String conversion and formatting

Functions for number conversion and formatted string output.

:c:func:`PyOS_snprintf` and :c:func:`PyOS_vsnprintf` wrap the Standard C library functions :c:func:`snprintf` and :c:func:`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`.

The return value (*rv*) for these functions should be interpreted as follows:

- When `0 <= rv < size`, the output conversion was successful and *rv* characters were written to *str* (excluding the trailing `'\0'` byte at `str[rv]`).
- When `rv >= 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.

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.. c:function:: double PyOS_string_to_double(const char *s, char **endptr, PyObject *overflow_exception)
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Convert a string ``s`` to a :c:type:`double`, raising a Python
exception on failure. The set of accepted strings corresponds to
the set of strings accepted by Python's :func:`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
:exc:`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``.

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.. c:function:: char* PyOS_double_to_string(double val, char format_code, int precision, int flags, int
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Convert a :c:type:`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 :func:`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 :c:func:`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 :c:func:`PyMem_Free`.

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