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Everything will be
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A code editor window showing Python code. The code defines a variable `f` as an open file object for reading ("r") and then calls the `readlines()` method on it. The output is a list containing two strings: "hello text file \n" and "goodbye text file \n". A blue arrow points to the `f.readlines()` line.

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We get a list of strings where each element in the list is a line

Reading from Files

Read all the lines at one into a list



`readlines()` method + string methods:

```
f= open("myFile.txt", "r")
lines = f.readlines()
for line in lines:
    print(line.strip(' \n').split(' '))
```

```
['hello', 'text', 'file']
['goodbye', 'text', 'file']
```

```
lines
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```
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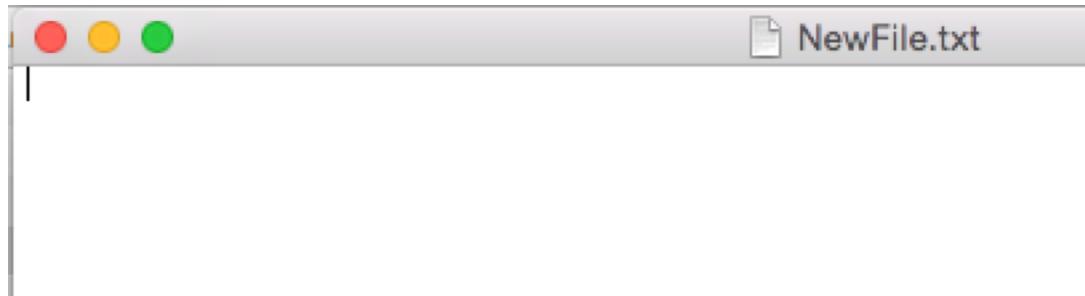
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```

```
lines
```

```
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```

Writing to Files

Writing to files



Open file:

```
f= open("NewFile.txt", "w")
```

- Creates new blank .txt file called “NewFile.txt” that we can then write too.
- If this file exists, then it will overwrite it with a blank file...so be careful.

Writing to Files

Writing to files



write() method:

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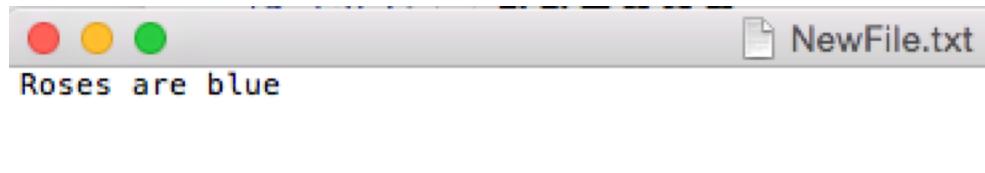
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```
f= open("NewFile.txt", "w")
f.write("Roses are blue")
```

We can only write strings to files

Files

Writing to files

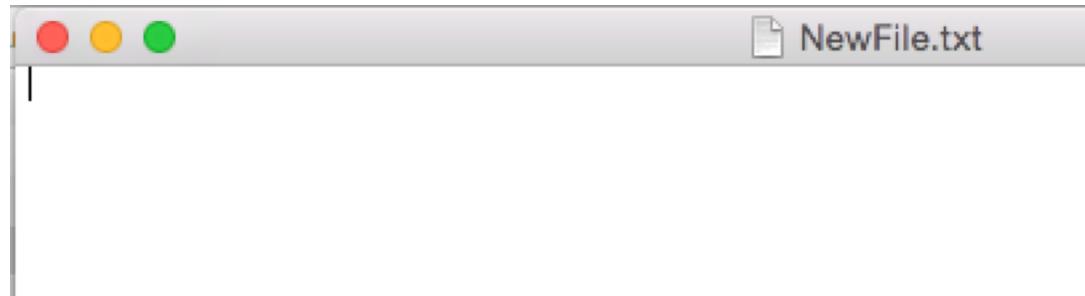


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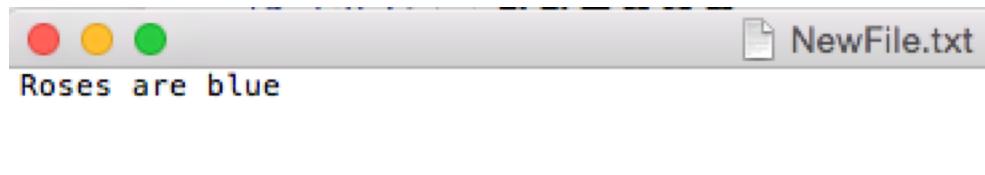


write() method:

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→ f= open("NewFile.txt", "w")
    f.write("Roses are blue")
    f.write("Violets are red")
    f.close()
```

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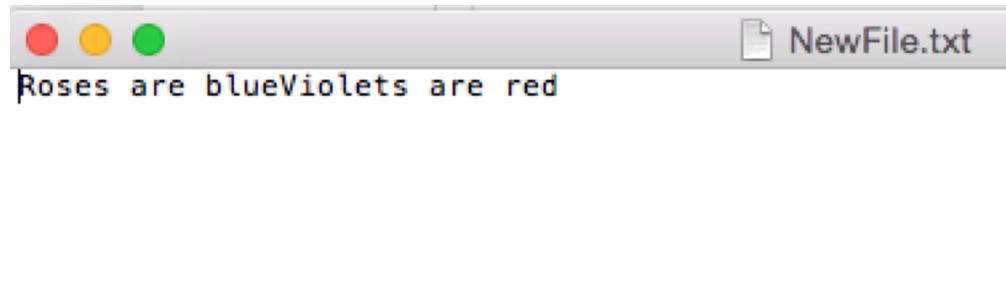


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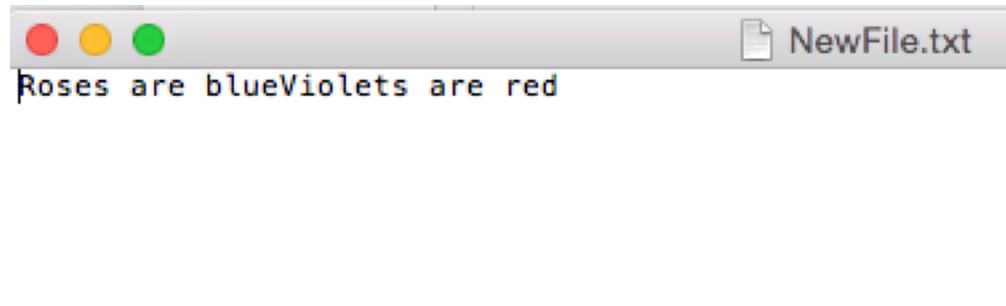


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We wanted to print the second line on a new line!

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```
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f.write("Roses are blue\n")
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f.close()
```

\n = new line

Appending to Files

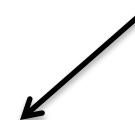
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Will not overwrite
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write() method:

```
f= open("NewFile.txt", "a")
f.write("\nOops...I messed up")
f.close()
```



Appending to Files

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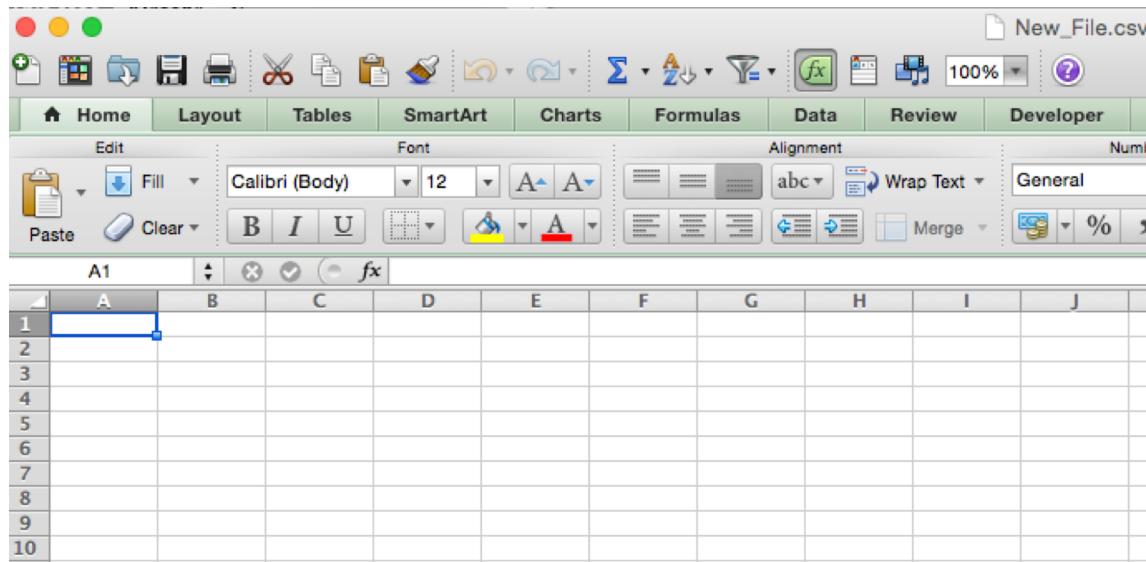


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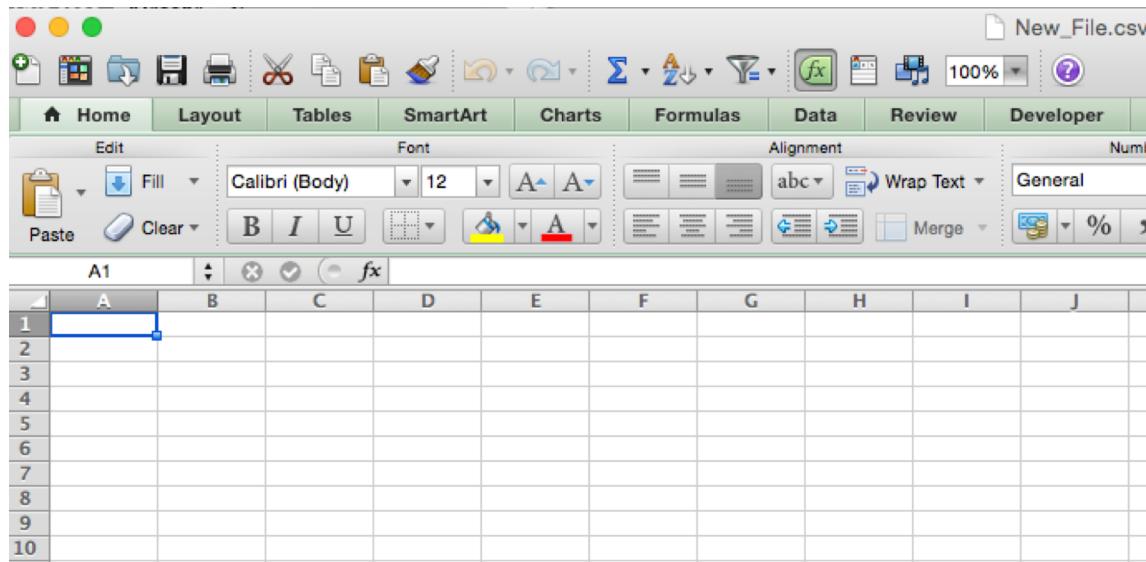
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Writing Variables



```
#Create blank csv
f = open("New_File.csv", "w")
```

Writing Variables

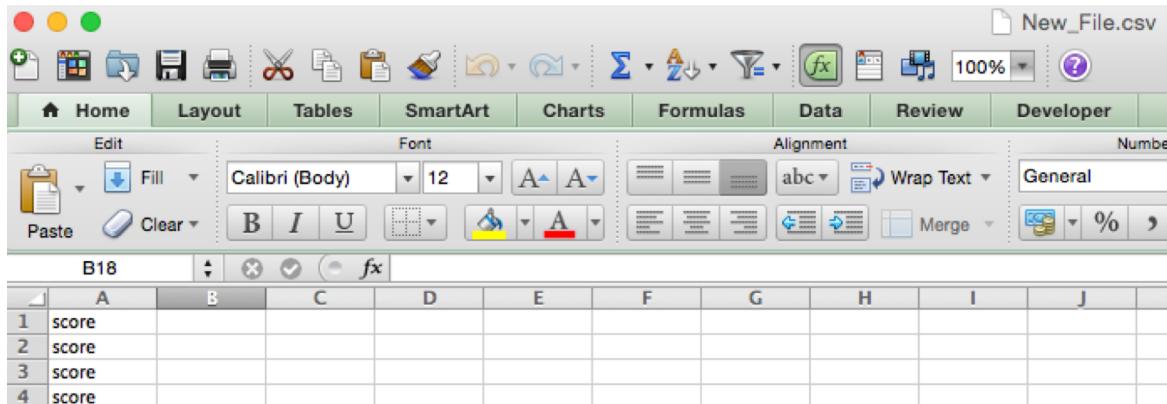


```
#Create blank csv
f = open("New_File.csv", "w")
```

```
#Write column name
score_list = [93,100, 74,50]
for score in score_list:
    f.write("score \n")
```

← Always write a string

Writing Variables



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	score									
2	score									
3	score									
4	score									

```
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#Write column name
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We write the word score instead of each of the scores!

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```
num_cookies = 10
sentence = "I ate num_cookies cookies"
```

```
sentence
```

```
'I ate num_cookies cookies'
```



Wanted sentence to be equal to
the string “I ate 10 cookies”

Formatting String - Integers

To format strings:

1. On the left of the % operator, provide a format string containing one or more embedded conversion targets, each of which starts with a %.
2. On the right side of the % operator, provide the object (or objects, embedded in a tuple) that you want Python to insert into the format string on the left in place of the conversion targets.

```
num_cookies = 10
sentence = "I ate %d cookies" %num_cookies
```



Conversion Targets:

- %d = replace with integer
- %s = replace with string
- %f = replace with float

Variable value to insert

Formatting String - Integers

```
num_cookies = 10
sentence = "I ate %d cookies" %num_cookies
```

```
sentence
```

```
'I ate 10 cookies'
```

```
day = 2
sentence = "His birthday is 4/%d/1996" %day
```

```
sentence
```

```
'His birthday is 4/2/1996'
```

```
frac_cookies = 10.5
sentence = "I ate %d cookies" %frac_cookies
```

```
sentence
```

```
'I ate 10 cookies'
```

Formatting String - Floats

```
frac_cookies = 10.546
sentence = "I ate %f cookies" %frac_cookies
```

```
sentence
```

```
'I ate 10.546000 cookies'
```



%f for inserting float (decimal)

Formatting String - Floats

```
frac_cookies = 10.546
sentence = "I ate %f cookies" %frac_cookies
```

```
sentence
```

```
'I ate 10.546000 cookies'
```



%f for inserting float (decimal)

How do I control number of decimal points?

Formatting String - Floats

```
frac_cookies = 10.546
#No extra formatting
sentence = "I ate %f cookies" %frac_cookies

sentence
```

```
'I ate 10.546000 cookies'
```

```
#One decimal point
sentence = "I ate %0.1f cookies" %frac_cookies

sentence
```

```
'I ate 10.5 cookies'
```

```
#Three decimal points
sentence = "I ate %0.3f cookies" %frac_cookies

sentence
```

```
'I ate 10.546 cookies'
```

Formatting String - Strings

```
name = "Charlie"  
  
greeting = "Hello there, %s!" %name  
greeting
```

```
'Hello there, Charlie!'
```

```
num_str = '6'  
sentence = "He ate %s slices" %num_str  
sentence
```

```
'He ate 6 slices'
```

Formatting String - Strings

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greeting
```

```
'Hello there, Charlie!'
```

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sentence
```

```
'He ate 6 slices'
```



Hi!

Formatting String- Multiple Replacements

```
goals = 8
assists = 10
#Two conversions, both integers
sentence = "He has %d goals and %d assists" %(goals, assists)

sentence
'He has 8 goals and 10 assists'
```

- Give variable names as a tuple
- Order matters



Formatting String- Multiple Replacements

```
name = "Joe"  
GPA = 3.96  
sentence= "%s has a GPA of %0.2f" %(name, GPA)
```

```
sentence
```

```
'Joe has a GPA of 3.96'
```

```
name = "Joe"  
GPA = 3.96  
num_years = 2  
sentence= "%s has a GPA of %0.2f after %d years of school" %(name, GPA, num_years)
```

```
sentence
```

```
'Joe has a GPA of 3.96 after 2 years of school'
```

Back to Writing to Files

```
#Write column name  
score_list = [93,100, 74,50]  
for score in score_list:  
    f.write("%d \n" %score)  
  
f.close()
```