

Reference: the print() syntax:  
**print**(objects, sep=',', end='\n')

## Formatting Options

**INTERPOLATION:** "Old Style" formatting operator % - to be deprecated, most widely used, has bugs

1. string with **format**/insert (%) spec(s) % (insert values)  
print("The cost of %d widgets is \$%.2f each %s." % (5, 202.95, "Ed"))  
The cost of 5 widgets is \$ 202.95 each Ed.

Start of  
format  
specifier

# : alternate form, 0 : zero padded,  
- : left adjusted, ' ' (space) : space before  
pos numbers, + : sign +/- required

Precision starts with a decimal point  
followed by an integer specifying places

len mod was planned but  
not implemented

Note: [in brackets] means optional, ↗ means yields or returns  
There are 2 syntax formats:

2. "format string" % value to format

sft="11.4f" \ print((sft)%(-7.5129870) ↗ -7.5130  
sft is a string variable to hold the format spec statement ->  
min field width (11), precision(.) 4 digits(4), floating point (f)

% [(dict key)] [conversion flags] [minimum field width [\*]] [precision: .## or [\*]] **conversion type**

Mapping key in  
parens for a  
dictionary value

Example of format string:  
%-14.4f ↗ left adj, min 14  
char, 4 decimal places, float-  
ing point or %("key1")s  
use dict value for a string

integer specifying  
the minimum  
field width

[https://docs.python.org/2/library/  
stdtypes.html#string-formatting](https://docs.python.org/2/library/stdtypes.html#string-formatting)

i/d : signed integer decimal  
o : signed octal  
x : signed hex lower case  
X : signed hex upper case  
e : flt pt exp lower case

E : flt pt exp upper case  
f : floating point dec format  
r : string using repr()  
s : string using str()

Recommended over interpolation: **format FUNCTION** and **format METHOD** both use the same format **mini-language** (available in Python 3.5) to construct the format string. Can be VERY confusing to a new student  
**string format method: numerical:** "{:format str\*1}".format(value) \*1written in mini-language, see below  
**string format method: substitution:** "string with {replacement fields\*2}".format(replacement source) - see pg 2  
\*2replacement field: {[field name] [! r/s/a] [:" format\_spec]} ex: '{0[2]!r:>5}' = 3<sup>rd</sup> tuple val, call repr(), rt align 5 spc  
**format function**(value, [format\_spec]): easiest to use but does not support any substitution fields - only string and number **format and conversion**. format( 12345.67890, '0'+20,.3f') \*1written in mini-language, see below

What the **format symbols** above mean: "{: use format string (string format); 0 fill number with this character; = pad after sign but before number; + use a sign; 20 required width in characters; , use commas to show thousands; .3 set (3 in this case) digit precision; f number type; }" - close

How the **mini-language** statements are ordered and structured in general: (Note: symbols must be in the order as shown below!)

IF align used;  
can be any  
character

With sign: " " (space) force leading space  
on + and - sign; + sign all; - neg only

forces 0 between sign &  
number when no align  
specified; like '0='

thousands separator (,) 000 - can't use with 'n'

width in chars

decimal places

[[fill] align] [sign] [# -alt form] [0 force padding default] [width] [\_,] [.precision] [types]

<, >, ^ (centered), or =  
'=' forces padding after a sign

Floats/Decimal - always have dec point; integers ->  
hex, oct, binary - add 0x/0o/0b; 'g'/'G' - retain zeros

**format(val, spec):**  
examples

**Integer types:**

**b** - binary  
**c** - Unicode char  
**d** - base 10 integer  
**o** - Octal  
**x** - Hex - lower cs  
**X** - Hex - upper cs  
**n** - like d but uses local  
separator definitions  
**Float/decimal types:**  
**e** - scientific, e - exponent  
**E** - E for exponent  
**f** - fixed point (default 6)  
**F** - fixed, NAN and INF  
**g** - general format, rounds  
and formats  
**n** - like g but uses local  
separator definitions  
**%** - percentage, \* 100,  
adds "%";  
**None** - g except 1 num > .  
**String: s** - string format,  
can be omitted

**Numeric output examples:** using 12345.6789, -12345.6721, 1234, 10000000

Format spec string	Yields	Note "   " symbol is col border	Description
".3f"	12345.679 -12345.672 1234.000 10000000.000		fixed, 3 places, float
".,2f"	12,345.68 -12,345.67 1,234.00 10,000,000.00		comma sep, fixed, 2 places, float
"13,.2f"	12,345.68  -12,345.67  1,234.00 10,000,000.00		width=15, comma sep, fixed, 3 places, float
"^13,.0f"	12,346   -12,346   1,234   10,000,000		center, width=15, comma, fixed, 3 places, float
"^13,e"	1.234568e+04 -1.234567e+04 1.234000e+03 1.000000e+07		center, set width (15), scientific
"~^13,.0f"	~12,346~ ~12,346~ ~1,234~ ~10,000,000~		fill ~, ctr, width=15, commas, 0 dec places, float
"+,.0f"	+12,346 -12,346 +1,234 +10,000,000		sign, comma sep, fixed, no dec places, float
"=+13,.0f"	+ 12,346 - 12,346 + 1,234 + 10,000,000		pad _ after sign, sign, comma, no dec plcs, float
".,1%"	1,234,567.9% 1,234,567.2% 123,400.0% 1,000,000,000.0%		comma sep, 1 place, *100 & add %
	using 17 and 256 and 65534 and 65536		
"x^10d"	xxxx17xxxx xxx-256xxx xx65534xxx xx65536xxx		fill w/ x, center, width=10, integer (base 10)
">#12X"	0X11  -0X100  0XFFFE  0X10000		right align, width=12, hex (uppercase)
"b"	10001 -100000000 1111111111111110 10000000000000000		Binary conversion

### string format: Ordering or Substituting text and numbers in statements

This syntax is in 3 PARTS: **Part 1** is **either** a way to identify which value is referenced by the literal or data container between the parens of .format(), for example '{0}' to select a data value, **or** a format spec designated by following the opening '{' with ':' ; for example '{:0=+20,.3f}'. **Part2** is the command - **.format()**

**Part 3** is the literal strings or data containers referenced inside the .format parens. Look at it like this :

print (string with {selection values} [{x}{x}...] .format(-/\*/\*- source for selection/insertion))

↗ a string with embedded values in {} brackets holding a  
selection index **or** a format specification { in mini-language

**.format**

literal values; a **tuple** to unpack preceded by a single \*; **multi-**  
ple tuple items coded in the print string: [tup#[item#]]; a **dicti-**  
onary to reference for keys coded in print string, preceded by \*\*

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Examples using the order and replacement functions of `str.format()`: string & `subs.format( subs source)`

## Objects in the following examples

```
OrderString = '{1}, {0}, {2}'
StoogeTuple = ('Larry', 'Moe', 'Curley')
ShirtTuple = ('red', 'white', 'blue', 'purple')
StoogeDict = {'Straight': 'Larry',
'Dunce': 'Moe', 'Foil': 'Curley', 'Boob': 'Don'}
PetDict = {1: "cow", 2: "dog", 3: "fish"}
```

```
class Flowers(object):
    def __init__(self,
center, petals):
        self.center=center
        self.petals=petals
Daisy = Flowers
("black", "yellow")
```

```
# Simple selection and ordering of values with literals
mystring = "The tourney ranking: {1}, {3}, {0}".format /
('Larry', 'Moe', 'Curley', 'Donald')
print(mystring) # The tourney ranking is: Moe, Donald, Larry
# String holding substitution/replacement selections
print("The tourney rank is: " + OrderString.format('Abe', 'Bob', 'Cal', 'Don'))
# The tourney rank is: Bob, Abe, Cal
# Named items
print("Winners: {FirstPlace}, {SecondPlace}".format (FirstPlace =
"Bob", SecondPlace ="Don")) # Winners: Bob, Don
# Use * to unpack a single tuple (but not a list)
print("The stooges are: {2}, {1}, and {0}.".format /
(*StoogeTuple)) # note * & sub syntax
# The stooges are: Curley, Moe, and Larry.
# Use the {0[value index]} without having to use *
print("My favorite stooge is {0[0]}.".format(StoogeTuple))
# My favorite stooge is Larry.
```

```
# The [0[]] structure enables us to select from multiple tuples
print("I saw {0[1]} in a {1[2]} shirt.".format(StoogeTuple, /
ShirtTuple)) # I saw Moe in a blue shirt.
# Use ** to access dictionary values by their keys
print("The stooges are: {Straight}, {Foil}, {Dunce}.".format
(**StoogeDict)) # note ** "dictionary is external"
# The stooges are: Larry, Curley, Moe.
# Select a single dictionary item
print("My favorite stooge is {Foil}.".format(**StoogeDict))
# My favorite stooge is Curley.
# A single dictionary item using the {x[]} format and keyword
print("One stooge is {0[Foil]}.".format(StoogeDict))
# One stooge is Curley.
# Select multiple items from multiple dictionaries using keywords
print("It look like {0[Straight]} has a {1[1]} and a /
{1[2]} ".format(StoogeDict, PetDict ))
# It look like Larry has a cow and a dog
# Refer to an object's attribute # combine with a class - very powerful
print("Its petals are bright {0.petals}.".format(Daisy))
# Its petals are bright yellow.
# using !r and !s - example borrowed from
https://docs.python.org/3/library/string.html#formatspec
print("repr() shows quotes: {!r}; str() doesn't: {!s}.".format /
('test1', 'test2')) #best possible example we could imagine
# repr() shows quotes: 'test1'; str() doesn't: test2
```

## Built-in String Format Methods

```
.capitalize() -1st letter
.center(width[, fillchar default: space])
.ljust( width[, fillchar] ) -justify
.rjust(width[, fillchar]) -right justify
.upper() -converted to uppercase
.lower( ) -convert to lowercase
.strip( [chars] ) -remove leading and
trailing chars
.lstrip([chars]) -remove leading chars
.rstrip( [chars]) -remove trailing chars
.title() -return a titlecased version
.zfill(width) - left fill with 0 to width
.swapcase()
```

**Template strings:** A simple substitution function imported from the **string module**. (from **string import Template**) To keep it simple: (1) use the **Template** function to build a variable with named objects preceded by **\$** to be replaced with subs, (2) then use **substitute(map object, \*\*kwargs)** on that variable to define replacement values and build the string. (**\$** escapes and yields **\$**)

```
from string import Template
stoogeDict= {'L': "Larry", "M": "Moe", "C": "Curley"}
funnyStr= Template("$C handed the goat to $L and butted $M.")
funnyStr= funnyStr.substitute(stoogeDict)
print(funnyStr)
# Curley handed the goat to Larry and butted Moe.
....put together more succinctly
print(Template("$M and $C butted $L's goat.").substitute
(stoogeDict))
# Moe and Curley butted Larry's goat.
```

Template strings are easy,  
but VERY slow to execute!

**.format dates:** the easy way  
**import datetime**  
`d = datetime.datetime(1948, 1, 19);`  
`print('{:%m/%d/%Y}'.format(d))`  
01/19/1948

New in version 3.6: **f-strings - formatted string literals** - prefixed with letters **f** or **F**

for more see: [https://docs.python.org/3/reference/lexical\\_analysis.html#f-strings](https://docs.python.org/3/reference/lexical_analysis.html#f-strings) (2.4.3 Formatted string literals), ALSO see PEP 498

Text except `}`, `{`, or `NULL` - `{& }` are  
replaced with single braces

`"s"` | `"r"` | `"a"`  
`str()`, `repr()`, `ascii()`

See mini-language described in **format()**  
Ex: `format(string/number, 'o'+20, '3f')` explained on  
side 1.

**f** or **F** • opening quote `"` • [literal text] • {replacement fields[:format string]} • [literal text] • closing quote `"`

**f\_expression :** (conditional\_expression | `"!r"`  
`or_expr`) (" | conditional\_expression | `"!r"` | `or_expr`)\*  
[" | "] (NO BACKSLASHES IN EXPRESSION PARTS;  
Must put LAMBDAS in parens ( ) )

`"{f_expression [!" conversion] [:" format_spec]"}"`  
\*no backslashes `var!s var!r var!a` - 'var' is literal variable

```
nametup = ("Larry", "Curley", "Moe") # stuff for examples
myindex, Name, width, value, x = 2, 'Curley', 12, 12345.678, 75
state, subpart, subpart2 = 'Mississippi', 'iss', 'x'
lamstate = lambda state: state if subpart in state else "unknown"
intro_string = "Money: $"
import datetime
print(f'He said his name is {nametup[myindex]}.') #use index
print(f'{Name.upper(): ^10} center & caps!') #sub and format
print(f'{intro_string}{value: {width},.2f} is cheap?') #note space
print(f'Going to {(lamstate(state)).upper(): ^20}!') #conditional
print(f'Bound for {state if subpart in state else 'unknown'}!')
print(f'Going to {state if subpart2 in state else 'unknown'}!')
print(f'Curley's IQ is about {x!r}.') #conversion example
print(f'Today is {datetime.date.today(): %m/%d/%Y}.')
```

Other notes: **formatter** - no notes, **formatter** module has been deprecated.  
**pprint module** - *Data pretty printer* - "provides a capability to "pretty-print" arbitrary Python data structures in a form which can be used as input to the interpreter." See: <https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/pprint.html#module-pprint> Beyond the scope of this toolbox document,

```
# He said his name is Moe.
# CURLEY center & caps!
# Money: $ 12,345.68 is cheap?
# Going to MISSISSIPPI !
# Bound for Mississippi!
# Going to unknown!
# Curley's IQ is about 75.
# Today is 04/16/2018.
```

but import and create object with  
`pp = pprint.PrettyPrinter(args)`  
`args: indent, width, depth, stream, *, compact`  
then send object to output with  
command: `pp.pprint(your object)`