

Using String format to create neat columns

% - start of the format

- left justify

s - String output

d - integer output

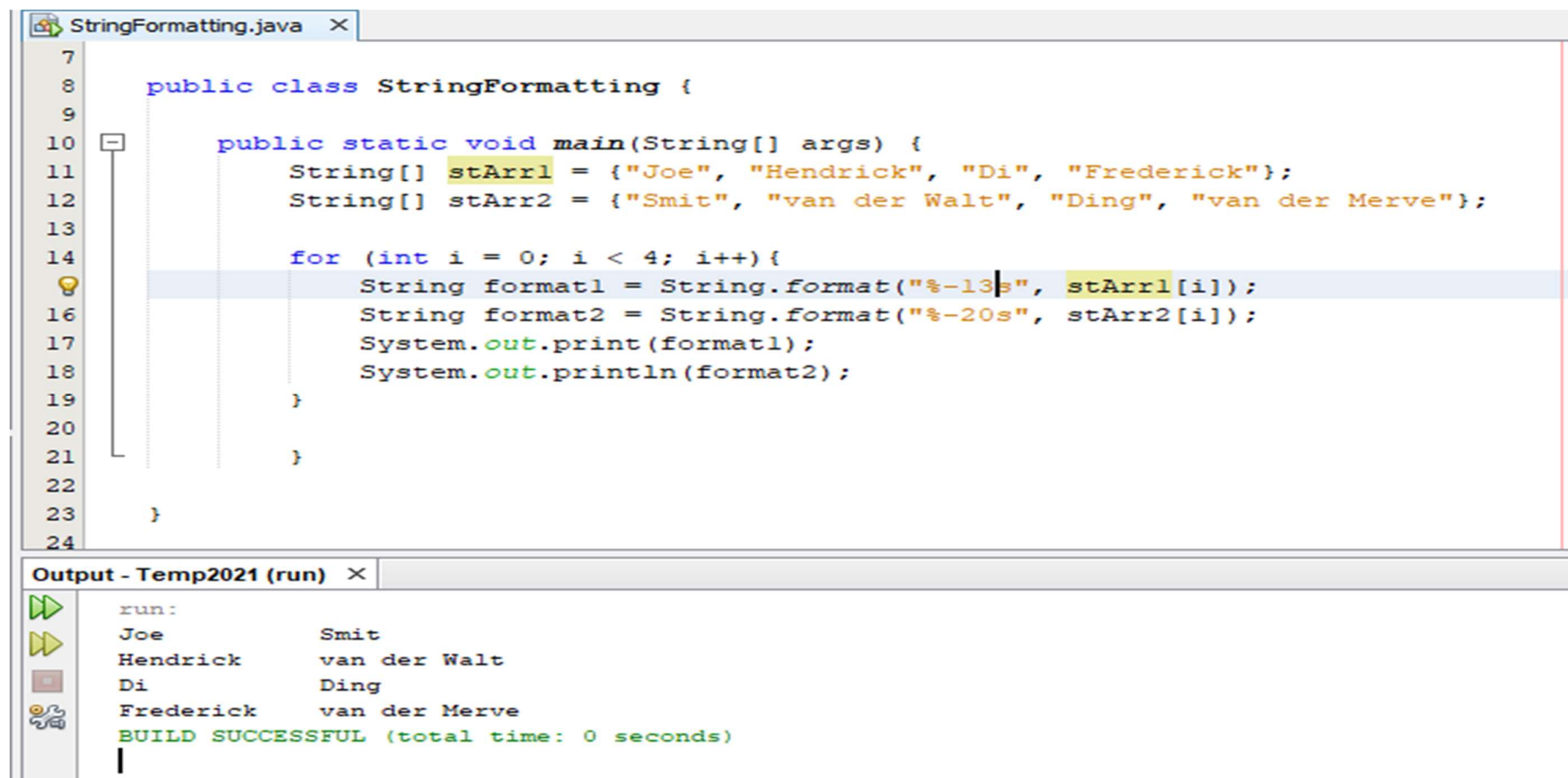
f - decimal output

b - boolean output

c - single char output

\t - tab

\n - new line



The screenshot shows an IDE with two panels. The top panel, titled 'StringFormatting.java', contains the following Java code:

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7
8 public class StringFormatting {
9
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         String[] stArr1 = {"Joe", "Hendrick", "Di", "Frederick"};
12         String[] stArr2 = {"Smit", "van der Walt", "Ding", "van der Merve"};
13
14         for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++){
15             String format1 = String.format("%-13s", stArr1[i]);
16             String format2 = String.format("%-20s", stArr2[i]);
17             System.out.print(format1);
18             System.out.println(format2);
19         }
20     }
21 }
22
23
24
```

The bottom panel, titled 'Output - Temp2021 (run)', shows the output of the program:

```
run:
Joe          Smit
Hendrick     van der Walt
Di           Ding
Frederick    van der Merve
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 0 seconds)
```

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22
23 // Using String format to define columns of a specific width and data type
24 public String toString() {
25     String col10s = "%-10s"; // Column of 10, left aligned, string
26     String col20s = "%-20s"; // Column of 20, left aligned, string
27     String col8d = "%8d"; // Column of 8, right aligned, number
28     String col8b = "%8b"; // Column of 8, right aligned, boolean
29     String newLine = "\n"; // New line
30
31     String all = String.format(col10s + col20s + col10s + col8d + col8b + newLine, name, country, colour, number, isProtected);
32     return all;
33 }

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Output - Grade12_2021 (run) ×

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run:
Antelope manager
impala    South Africa      brown      5000      false
impala    Botswana                brown      5000      false
impala    Mozambique              brown      7000      false

Print main
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 0 seconds)

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