

Reading Data from Keyboard

Theory:

In Python, the **input()** function is used to **take data (input)** from the user through the **keyboard** during program execution.

When the program reaches an `input()` statement, it **pauses** and waits for the user to type something and press **Enter**.

◆ 1. Syntax of input()

```
variable_name = input("Message to the user: ")
```

- **variable_name** → The name of the variable that stores the user's input.
- **Text inside parentheses and quotes** → The message or prompt displayed to the user.

Example:

```
name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

If the user types Christian, then the variable name will store the string "Christian".

◆ 2. Default Data Type

By default, the data entered through `input()` is stored as a **string**, even if the user types numbers.

Example:

```
age = input("Enter your age: ")
```

```
print(type(age))
```

If the user enters 22, the output will be:

```
<class 'str'>
```

That means the input is stored as a **string**, not an integer.

◆ 3. Type Conversion

If you need to use the input as a **number** for calculations, you must **convert** it to another data type such as:

- `int()` → for integers (whole numbers)

- `float()` → for decimal numbers

Example:

```
num1 = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
```

```
num2 = float(input("Enter a float number: "))
```

```
print("Sum =", num1 + num2)
```

Output:

Enter an integer: 10

Enter a float number: 5.5

Sum = 15.5

◆ **4. Combining Text and Variables**

You can combine input values with other text using:

- **+ operator** (string concatenation)
- **.format() method**
- **f-strings** (formatted string literals)

Example using f-string:

```
name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

```
age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
```

```
print(f" Hello, {name}! You are {age} years old.")
```

Output:

Enter your name: Christian

Enter your age: 22

Hello, Christian! You are 22 years old.

◆ **5. Important Notes**

- Always use the correct data type conversion before performing arithmetic operations.

- If the user enters an invalid input (like typing letters when `int()` is expected), Python will show a **ValueError**.
 - You can handle such errors later using **try-except** statements.
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