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RefCount++

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Memory Management



Reference Counting

Garbage Collector



Счетчик ссылок нужен,
потому что железо
неэффективно,
мы все еще не изобрели
бесконечный объем памяти

| Python Name |
|-------------|
| x |

| Python Name |
|-------------|
| y |

| PyObject | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Type | integer |
| Value | 2337 |
| Reference Count | 0 |

| PyObject | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Type | integer |
| Value | 2338 |
| Reference Count | 2 |



| Python Name |
|-------------|
| x |

| Python Name |
|-------------|
| y |

| PyObject | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Type | integer |
| Value | 2338 |
| Reference Count | 1 |

| PyObject | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Type | integer |
| Value | 2339 |
| Reference Count | 1 |

| PyObject | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Type | integer |
| Value | 2337 |
| Reference Count | 0 |

RefCount macros



Py_INCREF

Py_DECREF



Py_INCREF

```
625 static inline Py_ALWAYS_INLINE void Py_INCREF(PyObject *op)
1 {
2 #if defined(Py_LIMITED_API) && (Py_LIMITED_API+0 >= 0x030c0000 || defined(Py_REF_DEBUG))
3 // Stable ABI implements Py_INCREF() as a function call on limited C API
4 // version 3.12 and newer, and on Python built in debug mode. _Py_IncRef()
5 // was added to Python 3.10.0a7, use Py_IncRef() on older Python versions.
6 // Py_IncRef() accepts NULL whereas _Py_IncRef() doesn't.
7 # if Py_LIMITED_API+0 >= 0x030a00A7
8 _Py_IncRef(op);
9 # else
10 Py_IncRef(op);
11 # endif
12 #else
13 // Non-limited C API and limited C API for Python 3.9 and older access
14 // directly PyObject.ob_refcnt.
15 #if SIZEOF_VOID_P > 4
16 // Portable saturated add, branching on the carry flag and set low bits
17 PY_UINT32_T cur_refcnt = op->ob_refcnt_split[PY_BIG_ENDIAN];
18 PY_UINT32_T new_refcnt = cur_refcnt + 1;
19 if (new_refcnt == 0) {
20     return;
21 }
22 op->ob_refcnt_split[PY_BIG_ENDIAN] = new_refcnt;
23 #else
24 // Explicitly check immortality against the immortal value
25 if (_Py_IsImmortal(op)) {
26     return;
27 }
28 op->ob_refcnt++;
29 #endif
30 _Py_INCREF_STAT_INC();
31 #ifdef Py_REF_DEBUG
32 _Py_INCREF_IncRefTotal();
33 #endif
34 #endif
35 }
```

Py_DECREF

```
#define Py_DECREF(op) Py_DECREF(_PyObject_CAST(op))
#elif defined(Py_REF_DEBUG)
static inline void Py_DECREF(const char *filename, int lineno, PyObject *op)
{
    if (op->ob_refcnt <= 0) {
        _Py_NegativeRefcount(filename, lineno, op);
    }
    if (_Py_IsImmortal(op)) {
        return;
    }
    _Py_DECREF_STAT_INC();
    _Py_DECREF_DecRefTotal();
    if (--op->ob_refcnt == 0) {
        _Py_Dealloc(op);
    }
}
#define Py_DECREF(op) Py_DECREF(__FILE__, __LINE__, _PyObject_CAST(op))
#else
static inline Py_ALWAYS_INLINE void Py_DECREF(PyObject *op)
{
    // Non-limited C API and limited C API for Python 3.9 and older access
    // directly PyObject.ob_refcnt.
    if (_Py_IsImmortal(op)) {
        return;
    }
    _Py_DECREF_STAT_INC();
    if (--op->ob_refcnt == 0) {
        _Py_Dealloc(op);
    }
}
#define Py_DECREF(op) Py_DECREF(_PyObject_CAST(op))
#endif
```



```
1  |import ctypes
1
2  |ref = ctypes.c_long.from_address
3
4
5  |class A:
6  |    |def __init__(self) -> None:
7  |    |    |self.my_obj_attr: str = "This is kakoyto text"
8
```

```
def exp_0() -> None:
```

```
    a = A()  
    a_id = id(a)
```

```
    ref_a = ref(a_id).value  
    print(f"1 - obj a. Obj id {a_id = }")  
    print(f"2 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")  
    print("*" * 10)
```

```
    b = a
```

```
    ref_a = ref(a_id).value  
    print(f"3 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")  
    print("*" * 10)
```

```
    del b  
    ref_a = ref(a_id).value  
    print(f"4 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")  
    print("*" * 10)
```

```
    ref_a = ref(a_id).value  
    print(f"5 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")  
    raw_id_value = ctypes.cast(a_id, ctypes.py_object).value  
    print(f"Obj a. Value from id {raw_id_value = }")  
    print(raw_id_value.my_obj_attr)  
    print("*" * 10)
```



```
(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py  
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4302858208  
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1  
*****  
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2  
*****  
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1  
*****  
5 - a. Ref count ref_a = 1  
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x1007867e0>  
This is kakoyto text  
*****
```



```
1 def exp_0() -> None:
2
3     a = A()
4     a_id = id(a)
5
6     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
7     print(f"1 - obj a. Obj id {a_id = }")
8     print(f"2 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
9     print("*" * 10)
10
11    b = a
12
13    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
14    print(f"3 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
15    print("*" * 10)
16
17    del b
18    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
19    print(f"4 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
20    print("*" * 10)
21
22    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
23    print(f"5 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
24    raw_id_value = ctypes.cast(a_id, ctypes.py_object).value
25    print(f"Obj a. Value from id {raw_id_value = }")
26    print(raw_id_value.my_obj_attr)
27    print("*" * 10)
28
29    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
30    print(f"6 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
31    print("*" * 10)
32
33    del raw_id_value
34    del a
35    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
36    print(f"7 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
37    print("*" * 10)
```

```
(memory-test-py3.12) -> memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4302858208
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
5 - a. Ref count ref_a = 1
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x1007867e0>
This is kakoyto text
*****
6 - a. Ref count ref_a = 2
*****
7 - a. Ref count ref_a = 0
*****
```



```
1 def exp_0() -> None:
2     gc.disable()
3
4     a = A()
5     a_id = id(a)
6
7     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
8     print(f"1 - obj a. Obj id {a_id = }")
9     print(f"2 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
10    print("*" * 10)
11
12    b = a
13
14    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
15    print(f"3 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
16    print("*" * 10)
17
18    del b
19    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
20    print(f"4 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
21    print("*" * 10)
22
23    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
24    print(f"5 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
25    raw_id_value = ctypes.cast(a_id, ctypes.py_object).value
26    print(f"Obj a. Value from id {raw_id_value = }")
27    print(raw_id_value.my_obj_attr)
28    print("*" * 10)
29
30    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
31    print(f"6 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
32    print("*" * 10)
33
34    del raw_id_value
35    del a
36    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
37    print(f"7 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
38    print("*" * 10)
```

```
(memory-test-py3.12) -> memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4302858208
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
5 - a. Ref count ref_a = 1
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x1007867e0>
This is kakoyto text
*****
6 - a. Ref count ref_a = 2
*****
7 - a. Ref count ref_a = 0
*****
```

```
(memory-test-py3.12) -> memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4311607264
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
5 - a. Ref count ref_a = 1
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x100fde7e0>
This is kakoyto text
*****
6 - a. Ref count ref_a = 2
*****
7 - a. Ref count ref_a = 0
*****
```

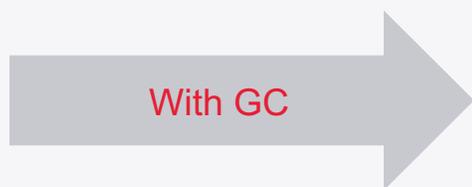
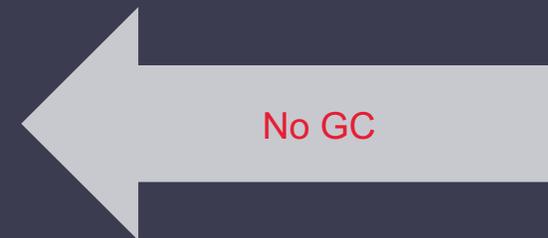


```
1 def exp_1() -> None:
2     a = A()
3     a_id = id(a)
4
5     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
6     print(f"1 - obj a. Obj id {a_id = }")
7     print(f"2 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
8     print("*" * 10)
9
10    del a
11    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
12    print(f"3 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
13    raw_id_value = ctypes.cast(a_id, ctypes.py_object).value
14    print(f"Obj a. Value from id {raw_id_value = }")
15    print(raw_id_value.my_obj_attr)
16    print("*" * 10)
17
18
19 if __name__ == "__main__":
20     a_id = exp_1()
```

```
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4379750480
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
3 - a. Ref count ref_a = 0
[1] 79922 segmentation fault python main.py
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test █
```



```
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4300501216
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
3 - a. Ref count ref_a = 0
[1]      80685 segmentation fault python main.py
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test █
```



```
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4379750480
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
3 - a. Ref count ref_a = 0
[1]      79922 segmentation fault python main.py
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test █
```



```
1 def exp_2() -> int:
2     a = A()
3     a_id = id(a)
4
5     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
6     print(f"1 - obj a. Obj id {a_id = }")
7     print(f"2 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
8     print("*" * 10)
9     return ref_a
10
11
12 if __name__ == "__main__":
13     a_id = exp_2()
14     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
15     print(f"3 - a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
16     raw_id_value = ctypes.cast(a_id, ctypes.py_object).value
17     print(f"Obj a. Value from id {raw_id_value = }")
18     print(raw_id_value.my_obj_attr)
19     print("*" * 10)
20
```

```
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Obj id a_id = 4299766144
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
[1]      89812 segmentation fault python main.py
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test █
```

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```
12 static inline void Py_DECREF(const char *filename, int lineno, PyObject *op)
11 {
10     if (op->ob_refcnt <= 0) {
9         _Py_NegativeRefCount(filename, lineno, op);
8     }
7     if (_Py_IsImmortal(op)) {
6         return;
5     }
4     _Py_DECREF_STAT_INC();
3     _Py_DECREF_DecRefTotal();
2     // if (--op->ob_refcnt == 0) {
1     //     _Py_Dealloc(op);
592 // }
1 }
2 #define Py_DECREF(op) Py_DECREF(__FILE__, __LINE__, _PyObject_CAST(op))
3
4 #else
5 static inline Py_ALWAYS_INLINE void Py_DECREF(PyObject *op)
6 {
7     // Non-limited C API and limited C API for Python 3.9 and older access
8     // directly PyObject.ob_refcnt.
9     if (_Py_IsImmortal(op)) {
10         return;
11     }
12     _Py_DECREF_STAT_INC();
13     // if (--op->ob_refcnt == 0) {
14     //     _Py_Dealloc(op);
15     // }
16 }
17 #define Py_DECREF(op) Py_DECREF(_PyObject_CAST(op))
18 #endif
```

No RefCount



```
1 def _exp_3() -> int:
2     a = A()
3     a_id = id(a)
4
5     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
6     print(f"1 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
7     b = a
8     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
9     print(f"2 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
10    del b
11    ref_a = ref(a_id).value
12    print(f"3 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
13    print("*" * 10)
14    return a_id
15
16
17 def exp_3() -> None:
18     a_id = _exp_3()
19     ref_a = ref(a_id).value
20     print(f"4 - obj a. Ref count {ref_a = }")
21     raw_id_value = ctypes.cast(a_id, ctypes.py_object).value
22     print(f"Obj a. Value from id {raw_id_value = }")
23     print(raw_id_value.my_obj_attr)
24     print("*" * 10)
25
```

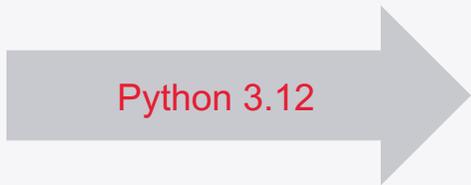
```
1 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 4
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 5
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 5
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 5
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x100af95b0>
['This is kakoyto text']
*****
```



```
➤ cpython git:(v3.12.1) x ./python.exe /Users/Shared/demo/memory_test/main.py
1 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 0
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x10587cb60>
['This is kakoyto text']
*****
➤ cpython git:(v3.12.1) x █
```



```
➤ cpython git:(v3.12.1) x ./python.exe /Users/Shared/demo/memory_test/main.py
1 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 0
Obj a. Value from id raw_id_value = <__main__.A object at 0x1030ed7c0>
['This is kakoyto text']
*****
```



```
➤ (memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py
1 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
2 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 2
3 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 1
*****
4 - obj a. Ref count ref_a = 0
[1] 55170 segmentation fault python main.py
➤ (memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test █
```

GC и Linked List



```
1 class Node:
2     def __init__(self, val: int, next: Self | None = None) -> None:
3         self.val: int = val
4         self.next: Self | None = next
5
6     def __str__(self) -> str:
7         return f"Node val is {self.val}"
8
```

GC и Linked List



```
1 def _exp_5() -> int:
2     root = Node(val=0)
3
4     root_id = id(root)
5     root_ref_count = ref(root_id).value
6     print("1", f"root ref count {root_ref_count} = {root_ref_count}")
7
8     root.next = Node(
9         val=1,
10        next=Node(
11            val=2,
12            next=root,
13        ),
14    )
15    root_ref_count = ref(root_id).value
16    print("2", f"root ref count {root_ref_count} = {root_ref_count}")
17
18    del root
19    root_ref_count = ref(root_id).value
20    print("3", f"root ref count {root_ref_count} = {root_ref_count}")
21    print("4.0 -> ", ctypes.cast(root_id, ctypes.py_object).value)
22    print("4.1 -> ", ctypes.cast(root_id, ctypes.py_object).value.next)
23    print("*" * 10)
24
25    # gc.collect()
26
27    return root_id
28
29
30 def exp_5() -> None:
31     root_id = _exp_5()
32     print("5 -> ", ctypes.cast(root_id, ctypes.py_object).value)
33     print("*" * 10)
```

```
(memory-test-py3.12) -> memory_test python main.py
1 root ref count root_ref_count = 1
2 root ref count root_ref_count = 2
3 root ref count root_ref_count = 1
4.0 -> Node val is 0
4.1 -> Node val is 1
*****
5 -> Node val is 0
*****
```

GC и Linked List



```
1 gc.collect() ←
2
3 return root_id
4
5
6 def exp_5() -> None:
7     root_id = _exp_5()
8     print("5 -> ", ctypes.cast(root_id, ctypes.py_object).value)
9     print("*" * 10)
10
```

```
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test python main.py
1 root ref count root_ref_count = 1
2 root ref count root_ref_count = 2
3 root ref count root_ref_count = 1
4.0 -> Node val is 0
4.1 -> Node val is 1
*****
[1] 32715 segmentation fault python main.py
▶(memory-test-py3.12) → memory_test █
```

Тест памяти



```
1 def _exp_6() -> None:
2   ▲ |   some_list: list[int] = [i for i in range(1_000_000)]
3
4
5   def exp_6() -> None:
6     |   # gc.disable()
7     |   while True:
8     |     |   _exp_6()
9
10
11  if __name__ == "__main__":
12  |   exp_6()
```

Тест памяти



```
1  def _exp_6() -> None:
2  ⚠ |     some_list: list[int] = [i for i in range(1_000_000)]
3
4
5  def exp_6() -> None:
6  |     gc.disable() ←
7  |     while True:
8  |         _exp_6()
9
10
11 if __name__ == "__main__":
12 |     exp_6()
```



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