

# System.FormatException Class

```
[ILASM]
.class public serializable FormatException extends
System.SystemException

[C#]
public class FormatException: SystemException
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## Assembly Info:

- *Name:* mscorlib
- *Public Key:* [00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00]
- *Version:* 1.0.x.x
- *Attributes:*
  - CLSCompliantAttribute(true)

## Summary

Represents errors caused by passing incorrectly formatted arguments or invalid format specifiers to methods.

## Inherits From: System.SystemException

**Library:** BCL

**Thread Safety:** All public static members of this type are safe for multithreaded operations. No instance members are guaranteed to be thread safe.

## Description

[*Note:* **System.FormatException** is thrown from **Parse** methods when a **System.String** being parsed contains characters that are not valid according to the specified style (passed via the *style* parameter) or default style. **System.FormatException** is thrown from **ToString** methods when a format specifier (passed via the *format* parameter) is not a valid format for the type of the current instance.]

# 1 FormatException() Constructor

```
2 [ILASM]  
3 public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor()  
4 [C#]  
5 public FormatException()
```

## 6 Summary

7 Constructs and initializes a new instance of the  
8 **System.FormatException** class.

## 9 Description

10 This constructor initializes the **System.FormatException.Message**  
11 property of the new instance to a system-supplied message that  
12 describes the error, such as "Invalid format." This message takes into  
13 account the current system culture. The  
14 **System.FormatException.InnerException** property is initialized to  
15 **null**.

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# 1 FormatException(System.String)

## 2 Constructor

```
3 [ILASM]  
4 public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string  
5 message)  
  
6 [C#]  
7 public FormatException(string message)
```

### 8 Summary

9 Constructs and initializes a new instance of the  
10 **System.FormatException** class.

### 11 Parameters

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Parameter	Description
<i>message</i>	A <b>System.String</b> that describes the error. The content of <i>message</i> is intended to be understood by humans. The caller of this constructor is required to ensure that this string has been localized for the current system culture.

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### 15 Description

16 This constructor initializes the **System.FormatException.Message**  
17 property of the new instance using *message*. If *message* is **null**, the  
18 **System.FormatException.Message** property is initialized to the  
19 system-supplied message provided by the constructor that takes no  
20 arguments.

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22 The **System.FormatException.InnerException** property is  
23 initialized to **null**.

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# 1 FormatException(System.String, 2 System.Exception) Constructor

```
3 [ILASM]  
4 public rtspecialname specialname instance void .ctor(string  
5 message, class System.Exception innerException)  
  
6 [C#]  
7 public FormatException(string message, Exception  
8 innerException)
```

## 9 Summary

10 Constructs and initializes a new instance of the  
11 **System.FormatException** class.

## 12 Parameters

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Parameter	Description
<i>message</i>	A <b>System.String</b> that describes the error. The content of <i>message</i> is intended to be understood by humans. The caller of this constructor is required to ensure that this string has been localized for the current system culture.
<i>innerException</i>	An instance of <b>System.Exception</b> that is the cause of the current exception. If <i>innerException</i> is non-null, then the current exception was raised in a catch block handling <i>innerException</i> .

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## 16 Description

17 This constructor initializes the **System.FormatException.Message**  
18 property of the new instance using *message*, and the  
19 **System.FormatException.InnerException** property using  
20 *innerException*. If *message* is **null**, the  
21 **System.FormatException.Message** property is initialized to the  
22 system-supplied message provided by the constructor that takes no  
23 arguments.  
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25 [Note: For information on inner exceptions, see  
26 **System.Exception.InnerException**.]  
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