
Subject: Re: PRINTF format statement
Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 02:20:54 GMT
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Subject: Re: PRINTF format statement
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 14:33:37 GMT
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On 3/28/13 8:20 pm, Phillip Bitzer wrote:

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By the way, I have a template class which is very handy for doing much of this type of stuff.

For example,

```
template = obj_new('MGffTemplate', 'template.tt')
template->process, { this_gmag: strtrim(12.399, 2) }, 'template.html'
obj_destroy, template
```

In the template.tt, would be:

```
<dt>g Mag:</dt><dd>[% this_gmag %]</dd>
```

In your small example above, it's not hard to use PRINTF, but if you are generating an entire HTML file, it's pretty painful. The template syntax also allows FOR loops, IF statements, etc.

Mike

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