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Subject: sprintf

Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 18:07:43 GMT

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Hi, theres no real way as to how to find out (as a newb) how the sprintf function works.. If anyone here wouldn't mind explaining, I'de like to know for a coustom script I'm trying to make.  
Thanks in advance.

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Subject: Re: sprintf

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 19:57:29 GMT

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Google is your friend.

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/clibrary/cstdio/sprintf.html>

Wow, easy isn't it?

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Subject: Re: sprintf

Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 20:02:15 GMT

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Subject: Re: sprintf

Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2007 20:19:41 GMT

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Oo, I thought it was defined in a header file... Thanks danpaul.. and Sir\_Kane

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Subject: Re: sprintf

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 00:21:25 GMT

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Subject: Re: sprintf

Posted by [=HT=T-Bird](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 00:49:45 GMT

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NEVER NEVER NEVER pass any string that is created from user input to printf() and friends as a format string, otherwise you'd have a security hole on your hands

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 01:41:37 GMT  
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=HT=T-Bird wrote on Sun, 30 December 2007 00:49 NEVER NEVER NEVER pass any string that is created from user input to printf() and friends as a format string, otherwise you'd have a security hole on your hands

You'd never do that anyway, asking the user to input a format string is too much these days.

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Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 01:49:41 GMT  
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Wow, maybe I should go and re-learn the basics of c++ again.

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Subject: Re: sprintf  
Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 01:55:49 GMT  
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=HT=T-Bird wrote on Sat, 29 December 2007 18:49 NEVER NEVER NEVER pass any string that is created from user input to printf() and friends as a format string, otherwise you'd have a security hole on your hands  
You mean don't pass it as format string.

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Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 10:50:44 GMT  
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There needs to be a coding forum here

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Subject: Re: sprintf  
Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 12:36:35 GMT  
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And you might want to use `_snprintf` instead.

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Subject: Re: sprintf

Posted by [=HT=T-Bird](#) on Sun, 30 Dec 2007 13:34:22 GMT

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Sir Kane wrote on Sun, 30 December 2007 06:36And you might want to use `_snprintf` instead.  
Good idea SK, we don't want anyone overflowing any buffers either

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