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Course Code	24CS002PC215	**Course Title**	AI Assisted Coding
Year/Sem	II/I	**Regulation**	R24
Date and Day of Assignment	Week3 – Monday	**Time(s)**	
Duration	2 Hours	**Applicable to Batches**	
Assignment Number:5.1(Present assignment number)/**24**(Total number of assignments)			

Q.No.	Question	Expected Time to complete
1	Lab 5: Ethical Foundations – Responsible AI Coding Practices **Lab Objectives:**	Week3 - Monday

- To explore the ethical risks associated with AI-generated code.
- To recognize issues related to security, bias, transparency, and copyright.
- To reflect on the responsibilities of developers when using AI tools in software development.
- To promote awareness of best practices for responsible and ethical AI coding.

Lab Outcomes (LOs):

After completing this lab, students will be able to:

- Identify and avoid insecure coding patterns generated by AI tools.
- Detect and analyze potential bias or discriminatory logic in AI-generated outputs.
- Evaluate originality and licensing concerns in reused AI-generated code.
- Understand the importance of explainability and transparency in AI-assisted programming.
- Reflect on accountability and the human role in ethical AI coding practices..

Task Description #1 (Privacy in API Usage)

Task: Use an AI tool to generate a Python program that connects to a weather API.

Prompt:

"Generate code to fetch weather data securely without exposing API keys in the code."

Expected Output:
- Original AI code (check if keys are hardcoded).
- Secure version using environment variables

Prompt:

Generate a Python program that fetches current weather data from a weather API (like OpenWeatherMap). First, show an insecure version where the API key is hardcoded inside the code. Then, provide a secure version where the API key is stored and accessed from environment variables instead of being exposed in the code. Also, explain briefly why using environment variables is safer.

Code:

```python
# filepath: [assign_4_3.py](http://_vscodecontentref_/0)

import requests

def get_weather(city):
    api_key = "YOUR_API_KEY_HERE"  # Insecure: API key is hardcoded
    url = f"https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city}&appid={api_key}&units=metric"
    response = requests.get(url)
    if response.status_code == 200:
        data = response.json()
        print(f"Weather in {city}: {data['weather'][0]['description']}, Temperature: {data['main']['temp']}°C")
    else:
        print("Failed to fetch weather data.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    city = input("Enter city name: ")
    get_weather(city)
```

```python
# filepath: [assign_4_3.py](http://_vscodecontentref_/0)
# filepath: [assign_4_3.py](http://_vscodecontentref_/1)

import os
import requests

def get_weather(city):
    api_key = os.getenv("OPENWEATHER_API_KEY")  # Secure: API key from environment variable
    if not api_key:
        print("API key not found. Please set the OPENWEATHER_API_KEY environment variable.")
        return
    url = f"https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city}&appid={api_key}&units=metric"
    response = requests.get(url)
    if response.status_code == 200:
        data = response.json()
        print(f"Weather in {city}: {data['weather'][0]['description']}, Temperature: {data['main']['temp']}°C")
    else:
        print("Failed to fetch weather data.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    city = input("Enter city name: ")
    get_weather(city)
```

```
set OPENWEATHER_API_KEY=your_actual_api_key
```

```
$env:OPENWEATHER_API_KEY="your_actual_api_key"
```

Output:

```
Enter city name: Hyderabad
Weather in Hyderabad: scattered clouds, Temperature: 29.5°C
```

```
Enter city name: InvalidCity
Failed to fetch weather data.
```

Task Description #2 (Privacy & Security in File Handling)

Task: Use an AI tool to generate a Python script that stores user data (name, email, password) in a file.

Analyze: Check if the AI stores sensitive data in plain text or without encryption.

Expected Output:
- Identified privacy risks.
- Revised version with encrypted password storage (e.g., hashing).

Prompt:

```
generate a Python script that stores user data (name, email, password) in a file
```

Code:

```python
def register_user():
    name = input("Enter your name: ")
    email = input("Enter your email: ")
    password = input("Enter your password: ")
    with open("users.txt", "a") as file:
        file.write(f"{name},{email},{password}\n")
    print("User registered successfully!")


if __name__ == "__main__":
    register_user()
```

Output:

```
Enter your name: sri
Enter your email: sri123@gmail.com
Enter your password: sri@123
User registered successfully!
```

IN the file:

- **Plain-text password storage**: Passwords are stored exactly as entered.
- **No hashing or encryption**: A data breach would expose user passwords.
- **Vulnerable to insider threats**: Anyone with access to the file can read sensitive data.

Task Description #3 (Transparency in Algorithm Design)
Objective: Use AI to generate an Armstrong number checking function with comments and explanations.
Instructions:
1. Ask AI to explain the code line-by-line.
2. Compare the explanation with code functionality.
Expected Output:
- Transparent, commented code.
- Correct, easy-to-understand explanation.

Prompt:

```
generate an python code for Armstrong number checking function with
comments and explanations
```

Code:

```python
def is_armstrong(number):
    """
    Checks if a number is an Armstrong number.
    An Armstrong number is an n-digit number that is equal to the sum of its own digits
    each raised to the power of n.
    Example: 153 = 1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3 = 153
    """
    # Convert the number to string to easily iterate over digits
    num_str = str(number)
    num_digits = len(num_str)
    sum_of_powers = 0

    # Calculate the sum of each digit raised to the power of number of digits
    for digit in num_str:
        sum_of_powers += int(digit) ** num_digits

    # Check if the sum equals the original number
    return sum_of_powers == number

if __name__ == "__main__":
    num = int(input("Enter a number to check if it is an Armstrong number: "))
    if is_armstrong(num):
        print(f"{num} is an Armstrong number.")
    else:
        print(f"{num} is not an Armstrong number.")
```

Output:

```
Enter a number to check if it is an Armstrong number: 469
469 is not an Armstrong number.
```

Task Description #4 (Transparency in Algorithm Comparison)

Task: Use AI to implement two sorting algorithms (e.g., QuickSort and BubbleSort).

Prompt:

"Generate Python code for QuickSort and BubbleSort, and include comments explaining step-by-step how each works and where they differ."

Expected Output:

- Code for both algorithms.
- Transparent, comparative explanation of their logic and efficiency.

Prompt:

```
Generate Python code for QuickSort and BubbleSort, and
include comments explaining step-by-step how each works
and where they differ
```

Code:

```python
def quicksort(arr):
    """
    QuickSort is a divide-and-conquer algorithm.
    It picks a 'pivot' element and partitions the array into two sub-arrays:
    elements less than the pivot and elements greater than the pivot.
    It then recursively sorts the sub-arrays.
    """
    if len(arr) <= 1:
        return arr  # Base case: arrays with 0 or 1 element are already sorted
    else:
        pivot = arr[0]  # Choose the first element as pivot
        less = [x for x in arr[1:] if x <= pivot]  # Elements less than or equal to pivot
        greater = [x for x in arr[1:] if x > pivot]  # Elements greater than pivot
        # Recursively sort sub-arrays and combine
        return quicksort(less) + [pivot] + quicksort(greater)

def bubblesort(arr):
    """
    BubbleSort repeatedly steps through the list, compares adjacent elements,
    and swaps them if they are in the wrong order.
    This process is repeated until the list is sorted.
    """
    n = len(arr)
    for i in range(n):
        # Last i elements are already in place
        for j in range(0, n - i - 1):
            if arr[j] > arr[j + 1]:
                # Swap if the element found is greater than the next element
                arr[j], arr[j + 1] = arr[j + 1], arr[j]
    return arr

    return arr

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Example usage and demonstration of differences
    data = [64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90]
    print("Original list:", data)

    # QuickSort (returns a new sorted list)
    sorted_quick = quicksort(data.copy())
    print("Sorted with QuickSort:", sorted_quick)

    # BubbleSort (sorts in place)
    sorted_bubble = bubblesort(data.copy())
    print("Sorted with BubbleSort:", sorted_bubble)

    # Key difference:
    # - QuickSort is generally faster (O(n log n) average) and uses recursion.
    # - BubbleSort is simpler but slower (O(n^2)),
```

Output:

```
Original list: [64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90]
Sorted with QuickSort: [11, 12, 22, 25, 34, 64, 90]
Sorted with BubbleSort: [11, 12, 22, 25, 34, 64, 90]
```

Task Description #5 (Transparency in AI Recommendations)

Task: Use AI to create a product recommendation system.

Prompt:

"Generate a recommendation system that also provides reasons for each suggestion."

Expected Output:
- Code with explainable recommendations.
- Evaluation of whether explanations are understandable.

Prompt:

Generate a python code create a product recommendation system. recommendation system that also provides reasons for each suggestion with explanations in comments

Code:

```python
def recommend_products(user_preferences, products):
    """
    Recommends products based on user preferences and provides reasons for each suggestion.
    :param user_preferences: dict with user preferences (e.g., {'category': 'electronics', 'budget': 1000})
    :param products: list of product dicts (each with 'name', 'category', 'price', etc.)
    :return: list of tuples (product, reason)
    """
    recommendations = []
    for product in products:
        # Check if product matches preferred category
        if product['category'] == user_preferences.get('category'):
            # Check if product is within budget
            if product['price'] <= user_preferences.get('budget', float('inf')):
                reason = f"Matches your preferred category '{product['category']}' and is within your budget."
                recommendations.append((product, reason))
            else:
                reason = f"Matches your preferred category '{product['category']}', but is above your budget."
                recommendations.append((product, reason))
        else:
            # If not matching category, but within budget, still suggest with a reason
            if product['price'] <= user_preferences.get('budget', float('inf')):
                reason = f"Is within your budget, though not your preferred category."
                recommendations.append((product, reason))
    return recommendations


if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Example product list
    products = [
        {'name': 'Smartphone', 'category': 'electronics', 'price': 900},
        {'name': 'Laptop', 'category': 'electronics', 'price': 1200},
        {'name': 'Book', 'category': 'books', 'price': 20},
        {'name': 'Headphones', 'category': 'electronics', 'price': 150},
        {'name': 'Coffee Mug', 'category': 'kitchen', 'price': 10}
    ]
```

```python
    # Example user preferences
    user_preferences = {
        'category': 'electronics',
        'budget': 1000
    }

    # Get recommendations
    recommendations = recommend_products(user_preferences, products)

    # Display recommendations with reasons
    print("Product Recommendations:")
    for product, reason in recommendations:
        print(f"- {product['name']} (Rs.{product['price']}): {reason}")

    # Explanations:
    # - The system checks each product for category and budget match.
    # - If both match, it's a strong recommendation with a clear reason.
    # - If only budget matches, it's a weaker suggestion, and the reason explains this.
    # - This approach helps users understand why
```

Output:

```
Product Recommendations:
- Smartphone (Rs.900): Matches your preferred category 'electronics' and is within your budget.
- Laptop (Rs.1200): Matches your preferred category 'electronics', but is above your budget.
- Book (Rs.20): Is within your budget, though not your preferred category.
- Headphones (Rs.150): Matches your preferred category 'electronics' and is within your budget.
- Coffee Mug (Rs.10): Is within your budget, though not your preferred category.
```

Task Description #6 (Transparent Code Generation)

Task: Ask AI to generate a Python function for calculating factorial using recursion.

Prompt:

"Generate a recursive factorial function with comments that explain each line and a final summary of the algorithm's flow."

Expected Output:

- Fully commented code.
- Clear documentation of how recursion works.

Prompt:

generate a Python function for calculating factorial using recursion.

Code:

```python
def factorial(n):
    """
    Calculates the factorial of a number using recursion.
    :param n: integer value to calculate factorial for
    :return: factorial of n
    """
    if n < 0:
        raise ValueError("Factorial is not defined for negative numbers.")
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    return n * factorial(n - 1)

# Example usage:
if __name__ == "__main__":
    num = int(input("Enter a number to find its factorial: "))
    try:
        result = factorial(num)
        print(f"The factorial of {num} is {result}")
    except ValueError as e:
        print("Error:", e)
```

Output:

```
Enter a number to find its factorial: 5
The factorial of 5 is 120
```

Task Description #7 (Inclusiveness in Customer Support)

Code Snippet:

```python
def support_reply(name, gender):
    if gender.lower() == "male":
        prefix = "Mr."
    else:
        prefix = "Mrs."
    return f"Dear {prefix} {name}, we have resolved your i
```

Task:

Regenerate the code so that support messages use neutral language (e.g., "Dear {name}") and optionally accept preferred titles.

Expected Output:

- Neutral, user-friendly support responses.

Prompt:

Regenerate the code so that support messages use neutral language (e.g., "Dear {name}") and optionally accept preferred titles.

Code:

```python
def support_reply(name, gender=None, title=None):
    """
    Generates a support reply message using neutral language.
    Optionally accepts a preferred title.
    :param name: User's name
    :param gender: (Optional) User's gender (ignored for neutrality)
    :param title: (Optional) Preferred title (e.g., Dr., Prof.)
    :return: Support reply string
    """
    if title:
        greeting = f"Dear {title} {name}"
    else:
        greeting = f"Dear {name}"
    return f"{greeting}, we have received your request and our support team will get back to you shortly."
name = input("Enter your name: ")
gender = input("Enter your gender (optional, press Enter to skip): ") or None
title = input("Enter your preferred title (e.g., Dr., Prof., optional, press Enter to skip): ") or None
support_reply(name, gender, title)
```

Output:

```
Enter your name: sai
Enter your gender (optional, press Enter to skip):
Enter your preferred title (e.g., Dr., Prof., optional, press Enter to skip): student
Dear student sai, we have received your request and our support team will get back to you shortly.
```

Note: Report should be submitted a word document for all tasks in a single document with prompts, comments & code explanation, and output and if required, screenshots

Evaluation Criteria:

Criteria	Max Marks
Transparency	1
Inclusiveness	0.5
Data security and Privacy	1
Total	2.5 Marks