# **Input from User & Type Casting**

#### **Input from User:**

- input() function is used to take data from user.
- input is always taken as a **string** (text), even if user enters a number.

**Importance:** Without input, program is fixed. With input, program becomes **interactive & dynamic**.

### **Problem with Input:**

If you try to use input directly as number  $\rightarrow$  error.

Example: age = input("Enter age: ")  $\rightarrow$  gives string, not integer.

We must **convert** input to correct type before using in math.

## **Type Casting:**

Converting one data type into another.

#### **Functions:**

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int() \rightarrow convert to integer
float() \rightarrow convert to decimal
str() \rightarrow convert to string
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**Importance:** Type casting allows correct calculations and avoids errors.