
Subject: String Formatting

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2009 19:02:15 GMT

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Folks,

Before I re-invent the wheel, I thought I would ask.

I wish to write an ASCII text file with two columns of text. The first column should be 30 characters wide, the second column should be 45 characters wide.

BUT, I wish the data in the columns to be *left* justified, not right justified.

What trick to you use, or what formatting string will give me this kind of output?

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: String Formatting

Posted by [Marshall Perrin](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2009 22:27:23 GMT

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David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Lajos writes:

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>> try '-' in the format:

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> Ah, I had a feeling that was there somewhere! Thanks. :-)

If it makes you feel any better, I wrote my own left-justifier a couple months back, being likewise unable to find that format code anywhere in the documentation. Now to go rip it out and replace it with a '-' ...

- Marshall

Subject: Re: String Formatting

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Jan 2009 23:15:38 GMT

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Marshall Perrin writes:

> If it makes you feel any better, I wrote my own left-justifier a
> couple months back, being likewise unable to find that format
> code anywhere in the documentation. Now to go rip it out and
> replace it with a '-' ...

I haven't gotten rid of the darn thing, because it seems
to me there ought to be a use for it somewhere. Probably
where you are making lists of things in a widget, and you
want the list left justified...

Cheers,

David

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