which never changes during its lifetime (it needs a `__hash__()` method), and can be compared to other objects (it needs an `__eq__()` method). Hashable objects which compare equal must have the same hash value.

La hachabilité permet à un objet d'être utilisé comme clé de dictionnaire ou en tant que membre d'un ensemble (type *set*), car ces structures de données utilisent ce *hash*.

La plupart des types immuables natifs de Python sont hachables, mais les conteneurs mutables (comme les listes ou les dictionnaires) ne le sont pas ; les conteneurs immuables (comme les *n*-uplets ou les ensembles figés) ne sont hachables que si leurs éléments sont hachables. Les instances de classes définies par les utilisateurs sont hachables par défaut. Elles sont toutes considérées différentes (sauf avec elles-mêmes) et leur valeur de hachage est calculée à partir de leur `id()`.

### IDLE

Environnement d'apprentissage et de développement intégré pour Python. IDLE est un éditeur basique et un interpréteur livré avec la distribution standard de Python.

### immuable

Objet dont la valeur ne change pas. Les nombres, les chaînes et les *n*-uplets sont immuables. Ils ne peuvent être modifiés. Un nouvel objet doit être créé si une valeur différente doit être stockée. Ils jouent un rôle important quand une valeur de *hash* constante est requise, typiquement en clé de dictionnaire.

### chemin des importations

Liste de *entrées* dans lesquelles le *chercheur basé sur les chemins* cherche les modules à importer. Typiquement, lors d'une importation, cette liste vient de `sys.path` ; pour les sous-paquets, elle peut aussi venir de l'attribut `__path__` du paquet parent.

### importation

Processus rendant le code Python d'un module disponible dans un autre.

### importateur

Objet qui trouve et charge un module, en même temps un *chercheur* et un *chargeur*.

### interactif

Python a un interpréteur interactif, ce qui signifie que vous pouvez écrire des expressions et des instructions à l'invite de l'interpréteur. L'interpréteur Python va les exécuter immédiatement et vous en présenter le résultat. Démarrez juste `python` (probablement depuis le menu principal de votre ordinateur). C'est un moyen puissant pour tester de nouvelles idées ou étudier de nouveaux modules (souvenez-vous de `help(x)`).

### interprété

Python est un langage interprété, en opposition aux langages compilés, bien que la frontière soit floue en raison de la présence d'un compilateur en code intermédiaire. Cela signifie que les fichiers sources peuvent être exécutés directement, sans avoir à compiler un fichier exécutable intermédiaire. Les langages interprétés ont généralement un cycle de développement / débogage plus court que les langages compilés. Cependant, ils s'exécutent généralement plus lentement. Voir aussi *interactif*.

### arrêt de l'interpréteur

Lorsqu'on lui demande de s'arrêter, l'interpréteur Python entre dans une phase spéciale où il libère graduellement les ressources allouées, comme les modules ou quelques structures de données internes. Il fait aussi quelques appels au *ramasse-miettes*. Cela peut déclencher l'exécution de code dans des destructeurs ou des fonctions de rappels de *weakrefs*. Le code exécuté lors de l'arrêt peut rencontrer des exceptions puisque les ressources auxquelles il fait appel sont susceptibles de ne plus fonctionner, (typiquement les modules des bibliothèques ou le mécanisme de *warning*).

La principale raison d'arrêt de l'interpréteur est que le module `__main__` ou le script en cours d'exécution a terminé de s'exécuter.

### itérable

An object capable of returning its members one at a time. Examples of iterables include all sequence types (such as `list`, `str`, and `tuple`) and some non-sequence types like `dict`, *file objects*, and objects of any classes you define with an `__iter__()` method or with a `__getitem__()` method that implements *sequence* semantics.

Iterables can be used in a `for` loop and in many other places where a sequence is needed (`zip()`, `map()`, ...). When an iterable object is passed as an argument to the built-in function `iter()`, it returns an iterator for the object. This iterator is good for one pass over the set of values. When using iterables, it is usually not necessary to call `iter()` or deal with iterator objects yourself. The `for` statement does that automatically for you, creating a temporary unnamed variable to hold the iterator for the duration of the loop. See also *iterator*, *sequence*, and *generator*.

### itérateur

An object representing a stream of data. Repeated calls to the iterator's `__next__()` method (or passing it to the built-in function `next()`) return successive items in the stream. When no more data are available a `StopIteration` exception is raised instead. At this point, the iterator object is exhausted and any further calls to its `__next__()` method just raise `StopIteration` again. Iterators are required to have an `__iter__()` method that returns the iterator object itself so every iterator is also iterable and may be used in most places where other iterables are accepted. One notable exception is code which attempts multiple iteration passes. A container object (such as a `list`) produces a fresh new iterator each time you pass it to the `iter()` function or use it in a `for` loop. Attempting this with an iterator will just return the same exhausted iterator object used in the previous iteration pass, making it appear like an empty container.

Vous trouverez davantage d'informations dans *typeiter*.

**Particularité de l'implémentation CPython :** CPython does not consistently apply the requirement that an iterator define `__iter__()`.

### fonction clé

Une fonction clé est un objet callable qui renvoie une valeur à fins de tri ou de classement. Par exemple, la fonction locale `strxfrm()` est utilisée pour générer une clé de classement prenant en compte les conventions de classement spécifiques aux paramètres régionaux courants.

Plusieurs outils dans Python acceptent des fonctions clés pour déterminer comment les éléments sont classés ou groupés. On peut citer les fonctions `min()`, `max()`, `sorted()`, `list.sort()`, `heapq.merge()`, `heapq.nsmallest()`, `heapq.nlargest()` et `itertools.groupby()`.

Il existe plusieurs moyens de créer une fonction clé. Par exemple, la méthode `str.lower()` peut servir de fonction clé pour effectuer des recherches insensibles à la casse. Aussi, il est possible de créer des fonctions clés avec des expressions `lambda`, comme `lambda r: (r[0], r[2])`. Par ailleurs `attrgetter()`, `itemgetter()` et `methodcaller()` permettent de créer des fonctions clés. Voir le guide pour le tri pour des exemples de création et d'utilisation de fonctions clés.

#### argument nommé

Voir [argument](#).

#### lambda

Fonction anonyme sous la forme d'une [expression](#) et ne contenant qu'une seule expression, exécutée lorsque la fonction est appelée. La syntaxe pour créer des fonctions `lambda` est : `lambda [parameters]: expression`

#### LBYL

Regarde avant de sauter, (*Look before you leap* en anglais). Ce style de programmation consiste à vérifier des conditions avant d'effectuer des appels ou des accès. Ce style contraste avec le style [EAFP](#) et se caractérise par la présence de beaucoup d'instructions `if`.

Dans un environnement avec plusieurs fils d'exécution (*multi-threaded* en anglais), le style *LBYL* peut engendrer un séquençement critique (*race condition* en anglais) entre le "regarde" et le "sauter". Par exemple, le code `if key in mapping: return mapping[key]` peut échouer si un autre fil d'exécution supprime la clé `key` du `mapping` après le test mais avant l'accès. Ce problème peut être résolu avec des verrous (*locks*) ou avec l'approche *EAFP*.

#### liste

A built-in Python [sequence](#). Despite its name it is more akin to an array in other languages than to a linked list since access to elements is  $O(1)$ .

#### liste en compréhension (ou liste en intension)

Écriture concise pour manipuler tout ou partie des éléments d'une séquence et renvoyer une liste contenant les résultats. `result = ['{:04x}'.format(x) for x in range(256) if x % 2 == 0]` génère la liste composée des nombres pairs de 0 à 255 écrits sous formes de chaînes de caractères et en hexadécimal (0x...). La clause `if` est optionnelle. Si elle est omise, tous les éléments du `range(256)` seront utilisés.

#### chargeur

Objet qui charge un module. Il doit définir une méthode nommée `load_module()`. Un chargeur est typiquement donné par un [chercheur](#). Voir la [PEP 302](#) pour plus de détails et `importlib.ABC.Loader` pour sa [classe mère abstraite](#).

#### encodage régional

Sous Unix, il est défini par la variable régionale `LC_CTYPE`. Il peut être modifié par `locale.setlocale(locale.LC_CTYPE, new_locale)`.

Sous Windows, c'est un encodage ANSI (par ex. : `"cp1252"`).

Sous Android et VxWorks, Python utilise `"utf-8"` comme encodage régional.

`locale.getencoding()` can be used to get the locale encoding.

Voir aussi l'[encodage du systèmes de fichiers et gestionnaire d'erreurs associé](#).

#### méthode magique

Un synonyme informel de [special method](#).

#### tableau de correspondances (*mapping* en anglais)

Conteneur permettant de rechercher des éléments à partir de clés et implémentant les méthodes spécifiées dans les classes mères abstraites des tableaux de correspondances (immuables) ou tableaux de correspondances mutables (voir les classes mères abstraites). Les classes suivantes sont des exemples de tableaux de correspondances : `dict`, `collections.defaultdict`, `collections.OrderedDict` et `collections.Counter`.

#### chercheur dans les méta-chemins

Un [chercheur](#) renvoyé par une recherche dans `sys.meta_path`. Les chercheurs dans les méta-chemins ressemblent, mais sont différents des [chercheurs d'entrée dans path](#).

Voir `importlib.abc.MetaPathFinder` pour les méthodes que les chercheurs dans les méta-chemins doivent implémenter.

**métaclasse**

Classe d'une classe. Les définitions de classe créent un nom pour la classe, un dictionnaire de classe et une liste de classes parentes. La métaclasse a pour rôle de réunir ces trois paramètres pour construire la classe. La plupart des langages orientés objet fournissent une implémentation par défaut. La particularité de Python est la possibilité de créer des métaclasses personnalisées. La plupart des utilisateurs n'auront jamais besoin de cet outil, mais lorsque le besoin survient, les métaclasses offrent des solutions élégantes et puissantes. Elles sont utilisées pour journaliser les accès à des propriétés, rendre sûrs les environnements *multi-threads*, suivre la création d'objets, implémenter des singletons et bien d'autres tâches.

Plus d'informations sont disponibles dans : [metaclasses](#).

**méthode**

Fonction définie à l'intérieur d'une classe. Lorsqu'elle est appelée comme un attribut d'une instance de cette classe, la méthode reçoit l'instance en premier *argument* (qui, par convention, est habituellement nommé *self*). Voir [function](#) et [nested scope](#).

**ordre de résolution des méthodes**

Method Resolution Order is the order in which base classes are searched for a member during lookup. See [python\\_2.3\\_mro](#) for details of the algorithm used by the Python interpreter since the 2.3 release.

**module**

Objet utilisé pour organiser une portion unitaire de code en Python. Les modules ont un espace de nommage et peuvent contenir n'importe quels objets Python. Charger des modules est appelé *importer*.

Voir aussi [paquet](#).

**spécificateur de module**

Espace de nommage contenant les informations, relatives à l'importation, utilisées pour charger un module. C'est une instance de la classe `importlib.machinery.ModuleSpec`.

**MRO**

Voir [ordre de résolution des méthodes](#).

**mutable**

Un objet mutable peut changer de valeur tout en gardant le même `id()`. Voir aussi [immutable](#).

**n-uplet nommé**

Le terme "n-uplet nommé" s'applique à tous les types ou classes qui héritent de la classe `tuple` et dont les éléments indexables sont aussi accessibles en utilisant des attributs nommés. Les types et classes peuvent avoir aussi d'autres caractéristiques.

Plusieurs types natifs sont appelés n-uplets, y compris les valeurs retournées par `time.localtime()` et `os.stat()`. Un autre exemple est `sys.float_info`:

```
>>> sys.float_info[1]                # indexed access
1024
>>> sys.float_info.max_exp            # named field access
1024
>>> isinstance(sys.float_info, tuple) # kind of tuple
True
```

Some named tuples are built-in types (such as the above examples). Alternatively, a named tuple can be created from a regular class definition that inherits from `tuple` and that defines named fields. Such a class can be written by hand, or it can be created by inheriting `typing.NamedTuple`, or with the factory function `collections.namedtuple()`. The latter techniques also add some extra methods that may not be found in hand-written or built-in named tuples.

**espace de nommage**

L'endroit où une variable est stockée. Les espaces de nommage sont implémentés avec des dictionnaires. Il existe des espaces de nommage globaux, natifs ou imbriqués dans les objets (dans les méthodes). Les espaces de nommage favorisent la modularité car ils permettent d'éviter les conflits de noms. Par exemple, les fonctions `builtins.open` et `os.open()` sont différenciées par leurs espaces de nom. Les espaces de nommage aident aussi à la lisibilité et la maintenabilité en rendant clair quel module implémente une fonction. Par exemple, écrire `random.seed()` ou `itertools.islice()` affiche clairement que ces fonctions sont implémentées respectivement dans les modules `random` et `itertools`.

**paquet-espace de nommage**

Un *paquet* tel que défini dans la [PEP 421](#) qui ne sert qu'à contenir des sous-paquets. Les paquets-espace

de nommage peuvent n'avoir aucune représentation physique et, plus spécifiquement, ne sont pas comme un *paquet classique* puisqu'ils n'ont pas de fichier `__init__.py`.

Voir aussi *module*.

### portée imbriquée

Possibilité de faire référence à une variable déclarée dans une définition englobante. Typiquement, une fonction définie à l'intérieur d'une autre fonction a accès aux variables de cette dernière. Souvenez-vous cependant que cela ne fonctionne que pour accéder à des variables, pas pour les assigner. Les variables locales sont lues et assignées dans l'espace de nommage le plus proche. Tout comme les variables globales qui sont stockés dans l'espace de nommage global, le mot clef `nonlocal` permet d'écrire dans l'espace de nommage dans lequel est déclarée la variable.

### nouvelle classe

Old name for the flavor of classes now used for all class objects. In earlier Python versions, only new-style classes could use Python's newer, versatile features like `__slots__`, descriptors, properties, `__getattr__()`, class methods, and static methods.

### objet

N'importe quelle donnée comportant des états (sous forme d'attributs ou d'une valeur) et un comportement (des méthodes). C'est aussi (`object`) l'ancêtre commun à absolument toutes les *nouvelles classes*.

### paquet

*module* Python qui peut contenir des sous-modules ou des sous-paquets. Techniquement, un paquet est un module qui possède un attribut `__path__`.

Voir aussi *paquet classique* et *namespace package*.

### paramètre

Entité nommée dans la définition d'une *fonction* (ou méthode), décrivant un *argument* (ou dans certains cas des arguments) que la fonction accepte. Il existe cinq sortes de paramètres :

- *positional-or-keyword* : l'argument peut être passé soit par sa *position*, soit en tant que *argument nommé*. C'est le type de paramètre par défaut. Par exemple, *foo* et *bar* dans l'exemple suivant :

```
def func(foo, bar=None): ...
```

- *positional-only* : définit un argument qui ne peut être fourni que par position. Les paramètres *positional-only* peuvent être définis en insérant un caractère `"/"` dans la liste de paramètres de la définition de fonction après eux. Par exemple : *posonly1* et *posonly2* dans le code suivant :

```
def func(posonly1, posonly2, /, positional_or_keyword): ...
```

- *keyword-only* : l'argument ne peut être fourni que nommé. Les paramètres *keyword-only* peuvent être définis en utilisant un seul paramètre *var-positional*, ou en ajoutant une étoile (\*) seule dans la liste des paramètres avant eux. Par exemple, *kw\_only1* et *kw\_only2* dans le code suivant :

```
def func(arg, *, kw_only1, kw_only2): ...
```

- *var-positional* : une séquence d'arguments positionnels peut être fournie (en plus de tous les arguments positionnels déjà acceptés par d'autres paramètres). Un tel paramètre peut être défini en préfixant son nom par une \*. Par exemple *args* ci-après :

```
def func(*args, **kwargs): ...
```

- *var-keyword* : une quantité arbitraire d'arguments peut être passée, chacun étant nommé (en plus de tous les arguments nommés déjà acceptés par d'autres paramètres). Un tel paramètre est défini en préfixant le nom du paramètre par \*\*. Par exemple, *kwargs* ci-dessus.

Les paramètres peuvent spécifier des arguments obligatoires ou optionnels, ainsi que des valeurs par défaut pour les arguments optionnels.

Voir aussi *argument* dans le glossaire, la question sur la différence entre les arguments et les paramètres dans la FAQ, la classe `inspect.Parameter`, la section *function* et la [PEP 362](#).

### entrée de chemin

Emplacement dans le *chemin des importations* (*import path* en anglais, d'où le *path*) que le *chercheur basé sur les chemins* consulte pour trouver des modules à importer.

### chercheur de chemins

*chercheur* renvoyé par un appelable sur un `sys.path_hooks` (c'est-à-dire un *point d'entrée pour la recherche dans path*) qui sait où trouver des modules lorsqu'on lui donne une *entrée de path*.



Voir `importlib.abc.PathEntryFinder` pour les méthodes qu'un chercheur d'entrée dans *path* doit implémenter.

### point d'entrée pour la recherche dans *path*

A callable on the `sys.path_hooks` list which returns a *path entry finder* if it knows how to find modules on a specific *path entry*.

### chercheur basé sur les chemins

L'un des *chercheurs dans les méta-chemins* par défaut qui cherche des modules dans un *chemin des importations*.

### objet simili-chemin

Objet représentant un chemin du système de fichiers. Un objet simili-chemin est un objet `str` ou un objet `bytes` représentant un chemin ou un objet implémentant le protocole `os.PathLike`. Un objet qui accepte le protocole `os.PathLike` peut être converti en un chemin `str` ou `bytes` du système de fichiers en appelant la fonction `os.fspath()`. `os.fsdecode()` et `os.fsencode()` peuvent être utilisées, respectivement, pour garantir un résultat de type `str` ou `bytes` à la place. A été Introduit par la [PEP 519](#).

### PEP

*Python Enhancement Proposal* (Proposition d'amélioration de Python). Une PEP est un document de conception fournissant des informations à la communauté Python ou décrivant une nouvelle fonctionnalité pour Python, ses processus ou son environnement. Les PEP doivent fournir une spécification technique concise et une justification des fonctionnalités proposées.

Les PEP sont censées être les principaux mécanismes pour proposer de nouvelles fonctionnalités majeures, pour recueillir les commentaires de la communauté sur une question et pour documenter les décisions de conception qui sont intégrées en Python. L'auteur du PEP est responsable de l'établissement d'un consensus au sein de la communauté et de documenter les opinions contradictoires.

Voir la [PEP 1](#).

### portion

Jeu de fichiers dans un seul dossier (pouvant être stocké sous forme de fichier zip) qui contribue à l'espace de nommage d'un paquet, tel que défini dans la [PEP 420](#).

### argument positionnel

Voir *argument*.

### API provisoire

Une API provisoire est une API qui n'offre aucune garantie de rétrocompatibilité (la bibliothèque standard exige la rétrocompatibilité). Bien que des changements majeurs d'une telle interface ne soient pas attendus, tant qu'elle est étiquetée provisoire, des changements cassant la rétrocompatibilité (y compris sa suppression complète) peuvent survenir si les développeurs principaux le jugent nécessaire. Ces modifications ne surviendront que si de sérieux problèmes sont découverts et qu'ils n'avaient pas été identifiés avant l'ajout de l'API.

Même pour les API provisoires, les changements cassant la rétrocompatibilité sont considérés comme des "solutions de dernier recours". Tout ce qui est possible sera fait pour tenter de résoudre les problèmes en conservant la rétrocompatibilité.

Ce processus permet à la bibliothèque standard de continuer à évoluer avec le temps, sans se bloquer longtemps sur des erreurs d'architecture. Voir la [PEP 411](#) pour plus de détails.

### paquet provisoire

Voir *provisional API*.

### Python 3000

Surnom donné à la série des Python 3.x (très vieux surnom donné à l'époque où Python 3 représentait un futur lointain). Aussi abrégé *Py3k*.

### Pythonique

Idée, ou bout de code, qui colle aux idiomes de Python plutôt qu'aux concepts communs rencontrés dans d'autres langages. Par exemple, il est idiomatique en Python de parcourir les éléments d'un itérable en utilisant `for`. Beaucoup d'autres langages n'ont pas cette possibilité, donc les gens qui ne sont pas habitués à Python utilisent parfois un compteur numérique à la place :

```
for i in range(len(food)) :  
    print(food[i])
```

Plutôt qu'utiliser la méthode, plus propre et élégante, donc *Pythonique* :



```
for piece in food:
    print(piece)
```

### nom qualifié

Nom, comprenant des points, montrant le "chemin" de l'espace de nommage global d'un module vers une classe, fonction ou méthode définie dans ce module, tel que défini dans la [PEP 3155](#). Pour les fonctions et classes de premier niveau, le nom qualifié est le même que le nom de l'objet :

```
>>> class C:
...     class D:
...         def meth(self):
...             pass
...
>>> C.__qualname__
'C'
>>> C.D.__qualname__
'C.D'
>>> C.D.meth.__qualname__
'C.D.meth'
```

Lorsqu'il est utilisé pour nommer des modules, le *nom qualifié complet* (*fully qualified name - FQN* en anglais) signifie le chemin complet (séparé par des points) vers le module, incluant tous les paquets parents. Par exemple : `email.mime.text` :

```
>>> import email.mime.text
>>> email.mime.text.__name__
'email.mime.text'
```

### nombre de références

The number of references to an object. When the reference count of an object drops to zero, it is deallocated. Some objects are "immortal" and have reference counts that are never modified, and therefore the objects are never deallocated. Reference counting is generally not visible to Python code, but it is a key element of the *CPython* implementation. Programmers can call the `sys.getrefcount()` function to return the reference count for a particular object.

### paquet classique

*paquet* traditionnel, tel qu'un dossier contenant un fichier `__init__.py`.

Voir aussi *paquet-espace de nommage*.

### `__slots__`

Déclaration dans une classe qui économise de la mémoire en pré-allouant de l'espace pour les attributs des instances et qui élimine le dictionnaire (des attributs) des instances. Bien que populaire, cette technique est difficile à maîtriser et devrait être réservée à de rares cas où un grand nombre d'instances dans une application devient un sujet critique pour la mémoire.

### séquence

An *iterable* which supports efficient element access using integer indices via the `__getitem__()` special method and defines a `__len__()` method that returns the length of the sequence. Some built-in sequence types are `list`, `str`, `tuple`, and `bytes`. Note that `dict` also supports `__getitem__()` and `__len__()`, but is considered a mapping rather than a sequence because the lookups use arbitrary *immutable* keys rather than integers.

The `collections.abc.Sequence` abstract base class defines a much richer interface that goes beyond just `__getitem__()` and `__len__()`, adding `count()`, `index()`, `__contains__()`, and `__reversed__()`. Types that implement this expanded interface can be registered explicitly using `register()`. For more documentation on sequence methods generally, see *Common Sequence Operations*.

### ensemble en compréhension (ou ensemble en intension)

Une façon compacte de traiter tout ou partie des éléments d'un itérable et de renvoyer un *set* avec les résultats. `results = {c for c in 'abracadabra' if c not in 'abc'}` génère l'ensemble contenant les lettres « r » et « d » `{'r', 'd'}`. Voir *comprehensions*.

### distribution simple

Forme de distribution, comme les *fonction génériques*, où l'implémentation est choisie en fonction du type d'un seul argument.

**tranche**

(*slice* en anglais), un objet contenant habituellement une portion de *séquence*. Une tranche est créée en utilisant la notation `[]` avec des `:` entre les nombres lorsque plusieurs sont fournis, comme dans `variable_name[1:3:5]`. Cette notation utilise des objets `slice` en interne.

**méthode spéciale**

(*special method* en anglais) Méthode appelée implicitement par Python pour exécuter une opération sur un type, comme une addition. De telles méthodes ont des noms commençant et terminant par des doubles tirets bas. Les méthodes spéciales sont documentées dans `specialnames`.

**instruction**

Une instruction (*statement* en anglais) est un composant d'un "bloc" de code. Une instruction est soit une *expression*, soit une ou plusieurs constructions basées sur un mot-clé, comme `if`, `while` ou `for`.

**static type checker**

An external tool that reads Python code and analyzes it, looking for issues such as incorrect types. See also *type hints* and the `typing` module.

**référence forte**

In Python's C API, a strong reference is a reference to an object which is owned by the code holding the reference. The strong reference is taken by calling `Py_INCREF()` when the reference is created and released with `Py_DECREF()` when the reference is deleted.

Une référence forte est créée à l'aide de la fonction `Py_NewRef()`. Il faut normalement appeler `Py_DECREF()` dessus avant de sortir de sa portée lexicale, sans quoi il y a une fuite de référence.

Voir aussi *référence empruntée*.

**encodages de texte**

Une chaîne de caractères en Python est une suite de points de code Unicode (dans l'intervalle U+0000--U+10FFFF). Pour stocker ou transmettre une chaîne, il est nécessaire de la sérialiser en suite d'octets.

Sérialiser une chaîne de caractères en une suite d'octets s'appelle « encoder » et recréer la chaîne à partir de la suite d'octets s'appelle « décoder ».

Il existe de multiples codecs pour la sérialisation de texte, que l'on regroupe sous l'expression « encodages de texte ».

**fichier texte**

*Objet fichier* capable de lire et d'écrire des objets `str`. Souvent, un fichier texte (*text file* en anglais) accède en fait à un flux de donnée en octets et gère l'*encodage de texte* automatiquement. Des exemples de fichiers textes sont les fichiers ouverts en mode texte ('r' ou 'w'), `sys.stdin`, `sys.stdout` et les instances de `io.StringIO`.

Voir aussi *fichier binaire* pour un objet fichier capable de lire et d'écrire des *objets octets-compatibles*.

**chaîne entre triple guillemets**

Chaîne qui est délimitée par trois guillemets simples (') ou trois guillemets doubles ("). Bien qu'elle ne fournisse aucune fonctionnalité qui ne soit pas disponible avec une chaîne entre guillemets, elle est utile pour de nombreuses raisons. Elle vous autorise à insérer des guillemets simples et doubles dans une chaîne sans avoir à les protéger et elle peut s'étendre sur plusieurs lignes sans avoir à terminer chaque ligne par un `\`. Elle est ainsi particulièrement utile pour les chaînes de documentation (*docstrings*).

**type**

Le type d'un objet Python détermine quel genre d'objet c'est. Tous les objets ont un type. Le type d'un objet peut être obtenu via son attribut `__class__` ou via `type(obj)`.

**alias de type**

Synonyme d'un type, créé en affectant le type à un identifiant.

Les alias de types sont utiles pour simplifier les *indications de types*. Par exemple :

```
def remove_gray_shades(
    colors: list[tuple[int, int, int]]) -> list[tuple[int, int, int]]:
    pass
```

pourrait être rendu plus lisible comme ceci :

```
Color = tuple[int, int, int]

def remove_gray_shades(colors: list[Color]) -> list[Color]:
    pass
```

Voir `typing` et la [PEP 484](#), qui décrivent cette fonctionnalité.

### indication de type

L'*annotation* qui spécifie le type attendu pour une variable, un attribut de classe, un paramètre de fonction ou une valeur de retour.

Type hints are optional and are not enforced by Python but they are useful to *static type checkers*. They can also aid IDEs with code completion and refactoring.

Les indications de type de variables globales, d'attributs de classe et de fonctions, mais pas de variables locales, peuvent être consultées en utilisant `typing.get_type_hints()`.

Voir `typing` et la [PEP 484](#), qui décrivent cette fonctionnalité.

### retours à la ligne universels

Une manière d'interpréter des flux de texte dans lesquels sont reconnues toutes les fins de ligne suivantes : la convention Unix `'\n'`, la convention Windows `'\r\n'` et l'ancienne convention Macintosh `'\r'`. Voir la [PEP 278](#) et la [PEP 3116](#), ainsi que la fonction `bytes.splitlines()` pour d'autres usages.

### annotation de variable

*annotation* d'une variable ou d'un attribut de classe.

Lorsque vous annotez une variable ou un attribut de classe, l'affectation est facultative :

```
class C:
    field: 'annotation'
```

Les annotations de variables sont généralement utilisées pour des *indications de types* : par exemple, cette variable devrait prendre des valeurs de type `int` :

```
count: int = 0
```

La syntaxe d'annotation de variable est expliquée dans la section [annassign](#).

Reportez-vous à [annotation de fonction](#), à la [PEP 484](#) et à la [PEP 526](#) qui décrivent cette fonctionnalité. Voir aussi [annotations-howto](#) sur les bonnes pratiques concernant les annotations.

### environnement virtuel

Environnement d'exécution isolé (en mode coopératif) qui permet aux utilisateurs de Python et aux applications d'installer et de mettre à jour des paquets sans interférer avec d'autres applications Python fonctionnant sur le même système.

Voir aussi `venv`.

### machine virtuelle

Ordinateur défini entièrement par du logiciel. La machine virtuelle (*virtual machine*) de Python exécute le *code intermédiaire* produit par le compilateur de *bytecode*.

### Le zen de Python

Liste de principes et de préceptes utiles pour comprendre et utiliser le langage. Cette liste peut être obtenue en tapant `"import this"` dans une invite Python interactive.



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Histoire et licence

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## C.1 Histoire du logiciel

Python a été créé au début des années 1990 par Guido van Rossum, au Stichting Mathematisch Centrum (CWI, voir <https://www.cwi.nl/>) aux Pays-Bas en tant que successeur d'un langage appelé ABC. Guido est l'auteur principal de Python, bien qu'il inclut de nombreuses contributions de la part d'autres personnes.

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```
A C-program for MT19937, with initialization improved 2002/1/26.
Coded by Takuji Nishimura and Makoto Matsumoto.

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```

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