In PHP, the sprintf function is used to format a string according to a specified format and returns the formatted string. It is similar to the printf

function, but instead of printing the formatted string, sprintf allows you to store the formatted result in a variable or use it in further operations.

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$name = "Alice";
$age = 25;

$formattedString = sprintf("Name: %s, Age: %d", $name, $age);
echo $formattedString;
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