

# Intro to Coding with Python– Mathematical Operators

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# Plan for Today

- Mathematical operators
- Formatting print statements

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What is the result of the following operations?

21 // 5 # 4

21 % 5 # 1

9 // 3 # 3

9 % 3 # 0

13 // 5 # 2

13 % 5 # 3

139 // 20 # 6

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## Built-in functions that work on numbers

- `abs(x)` # return the absolute value of `x`
- `float(x)` # return `x` parsed as a float
- `int(x)` # return `x` parsed as an int
- `round(x[, n])` # return `x` rounded to `n` digits after the  
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Aside: what  
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# The `math` module

- Lots of other things we might want to do with numerical values are available as functions in the **`math`** module

- In Python, modules are just files containing Python definitions and statements (ex. *`name.py`*)
- These can be imported using `import name`
- To access **`name`**'s functions, type *`name.function()`*

- `import math`
  - `math.floor(f)`      *# round float f down*
  - `math.ceil(f)`      *# round float f up*
  - `math.sqrt(x)`      *# take the square root of x*

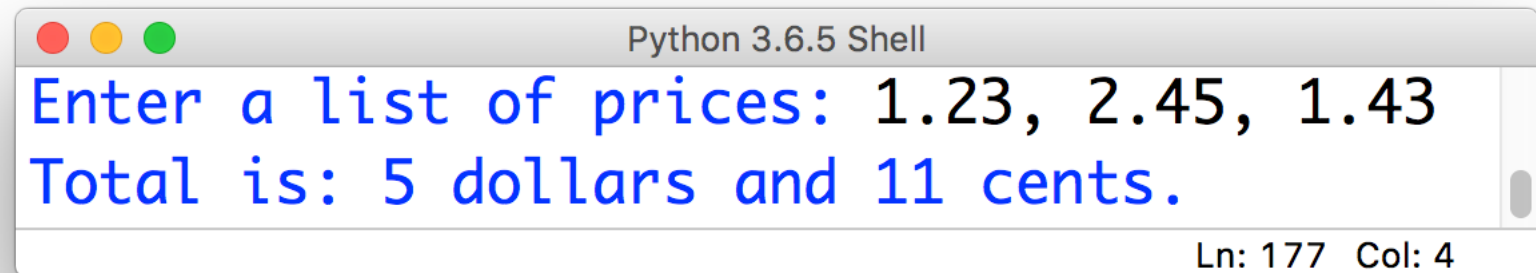
And more! Check out:

<https://docs.python.org/2/library/math.html>

# 15-minute exercise: dollars and cents

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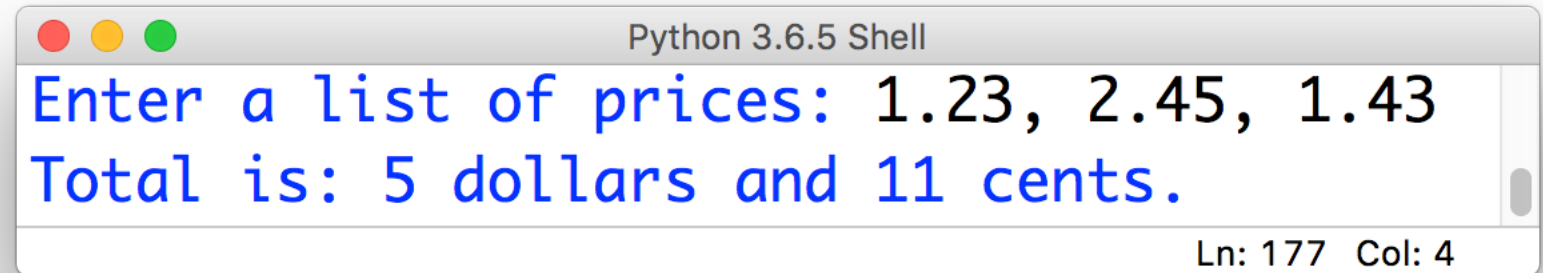
Use **built-in functions** and functions from the **math module** to take 3 prices, calculate their sum, and output their total formatted like this:



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Python 3.6.5 Shell
Enter a list of prices: 1.23, 2.45, 1.43
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Ln: 177 Col: 4
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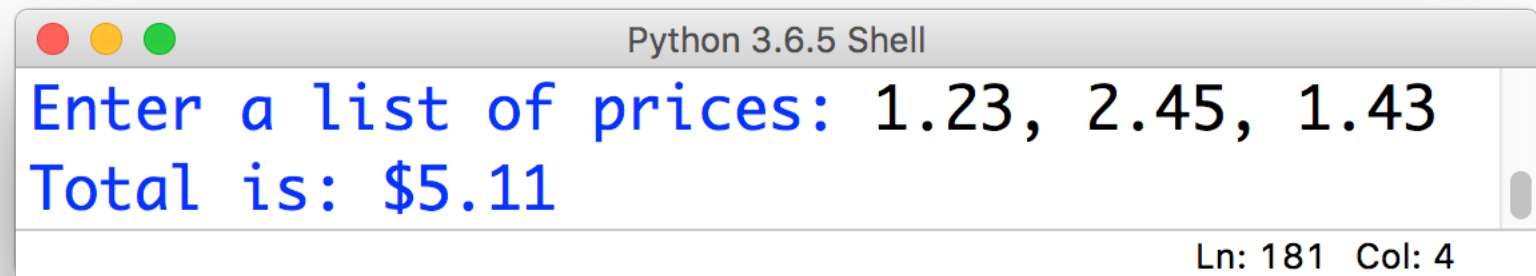
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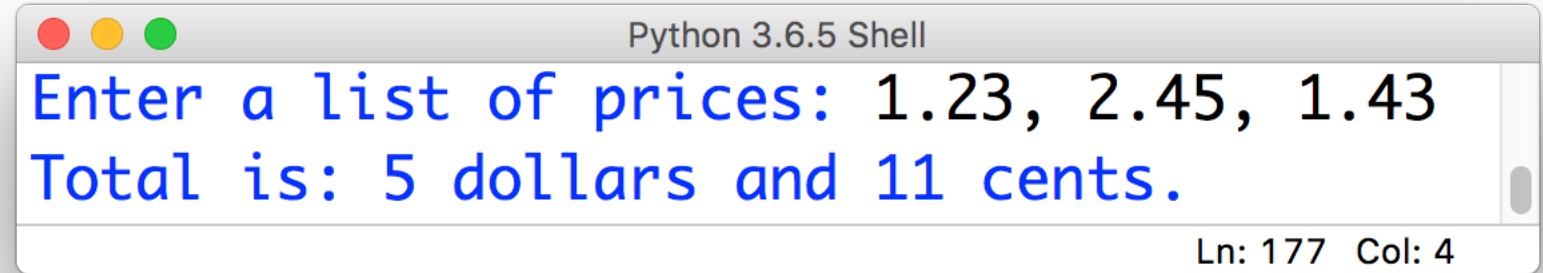
- What we probably want:



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Ln: 181 Col: 4
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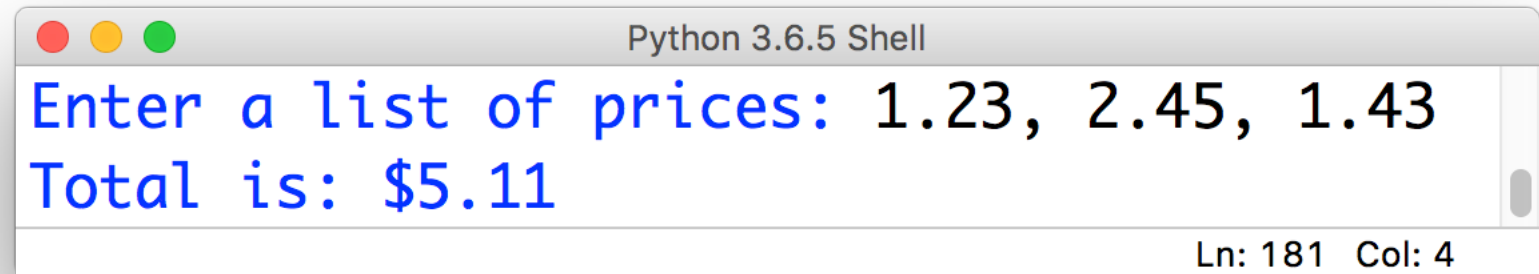
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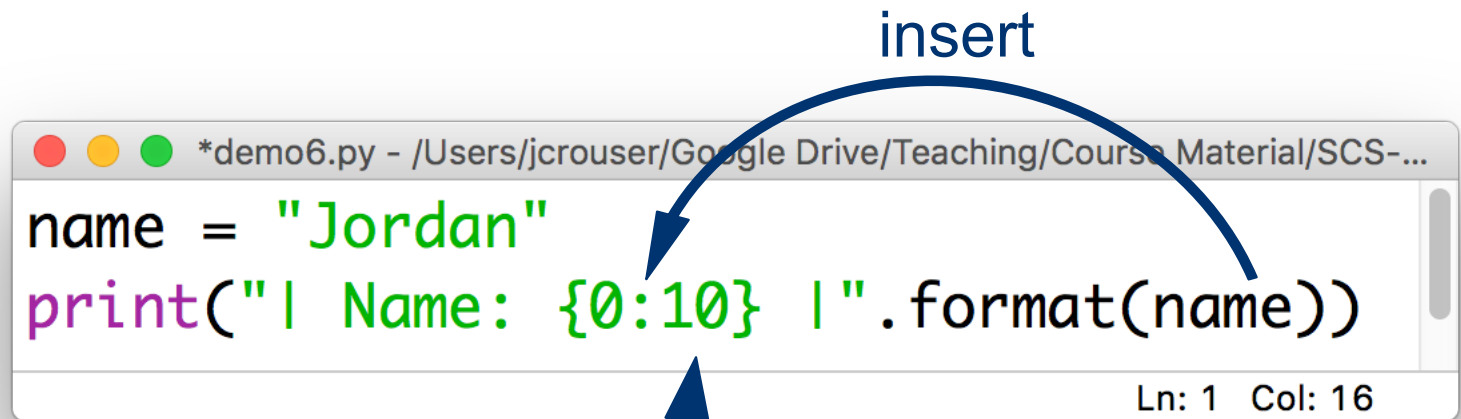
Ideas? What tools do you have to achieve this?

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The screenshot shows a Python IDE window titled `*demo6.py - /Users/jcrouser/Google Drive/Teaching/Course Material/SCS-...`. The code inside is:

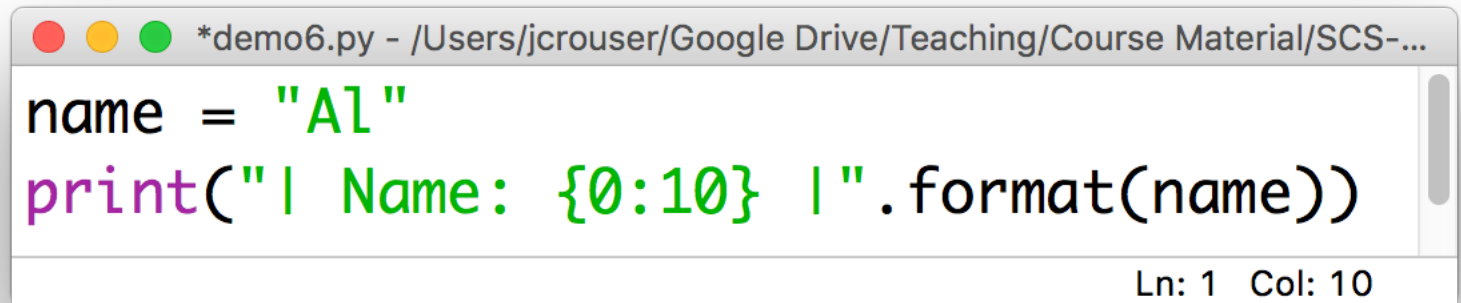
```
name = "Jordan"  
print("| Name: {0:10} |".format(name))
```

Annotations include a blue arrow labeled "insert" pointing from the `name` variable to the `{0:10}` placeholder in the `print` statement, and another blue arrow labeled "print (at least) 10 characters" pointing to the `{0:10}` placeholder. The status bar at the bottom right of the window shows "Ln: 1 Col: 16".

**Result:** | Name: Jordan |

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name = "Al"  
print("| Name: {0:10} |".format(name))  
Ln: 1 Col: 10
```

**Result:** | Name: Al |

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demo6.py - /Users/jcrouser/Google Drive/Teaching/Course Material/SCS-...  
name = "Theresa-Marie"  
print("| Name: {0:10} |".format(name))  
Ln: 1 Col: 21
```

**Result:** | Name: Theresa-Marie |

doesn't truncate





Calling  
.format()  
with multiple  
inputs

- Can also handle multiple inputs, e.g.

```
demo6.py - /Users/jcrouser/Google Drive/Teaching/Course Material/SCS-Noonan-CSC/labs/demo6.py (3.6.5)
first = "Jordan"
last = "Crouser"
print("| Name: {0:10} {1:10} |".format(first, last))
```

Ln: 3 Col: 24

put the  
0<sup>th</sup> thing here

put the  
1<sup>st</sup> thing here

**Result:** | Name: Jordan Crouser |

Right-  
justification  
with  
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- To align the format to the right instead of to the left, use `>`


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last = "Crouser"
print("| Name: {0:>10} {1:10} |".format(first, last))
```

Ln: 3 Col: 19

**Result:** | Name: Jordan Crouser |

## .format() on integers

- Calling `.format()` on an integer works just like with strings, but they're automatically right-aligned



```
demo6.py - /Users/jcrouser/Google Drive/Teaching/Course Material/...  
age = 32  
print("| Age: {0:3} |".format(age))  
Ln: 1 Col: 3
```

**Result:** | Age: 32 |

# .format() on integers

- Use < to left-align:

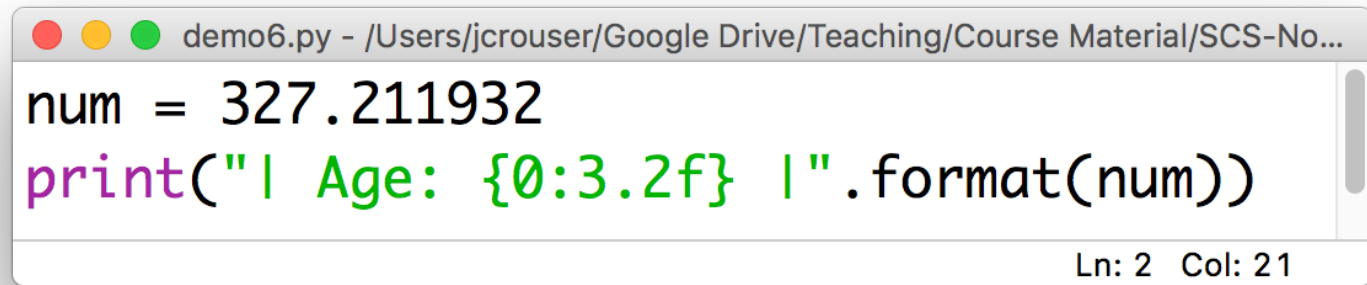
```
demo6.py - /Users/jcrouser/Google Drive/Teaching/Course Material/...
age = 32
print("| Age: {0:<3} |".format(age))
```

Ln: 2 Col: 18

**Result:** | Age: 32 |

## .format() on floats

- We need to specify a number of digits **before** and **after** the decimal point:

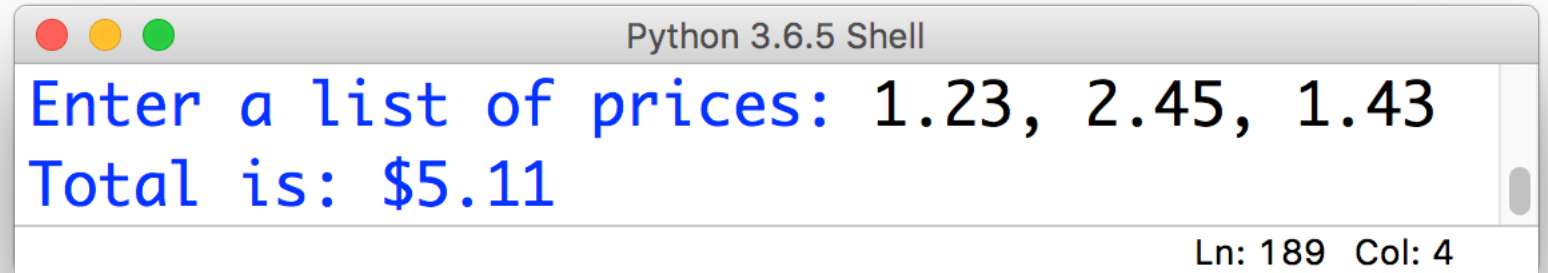


```
demo6.py - /Users/jcrouser/Google Drive/Teaching/Course Material/SCS-No...
num = 327.211932
print("| Age: {0:3.2f} |".format(num))
Ln: 2 Col: 21
```

**Result:** | Age: 327.21 |

## Revisiting: dollars and cents

Modify your previous code to use the `.format()` method so that your output looks like this:



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Ln: 189 Col: 4
```