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There are many other specifiers besides %d, %e, %f, and %g. I'll gradually introduce many of them in subsequent chapters. For the full list, and for a complete explanation of the other capabilities of conversion specifications, consult Section 22.3.

PROGRAM Using printf to Format Numbers

The following program illustrates the use of printf to print integers and floating-point numbers in various formats.

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tprintf.c /* Prints int and float values in various formats */

#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int i;
    float x;

    i = 40;
    x = 839.21f;

    printf("|%d|%5d|%-5d|%5.3d|\n", i, i, i, i);
    printf("|%10.3f|%10.3e|%-10g|\n", x, x, x);

    return 0;
}
```

The | characters in the printf format strings are there merely to help show how much space each number occupies when printed; unlike % or \, the | character has no special significance to printf. The output of this program is:

```
|40|    40|40    |    040|
|  839.210| 8.392e+02|839.21    |
```

Let's take a closer look at the conversion specifications used in this program:

- %d — Displays i in decimal form, using a minimum amount of space.
- %5d — Displays i in decimal form, using a minimum of five characters. Since i requires only two characters, three spaces were added.
- %-5d — Displays i in decimal form, using a minimum of five characters; since the value of i doesn't require five characters, the spaces are added afterward (that is, i is left-justified in a field of length five).
- %5.3d — Displays i in decimal form, using a minimum of five characters overall and a minimum of three digits. Since i is only two digits long, an extra zero was added to guarantee three digits. The resulting number is only three characters long, so two spaces were added, for a total of five characters (i is right-justified).
- %10.3f — Displays x in fixed decimal form, using 10 characters overall,