



String Formatting

Using *f-strings*



Example 1 – No Real Formatting

```
first, last = 'Mike', 'Smith'  
age = 26  
message = f'{first} {last} is {age} years old.'
```

Result

Mike Smith is 26 years old.

Example 2 – Field Widths

```
first, last = 'Mike', 'Smith'
```

```
age = 26
```

```
message = f'{{first:8}} {{last:3}} is {{age:10}} years old.'
```

s for string
8 wide

s for string
3 wide

d for Dec
10 wide

Result

Mike Smith is

26 years old.

Strings justify left

Numbers justify right

Example 3 – Changing Justification

```
first, last = 'Mike', 'Smith'
```

```
age = 26
```

```
message = f'{first:>8} {last:^12} is {age:<10} years old.'
```

> For
right

^ For
center

< For
left

Result

Mike

Smith

is 26

years old.

Example 4 – Construct The Format String Dynamically

```
for places in range (5,21,5):  
    message = f'pi to {places-1:2} places is {math.pi:0.{places}}'  
    print(message)
```

➤ Result

```
pi to  4 places is 3.1416  
pi to  9 places is 3.141592654  
pi to 14 places is 3.14159265358979  
pi to 19 places is 3.141592653589793116
```

Example 5 – Add Commas to a Number

```
largeInt = 1234567890123456789
largeFloat = 123456789.123456789
message = f'{largeInt:,}\n{largeFloat:,}'
print(message)
```

, adds commas

➤ Result

1,234,567,890,123,456,789

123,456,789.123467

Example 6 – Numbers with No Formatting

```
for n in [-100, -10, 1, 10, 100]:  
    message = f'n = {n}'  
    print(message)
```

➤ Result

```
n = -100  
n = -10  
n = 1  
n = 10  
n = 100
```

Example 7 – Force A Plus (+) Sign

```
for n in [-100, -10, 1, 10, 100]:  
    message = f'n = {n:+'}'  
    print(message)
```

➤ Result

```
n = -100  
n = -10  
n = +1  
n = +10  
n = +100
```


Example 8 – Right Justify

```
for n in [-100, -10, 1, 10, 100]:  
    message = f'n = {n:>12}'  
    print(message)
```

➤ Result

```
n =          -100  
n =           -10  
n =             1  
n =             10  
n =            100
```

Example 9 – Right Justify with Forced Plus (+) Sign

```
for n in [-100, -10, 1, 10, 100]:  
    message = f'n = {n:>+12}'  
    print(message)
```

➤ Result

```
n =          -100  
n =           -10  
n =            +1  
n =           +10  
n =          +100
```

Example 10 – Fill With A Different Character

```
for n in [-100, -10, 1, 10, 100]:  
    message = f'n = {n:x>12}'  
    print(message)
```

➤ Result

```
n = xxxxxxxx-100  
n = xxxxxxxxxx-10  
n = xxxxxxxxxxxxx1  
n = xxxxxxxxxxxxx10  
n = xxxxxxxxxxxxx100
```

Example 11 – 2D List with Aligned Columns

```
data = [[8792,1,-109,112], [0,9383902,98, 87], [2881, 91, 837, -989]]
maxDataWidth = 0
for row in data:
    for item in row:
        if len(str(item)) > maxDataWidth:
            maxDataWidth = len(str(item))

pad = 2
for row in data:
    message = ''
    for item in row:
        message += f'{item:{maxDataWidth + pad}}'
    print(message)
```

➡ Result

8792	1	-109	112
0	9383902	98	87
2881	91	837	-989



Formatting Floating Point Numbers

Example 12 – Field Width of 7 and 2 Decimal Places

```
n = 11.11111  
s = f'X{n:7.2f}X'
```

➡ Result

```
X 11.11X
```



Example 13 – Width Unspecified and 2 Decimal Places

```
n = 11.11111  
s = f'X{n:.2f}X'
```

➡ Result

X11.11X

Example 16 – Use a Variable for Width

```
n = 11.11111
width = 9
s = f'X{n:{width}.2f}X'
```

➤ Result

```
X    11.11X
```


Example 17 – Use Variables for Both Width and Number of Places

```
n = 11.11111
width = 9
places = 3
s = f'X{n:{width}.{places}}X'
```

➡ Result

```
X 11.111X
```