

Pattern	Example	Meaning
Single Underscore	_	Sometimes used as a name for temporary or insignificant variables (“don’t care”). Used in for loops and such. Also: The result of the last expression in a Python REPL (we’ll discuss this later)
Single Trailing Underscore	var_	Used by convention to avoid naming conflicts with Python keywords. Eg. class_, try_
Double Leading and Trailing Underscore	__var__	Indicates special methods defined by the Python language. Avoid this naming scheme for your own attributes.
Double Leading Underscore	__var	Triggers name mangling when used in a class context. Enforced by the Python interpreter. Mimics private behavior.
Single Leading Underscore	_var	Naming convention indicating a name is meant for internal (private) use. Not enforced by the Python interpreter and meant as a hint to the programmer only. Also affects Wildcard imports (we’ll discuss this later)