## R 13

## Inputs, Outputs \& Type Conversion - Reading

## Outputs

To output to the screen we use the print procedure. Languages might differ in how you print to the screen, but in general, you do not have a space between print and the bracket. Inside the brackets you can place any string.

It is also possible to print the value stored inside a variable. When we print variables we do not use quotes around the variable name as the variable already knows it is a string.


It is possible to combine two or more strings together. This process is called concatenation. In the example below we concatenate the string "Name: " with the variable name and the variable surname.
firstName $\leftarrow$ 'Amy'
surname $\leftarrow$ 'Smith '
Name: Amy Smith
OUTPUT 'Name: ' + name + surname

If we want to make a new line there isn't a symbol which we can type in. This means we have to use an escape character. The escape character for a new line is $\mid n$


## Inputs

To get input from the user we use the input function. This can have a message which is printed to the user if you wish. The function will return a string containing whatever the user typed in on the keyboard. This can then be stored in a variable. In the example below the string "Jack" will be stored in the variable called name.
OUTPUT 'Type in your name: '
OUTPUT 'Type in your name: '

Type in your name: Jack
Type in your name: Jack
I name $\leftarrow$ USERINPUT

## Type conversion

Variables have specific types of data which they can store. Sometimes, we need to convert between one data type, such as a string, and another data type, such as an integer. Converting one data type to another is known as type conversion.
STRING_TO_INT ('7')
STRING_TO_INT ('7')
STRING_TO_REAL ('7.3')
STRING_TO_REAL ('7.3')
INT_TO_STRING (7)
INT_TO_STRING (7)
REA $\bar{L}_{1}$ TO_STRING (7.3)
REA $\bar{L}_{1}$ TO_STRING (7.3)

STRING_TO_INT and STRING_TO_REAL will convert a string to an integer or real number. INT_TO_STRING and REAL_TO_STRING will convert an integer or real number to a string.

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1. What instruction will output the text Goodbye onto the screen?
2. The following instructions have a syntax error in. Rewrite them.

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## 7. Match the functions on the left with what they return on the right


8. Match the instruction on the left to the result output to the screen on the right.

9. Changing one data type to another is known as what?
10. Look at the following code:

| ```name \leftarrow USERINPUT age \leftarrow USERINPUT age \leftarrow age + 1 OUTPUT 'Your age is ' + age``` |
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a) What does the second +operator do?
b) Which line of code is there an error on?
c) What is causing this error? Fill in one circle.
O Incorrect data type
O Missing bracket
O Missing

