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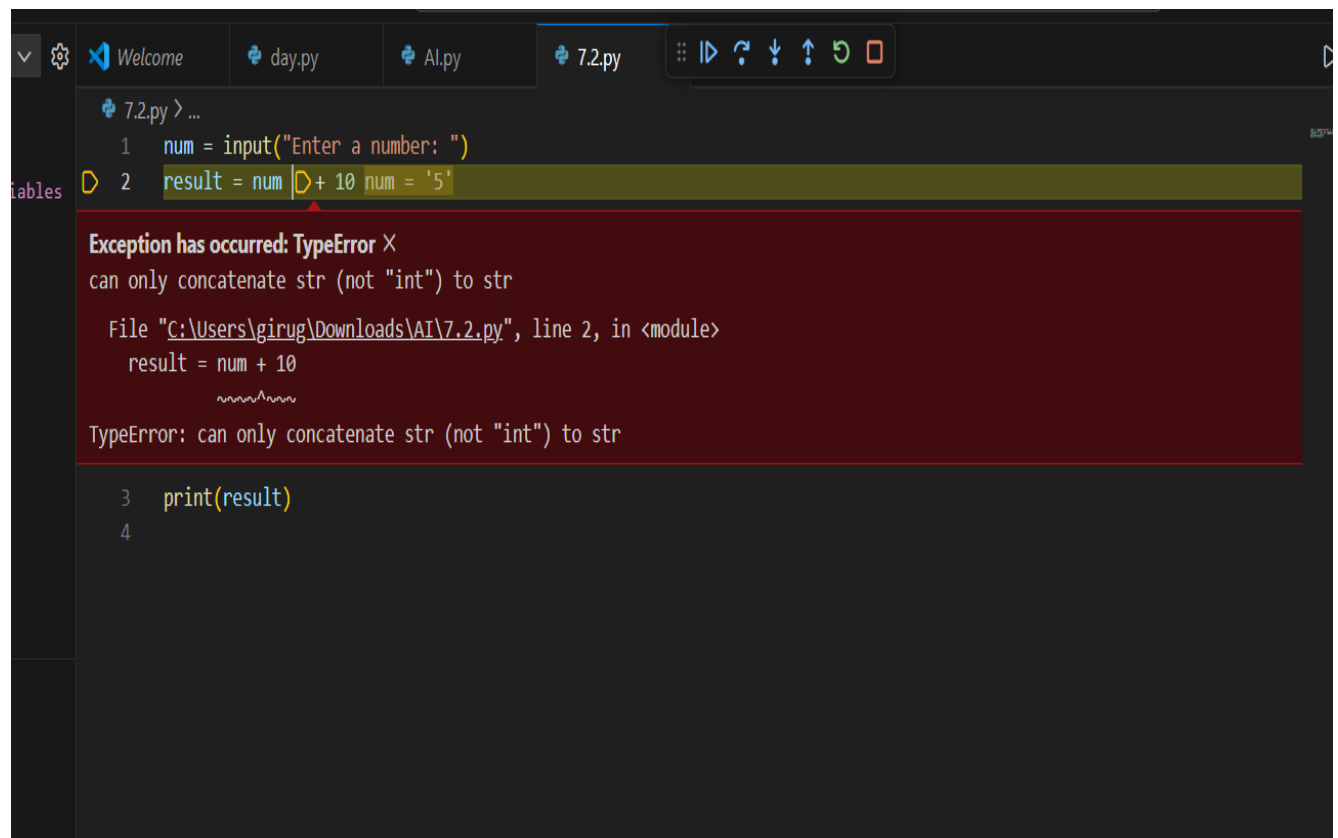
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Lab 7: Error Debugging with AI: Systematic approaches to finding and fixing bugs

Task 1 – Runtime Error Due to Invalid Input Type

Prompt: Write a Python function to determine whether a given number is prime.

Code :



The screenshot shows a Python IDE with a dark theme. The top bar displays several open files: 'Welcome', 'day.py', 'AI.py', and '7.2.py'. The '7.2.py' file is active, showing the following code:

```
1 num = input("Enter a number: ")
2 result = num + 10 num = '5'
3 print(result)
4
```

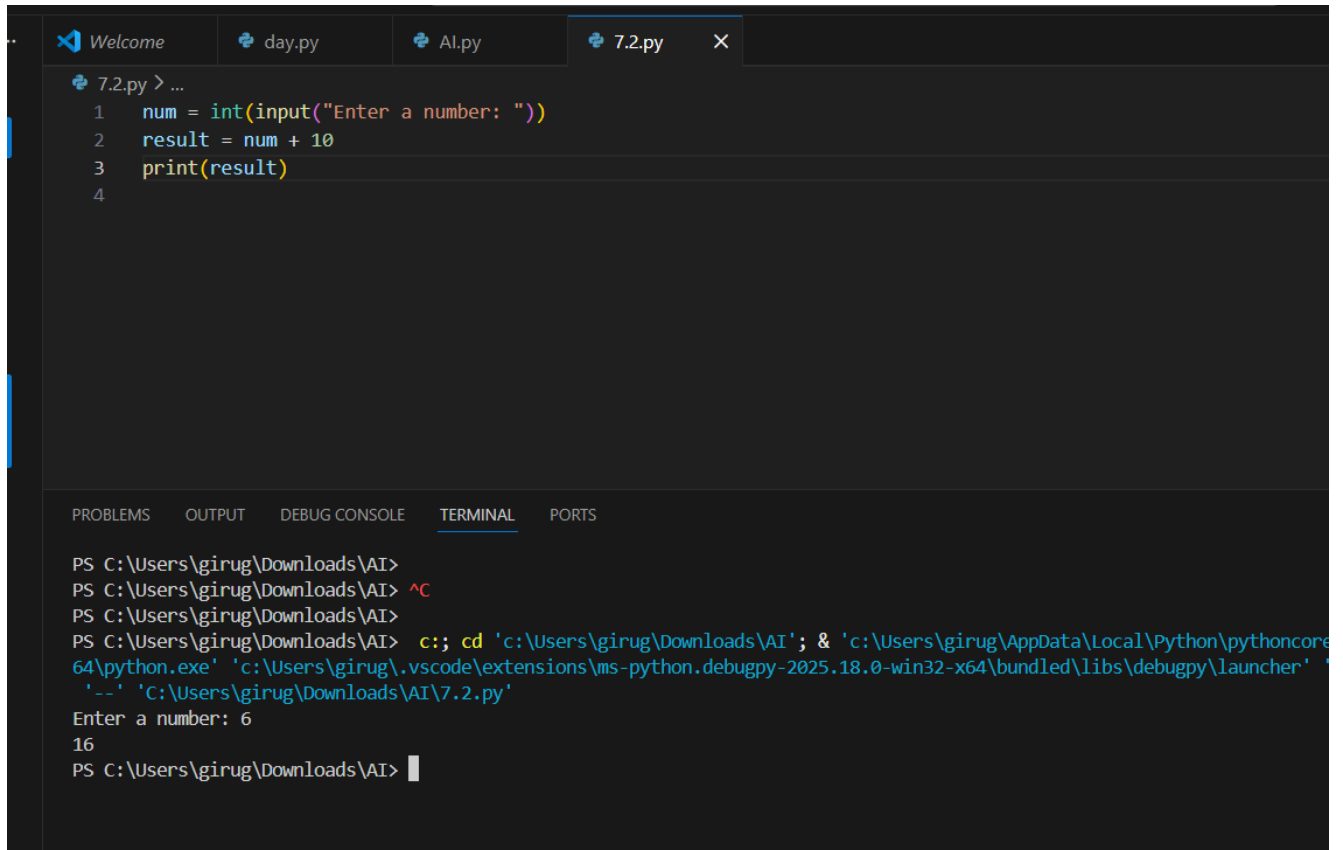
Line 2 is highlighted, and a red arrow points to the '+' operator. A large red error message box is overlaid on the code, stating:

```
Exception has occurred: TypeError X
can only concatenate str (not "int") to str

File "C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py", line 2, in <module>
    result = num + 10
              ~~~~~
TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str
```

The error message indicates that the code is attempting to concatenate a string ('5') with an integer (10), which is not allowed in Python.

Output:



The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with a file named `7.2.py` open. The code in the editor is as follows:

```
1 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
2 result = num + 10
3 print(result)
4
```

Below the editor, the TERMINAL panel is active, showing the command prompt output:

```
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> ^C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c;; cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore
64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '
' -- 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
Enter a number: 6
16
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
```

Justification: The program failed because `input()` returns data as a string, and adding a string to an integer is invalid in Python. The AI corrected this by converting the input to an integer using `int()`, ensuring the arithmetic operation works properly. This type conversion is necessary to match the expected numeric behavior of the program.

Task 2 – Incorrect Function Return Value

Prompt:

Generate a function to calculate the sum of elements in a list.

Code :

```
23
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28 def square(n):
29     result = n * n
30
31
```

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```
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c::; cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '51096'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> 6
6
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> 
```

Output:

```
24
25
26
27 def square(n):
28     result = n * n
29     return result
30 print(square(8))
31
```

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```

> c::; cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '638'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
25
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> ^C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c::; cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '639'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> 8^C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c::; cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '502'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
64
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> 
```

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Justification:

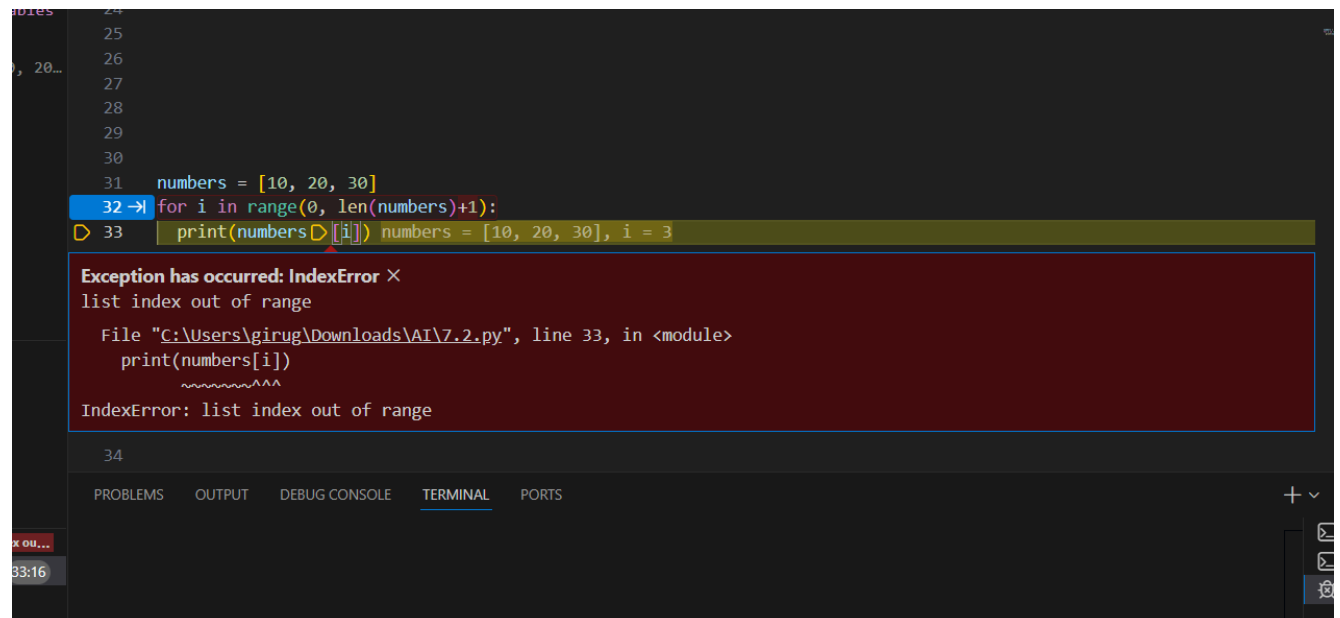
Although the function computed the square internally, it never returned the result, causing the output to be lost. The AI identified the missing return statement and added it, allowing the function to properly

send the computed value back to the caller. Returning values is essential for functional correctness and reusability.

Task 3 – IndexError in List Traversal

Write a Python function that takes an alphanumeric string and returns only the digits.

Code :



```
24
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31 numbers = [10, 20, 30]
32 → for i in range(0, len(numbers)+1):
33     print(numbers[i]) numbers = [10, 20, 30], i = 3

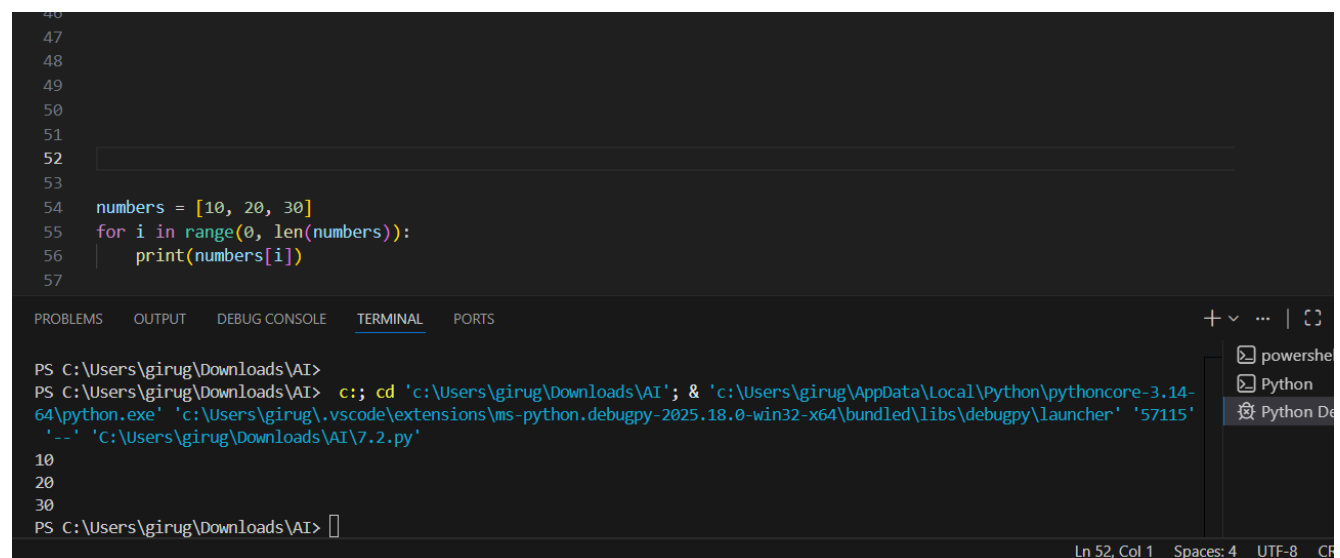
Exception has occurred: IndexError ×
list index out of range

File "C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py", line 33, in <module>
    print(numbers[i])
    ~~~~~^
IndexError: list index out of range

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```

Output:



```
40
47
48
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50
51
52
53
54 numbers = [10, 20, 30]
55 for i in range(0, len(numbers)):
56     print(numbers[i])
57

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PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c:; cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '57115'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
10
20
30
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>

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```

Justification:

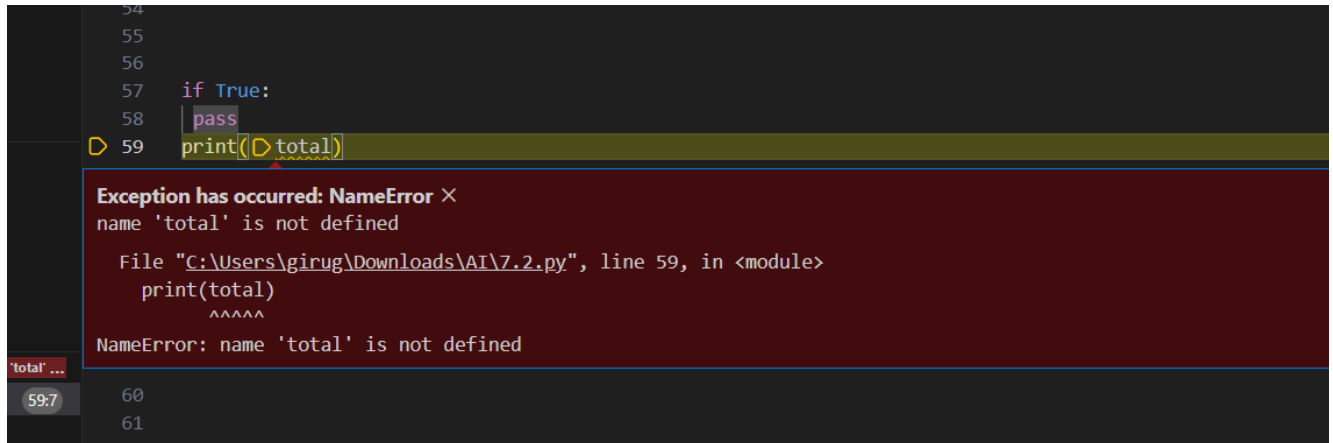
The loop incorrectly iterated one step beyond the valid index range using `len(numbers) + 1`, causing an `IndexError`. AI fixed the boundary to `range(len(numbers))`, ensuring safe access of all existing list elements. This correction is justified because valid indices only go from 0 to `len(numbers)-1`.

Task 4 – Uninitialized Variable Usage

Prompt :

Write a Python function to count the number of vowels in a given string.

Code :



The screenshot shows a Python IDE with a dark theme. The editor displays a Python script with the following code:

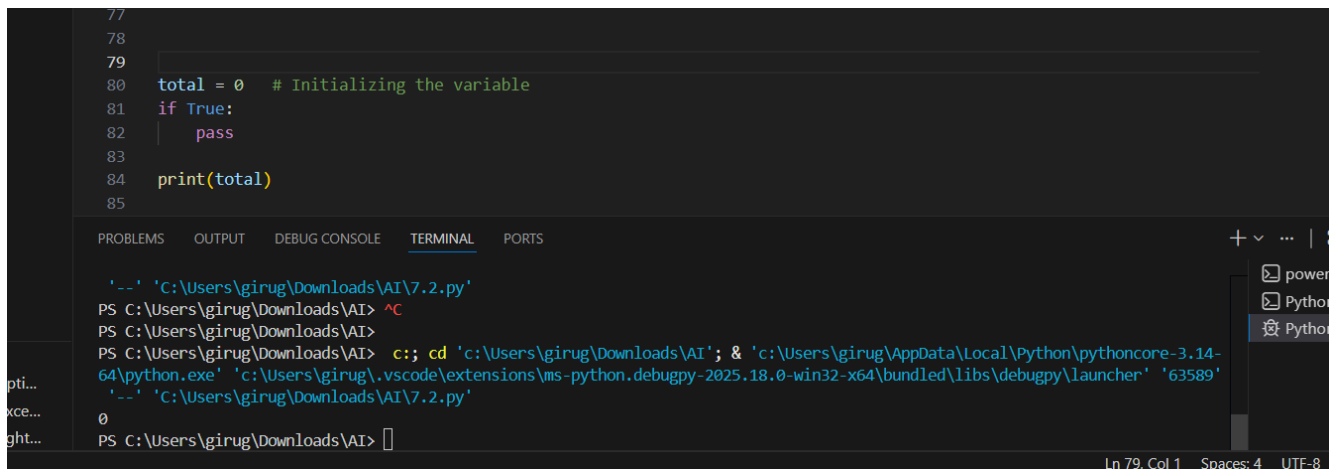
```
54
55
56
57 if True:
58     pass
59 print(total)
```

Line 59 is highlighted. A red error message box is overlaid on the code, stating:

Exception has occurred: NameError ×
name 'total' is not defined

File "C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py", line 59, in <module>
 print(total)
 ^^^^^
NameError: name 'total' is not defined

Output:



The screenshot shows the same Python IDE with the corrected code:

```
77
78
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80 total = 0 # Initializing the variable
81 if True:
82     pass
83
84 print(total)
85
```

The terminal window at the bottom shows the command prompt output:

```
-- 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> ^C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c:: cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundle\libs\debugpy\launcher' '63589'
-- 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
0
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
```

Justification:

The program attempted to print a variable (total) before it had been assigned any value, resulting in a runtime error. AI resolved this by initializing the variable to 0 before use, ensuring the program has a valid reference. Proper initialization prevents undefined behavior and is a fundamental programming requirement.

Task 5 – Logical Error in Student Grading System

Prompt :

write a Python function that takes three numbers and returns the minimum value without using min().

Code :

```
79
80 marks = 85
81 if marks >= 90:
82     grade = "A"
83 elif marks >= 80:
84     grade = "C"
85 else:
86     grade = "B"
87 print(grade)
88
89
90
91
92
```

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```
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> ^C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c:: cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '50305'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> 
```

Output:

```
74
75
76
77
78
79 marks = 85
80
81 if marks >= 90:
82     grade = "A"
83 elif marks >= 80:
84     grade = "B"
85 else:
86     grade = "C"
87
88 print(grade)
89
```

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```
C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> ^C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> c:: cd 'c:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI'; & 'c:\Users\girug\AppData\Local\Python\pythoncore-3.14-64\python.exe' 'c:\Users\girug\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '64291'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
B
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> 
```

Justification:

The conditions for assigning grades were incorrectly ordered, making the program assign a wrong grade for certain mark ranges. AI fixed this by arranging the conditions in a logically descending order (A → B → C), ensuring accurate evaluation. Correct conditional structure is essential for producing correct program decisions.