String_representation

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0.1 String representation

- By default, str() simply calls repr()
- But repr() does not call str()
- By default, __format__() calls __str__()

0.1.1 repr

- Exactness is more important than human-friendliness
- Suited for debugging
- Includes identifying information
- Generally best for logging

0.1.2 str

- Human-friendly representation of and object
- Suited to display information to the user
- Does not include identifying information

0.1.3 format

- Used in the string's format method
- Receives a parameter with the format specification

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[1]: class Point2D:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self._x = x
        self._y = y

    def __str__(self):
        return '({}, {})'.format(self._x, self._y)

    def __repr__(self):
        return 'Point2D(x={},y={})'.format(self._x, self._y)

    def __format__(self, f):
        return '[Formatted point: {}, {}, {}]'.format(self._x, self._y, f)
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[2]: p = Point2D(x=23, y=42) str(p)
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[2]: '(23, 42)'
[3]: repr(p)
[3]: 'Point2D(x=23,y=42)'
[4]: print('{}'.format(p))
        [Formatted point: 23, 42, ]
[5]: print('{:r4e}'.format(p))
        [Formatted point: 23, 42, r4e]
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