

# 1.7 User Input

`input` is a builtin function in Python, which prompts for the user to enter as standard input upto newline(`\n`).

`input` function always returns a string datatype, we need to typecast to respective datatype required.

Python 2.x's `input` is different from Python 3.x's `input`.

Python 2.x's `input` evaluates the string as a python command, like `eval(input())`.

```
In [1]: user_entered = input("Hey Pythonist! Please enter anything: \n>>>")
        print(user_entered)
```

Hello Pythoneer ♥

Let's try typecasting to integers we got from the user.

If the input is not a valid integer value, typecasting to integer raises `ValueError`

```
In [2]: try:
        variable_1 = input("Enter variable 1 to be added: \n>>>") # string
        variable_2 = input("Enter variable 2 to be added: \n>>>") # string
        integer_1 = int(variable_1) # Typecasting to integer
        integer_2 = int(variable_2) # Typecasting to integer
        print(f"sum of {variable_1} and {variable_2} = {integer_1+integer_2}")
    except ValueError as exc:
        print(f"🙈 unable to typecast to integer: {exc}")
```

🙈 unable to typecast to integer: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'I am not an Integer 🤪'