

AI-Assisted String Reversal Using GitHub Copilot

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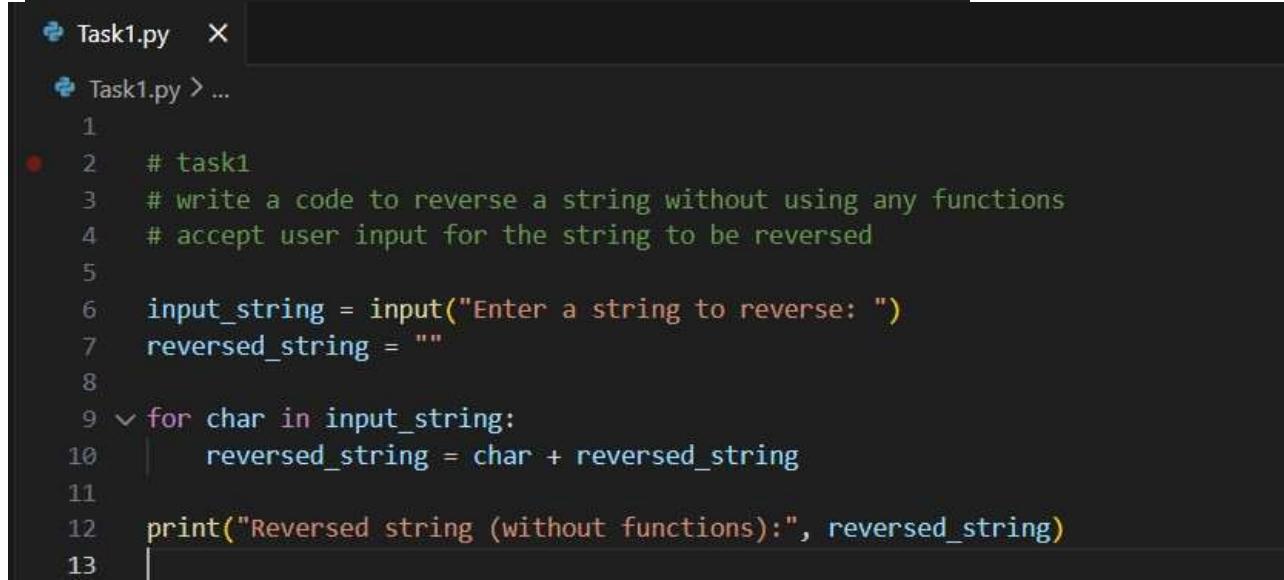
Task 1: AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization

Scenario

A basic text-processing utility is developed for a messaging application.

Copilot Prompt Used

```
# write a code to reverse a string without using any functions
# accept user input for the string to be reversed
```



The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. It displays a Python file named 'Task1.py'. The code is a simple script to reverse a string without using any built-in functions. It starts with two comments explaining the task. Then it defines a variable 'input_string' and initializes 'reversed_string' to an empty string. A for loop iterates over each character in the input string, concatenating it to the front of 'reversed_string'. Finally, it prints the reversed string. The code is numbered from 1 to 13 on the left.

```
1
2 # task1
3 # write a code to reverse a string without using any functions
4 # accept user input for the string to be reversed
5
6 input_string = input("Enter a string to reverse: ")
7 reversed_string = ""
8
9 for char in input_string:
10     reversed_string = char + reversed_string
11
12 print("Reversed string (without functions):", reversed_string)
13
```

Sample Output

```
PROBLEMS    OUTPUT    DEBUG CONSOLE    TERMINAL    PORTS    +  
  
PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Wind  
owsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task4..py"  
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PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Wind  
owsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task1.py"  
Enter a string to reverse:varshini  
Reversed string without functions): inihsrav  
PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding>
```

Explanation

The program reads user input and reverses the string using a loop without defining any functions. The logic is implemented directly in the main code.

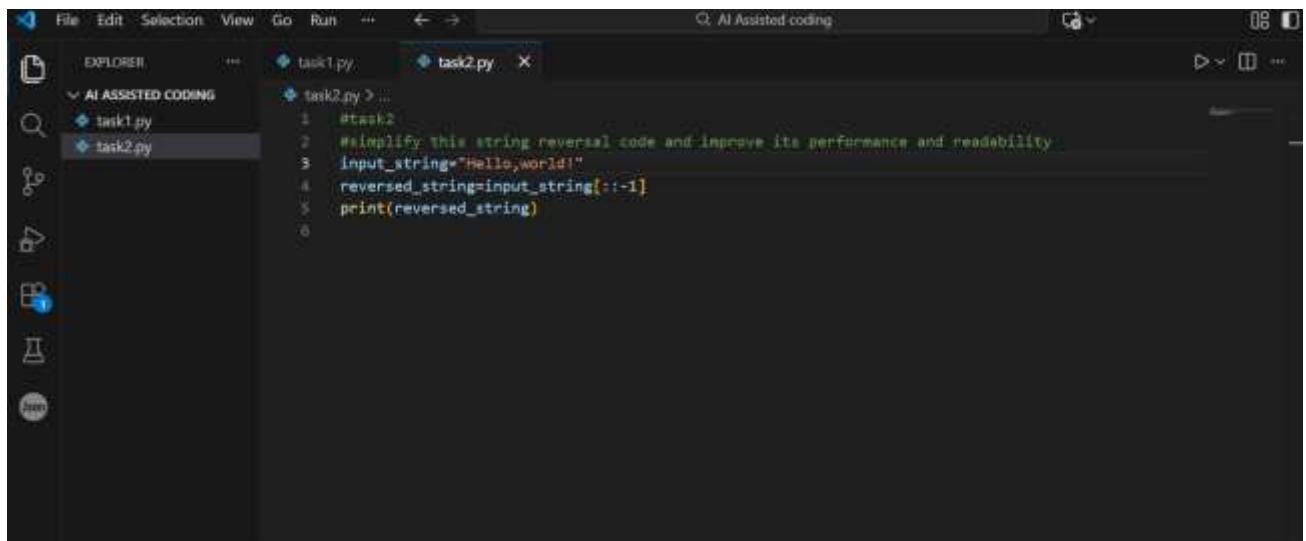
Task 2: Efficiency & Logic Optimization

Scenario

The code is reviewed for readability and efficiency.

Copilot Prompt Used

```
#simplify this string reversal code and improve its performance  
and readability  
y
```



Sample Output

```
PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding>

> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task2.py"
olleHdlrow,PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding>
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Explanation

The slicing method simplifies the logic and removes unnecessary variables and loops.

The slicing method is faster in practice due to internal optimizations in Python.

Readability is significantly improved.

Task 3: Modular Design Using Functions

Scenario

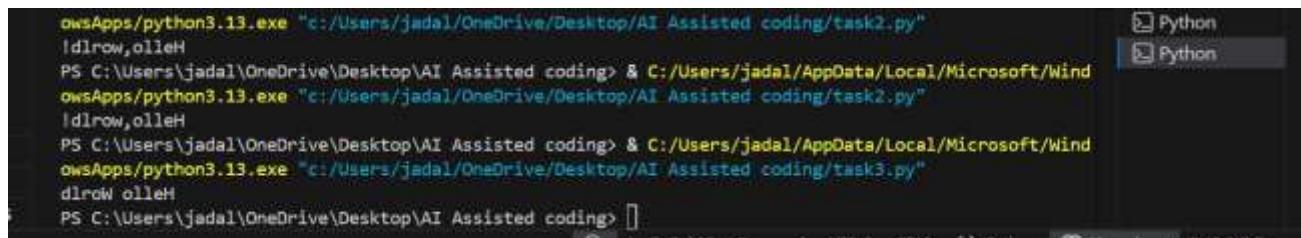
The string reversal logic is reused in multiple parts of an application.

Copilot Prompt Used

```
# write code with function to reverse a string and comment each line and function call and no sample input and output
Code
```

```
Task3.py X
Task3.py > ...
1 # task3
2 # write code with function to reverse a string and comment each line and function call
3 # no sample input and output
4
5 def reverse_string(s):
6     # Initialize an empty string to hold the reversed string
7     reversed_s = ""
8
9     # Loop through each character in the input string
10    for char in s:
11        # Prepend the character to the reversed string
12        reversed_s = char + reversed_s
13
14    # Return the reversed string
15    return reversed_s
16
17 # Test case
18 print(reverse_string("Hello World"))
19
```

Sample Output



```
awsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task2.py"
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PS C:\Users\jadal\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Wind
awsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task2.py"
|dlrow olleH
PS C:\Users\jadal\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Wind
awsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task3.py"
dlrow olleH
PS C:\Users\jadal\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> []
```

Explanation

Using a function improves reusability, readability, and maintainability. The logic can now be reused across different modules.

Task 4: Comparative Analysis – With vs Without Functions

Aspect	Without Functions	With Functions
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Code Clarity	Less organized	More structured
Reusability	Cannot be reused	Easily reusable
Debugging	Harder	Easier
Scalability	Not suitable	Suitable
Best Use	Small scripts	Large applications

Conclusion

Function-based design is preferred for large-scale applications due to better organization and reusability.

Task 5: Loop-Based vs Built-In String Reversal Copilot

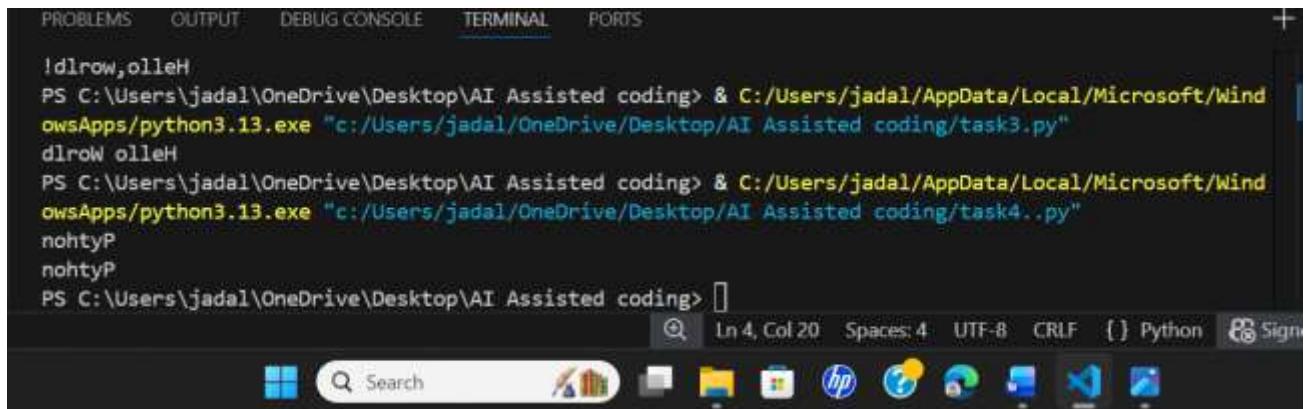
Prompt Use

```

Task4.py  X
Task4.py > ...
1 # task5
2 # a loop based string reversal function with comments and a built-in slicing based
3 # string reversal function and comparison discussion
4
5 def reverse_string_loop(s):
6     # Initialize an empty string to hold the reversed string
7     reversed_s = ""
8     # Loop through each character in the input string
9     for char in s:
10         # Prepend the character to the reversed string
11         reversed_s = char + reversed_s
12
13     # Return the reversed string
14     return reversed_s
15 # built-in slicing based string reversal function
16 def reverse_string_slicing(s):
17     # Use slicing to reverse the string
18     return s[::-1]
19 print(reverse_string_loop("Python"))
20 print(reverse_string_slicing("Python"))
21
22 # Comparison discussion
23 """
24 The loop-based string reversal function iterates through each character of the input string
25 and constructs the reversed string by prepending each character. This method is straightforward
26 and easy to understand, but it may be less efficient for very long strings due to the repeated
27 string concatenation, which can lead to higher time complexity.
28 """

```

Output:



A screenshot of a Windows terminal window titled "TERMINAL". The window shows the following command-line interaction:

```
!dlrow,olleH
PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task3.py"
dlrow olleH
PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding> & C:/Users/jadal/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/jadal/OneDrive/Desktop/AI Assisted coding/task4..py"
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PS C:\Users\jadal\OneDrive\Desktop\AI Assisted coding>
```

The terminal also displays status information at the bottom: Line 4, Col 20, Spaces: 4, UTF-8, CRLF, Python, and a sign-in icon.

Comparison Discussion

The loop-based approach reverses the string by checking each character one by one. It helps beginners understand how string reversal works.

The slicing-based approach uses Python's built-in feature to reverse the string. It is shorter and easier to read.

Both methods take the same amount of time, which is $O(n)$, where n is the length of the string.

However, slicing works faster for large strings because it is optimized inside Python.

The loop-based method is good for learning, while the slicing method is better for real applications.

Conclusion

GitHub Copilot helped in writing, improving, and comparing different string reversal programs. Using functions and built-in features makes the code easier to read, faster, and better for large programs.

Declaration

All the code and explanations were created using GitHub Copilot and were checked manually to ensure correctness.