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How to determine and manipulate the type in Python

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>>> "The answer is: " + 5
```

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TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to  
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# Concept Check!

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What is the result and datatype for each of the following Python commands:

- ▶ `>>> (1 + 1) * 2`
- ▶ `>>> (1 + 1) * 2.0`
- ▶ `>>> (2 + 1) / 2`
- ▶ `>>> (2 + 1) // 2`
- ▶ `>>> (1 + 1) ** 2`
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# Get inputs from the user
rad = float(input())
height = float(input())
# Calculate the volume of a cylinder
base = rad ** 2 * PI
vol = base * height
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print("The volume is ", vol)
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# Concept Check!

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What will be the result of the following code blocks:

```
userInput = 1.5  
answer = 1 + int(userInput)  
print(answer)
```

```
userInput = "1.0"  
answer = 2 * float(userInput)  
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# Challenge

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What if we had to? What's the most reasonable way to do it?

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