

# **Uniformly Partitioning A String Using Textwrap**

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A merchant on Ebay sent me a list of item ID codes (each 12 characters long) as a newline separated list. When I copied and pasted the list into a text file (to have two separate windows open at once), the characters were concatenated into a single string — how annoying! I tried different types of copying-and-pasting (pasting using `Cmd-V` and `Cmd-Shift-V`) to no avail. I then wondered if Python could help me avoid manually cutting out each 12 character string from the single long string. The answer is “Yes!” and there is a package called `textwrap` that can help with this task specifically.

```
# concatenated str
c_str = "432853242343242343242342343243276575"

# partition size
p_size = 12

# uniformly partitioned string; ['432853242343', '242343242342',
↪ '343243276575']
up_str = [c_str[i:i+p_size] for i in range(0, len(c_str), p_size) if
↪ len(c_str) % p_size == 0]
```

The simpler method is to use Python’s `textwrap` package:

```
import textwrap

c_str = "432853242343242343242342343243276575"

p_size = 12

if len(c_str) % p_size == 0:
    # ['432853242343', '242343242342', '343243276575']
    up_str = textwrap.wrap(c_str, p_size)
```