

# nf()

Converts a **Number** into a **String** with a given number of digits.

`nf()` converts numbers such as `123.45` into strings formatted with a set number of digits, as in `'123.4500'`.

The first parameter, `num`, is the number to convert to a string. For example, calling `nf(123.45)` returns the string `'123.45'`. If an array of numbers is passed, as in `nf([123.45, 67.89])`, an array of formatted strings will be returned.

The second parameter, `left`, is optional. If a number is passed, as in `nf(123.45, 4)`, it sets the minimum number of digits to include to the left of the decimal place. If `left` is larger than the number of digits in `num`, then unused digits will be set to 0. For example, calling `nf(123.45, 4)` returns the string `'0123.45'`.

The third parameter, `right`, is also optional. If a number is passed, as in `nf(123.45, 4, 1)`, it sets the minimum number of digits to include to the right of the decimal place. If `right` is smaller than the number of decimal places in `num`, then `num` will be rounded to the given number of decimal places. For example, calling `nf(123.45, 4, 1)` returns the string `'0123.5'`. If right is larger than the number of decimal places in `num`, then unused decimal places will be set to 0. For example, calling `nf(123.45, 4, 3)` returns the string `'0123.450'`.

When the number is negative, for example, calling `nf(-123.45, 5, 2)` returns the string `'-00123.45'`.

## Examples

123.45  
-0123.45  
0123.45  
0123.5

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function setup() {  
 createCanvas(100, 100);  
  
 background(200);  
  
 // Style the text.  
 textAlign(LEFT, CENTER);  
 textSize(16);  
  
 // Create a number variable.  
 let number = 123.45;  
  
 // Display the number as a string.  
 let formatted = nf(number);  
 text(formatted, 20, 20);  
  
 let negative = nf(-number, 4, 2);  
 text(negative, 20, 40);  
  
 // Display the number with four digits  
 // to the left of the decimal.  
 let left = nf(number, 4);  
 text(left, 20, 60);  
  
 // Display the number with four digits  
 // to the left of the decimal and one  
 // to the right.  
 let right = nf(number, 4, 1);  
 text(right, 20, 80);  
  
 describe(

## Syntax

`nf(num, [left], [right])`

`nf(nums, [left], [right])`

## Parameters

num	Number String: number to format.
left	Integer String: number of digits to include to the left of the decimal point.
right	Integer String: number of digits to include to the right of the decimal point.
nums	Number[]: numbers to format.

## Returns

String: formatted string.

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## Related References

<b>join</b> Combines an array of strings into one string.	<b>match</b> Applies a regular expression to a string and returns an array with the first match.	<b>matchAll</b> Applies a regular expression to a string and returns an array of matches.	<b>nf</b> Converts a Number into a String with a given number of digits.
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