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As seen in the hello world program, printf can be used to output text to the screen. It can also be used to print the values of variables using formatted output (which is what the f in printf stands for!). Here are some examples:

```
// This will print 4
printf("%i\n", 4);
int number = 7;
printf("The value of number is %i\n", number);
unsigned int other_number = 55;
float dog_weight = 3.221;
printf("The other number is %u. Dog weighs %f pounds.\n", other_number, dog_weight);
```

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As you may have gathered, the % character in the first string argument of printf (also known as the **format string**) has a special use. % is used to denote a **conversion specification**. This is a location in the string sent to printf that will be substituted by a value of some kind when the output is finalized. The character(s) that come after % indicate what type of value will be printed.

Here is a table matching all conversion specification to the various data types:

Characters after $\%$	Data type
С	char
i or d	int
li or ld	long int
u	unsigned int
f or F	float
lf or lF	double
p	void *
%	none, this inserts a literal % character

See https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/io/fprintf for a full conversion specification reference.

To match an argument value to a conversion specification, the order of arguments is used. The second argument of printf is matched with the first conversion specification in the format string. The third argument of printf is matched with the second conversion specification in the format string, and so on.