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f-strings in Python

PEP 498 introduced a new string formatting mechanism known as *Literal String Interpolation* or more commonly as *F-strings* (because of the leading *f* character preceding the string literal). The idea behind f-strings is to make string interpolation simpler.

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# Python3 program introducing f-string
val = 'Metaeducators'
print(f"{val} is a portal for learning coding in mother language .")

name = 'shubhanshu'
age = 17
print(f"Hello, My name is {shubhanshu} and I'm {age} years old.")
Output:

Hello, My name is shubhanshu and I'm 17 years old.
metaeducators is a portal for learning coding in mother language .

# Prints today's date with help
# of datetime library

import datetime

today = datetime.datetime.today()
print(f"{today:%B %d, %Y}")
Output:
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Note: F-strings are faster than the two most commonly used string formatting mechanisms, which are % formatting and str.format().

Let's see few error examples, which might occur while using f-string:

Code #3: Demonstrating Syntax error.

```
answer = 456
f"Your answer is "{answer}""
```

Code #4: Backslash Cannot be used in format string directly.

```
f"newline: {ord('\n')}"
```

Output:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):

Python Shell, prompt 29, line 1

Syntax Error: f-string expression part cannot include a backslash: , line
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But the documentation points out that we can put the backslash into a variable as a workaround though:
<pre>newline = ord('\n')</pre>
f"newline: {newline}"
Output :
newline: 10