

Lab Assignment 1.2 – AI Assisted Coding

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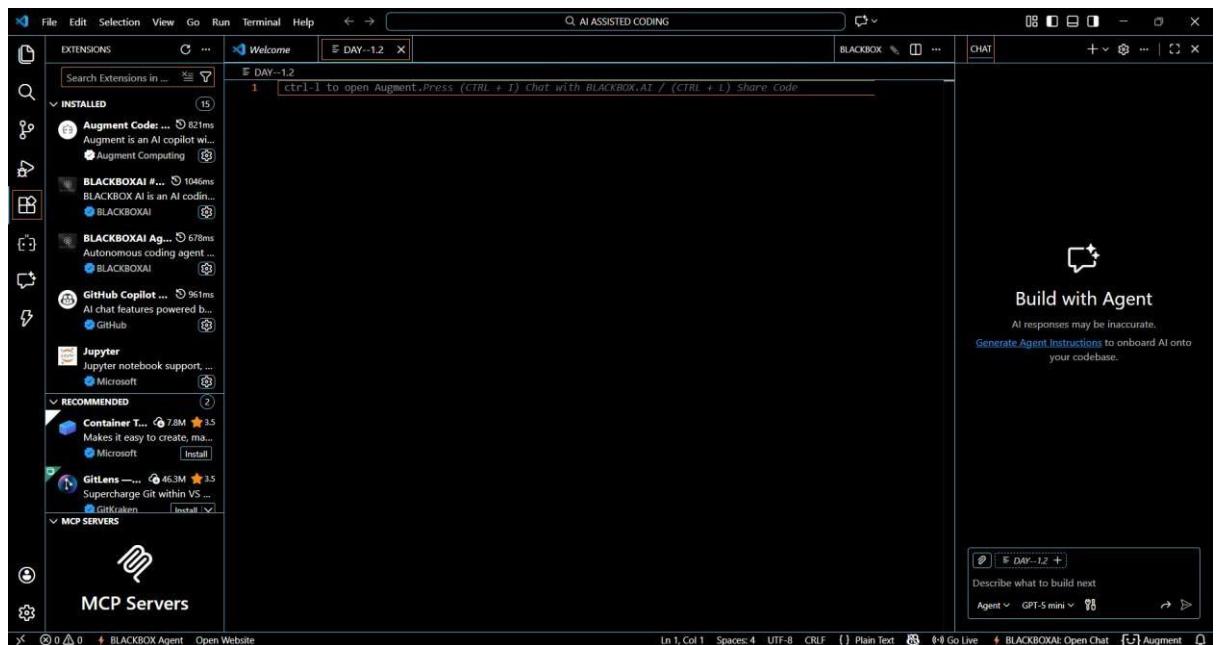
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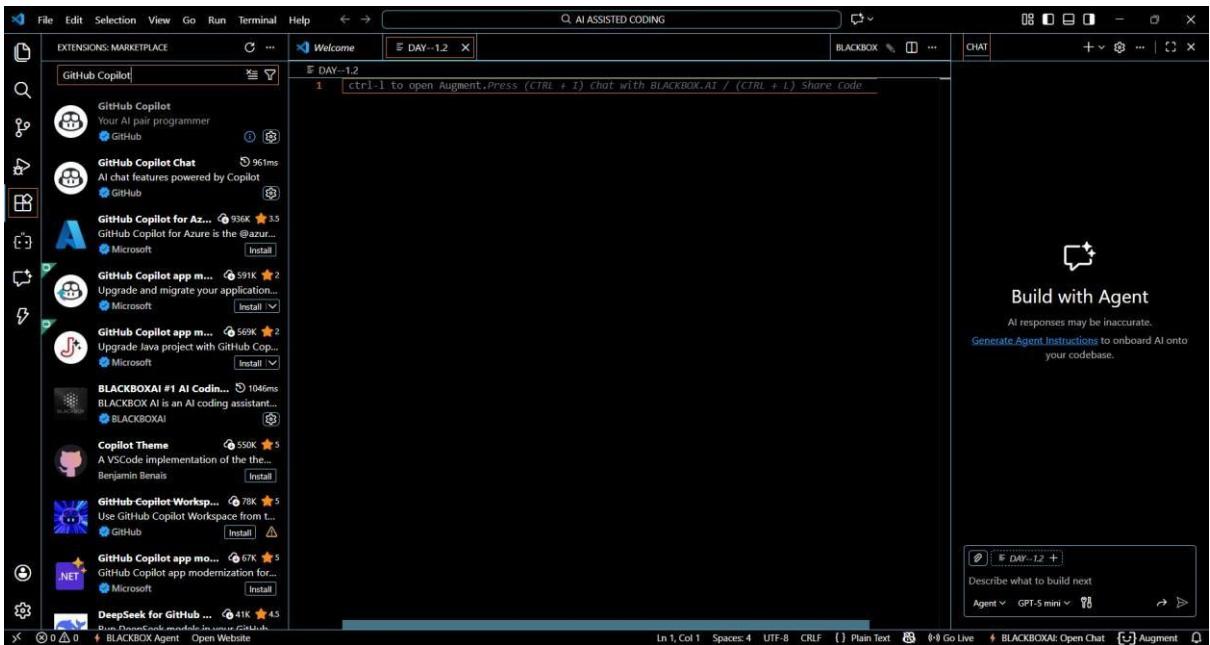
Task 0: GitHub Copilot Installation & Configuration

Steps Followed:

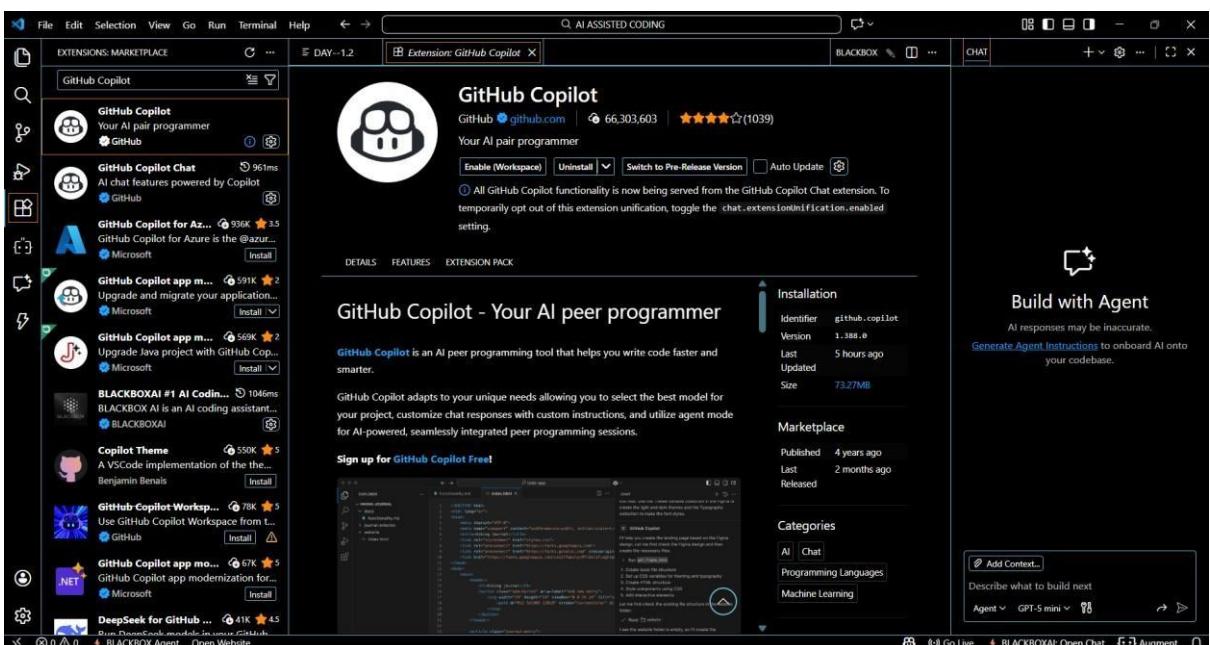
1. Installed Visual Studio Code
2. Opened Extensions Marketplace



3. Searched for GitHub Copilot



4. Clicked Install



5. Signed in with GitHub Account

6. Enabled Copilot suggestions

7. Verified Copilot inline suggestions in Python file

The screenshot shows the AI ASSISTED CODING interface. In the code editor, a file named DAY-1.2.py contains the following Python code:

```

1 """Write a Python program to calculate factorial of a number using loops only, without defining any function."""
2
3 n = int(input("Enter a number to calculate its factorial: "))
4 factorial = 1
5
6 for i in range(1, n + 1):
7     factorial *= i
8
9 print(f"The factorial of {n} is {factorial}")

```

The terminal window shows the output of running the script:

```

PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING> & C:/Users/sarik/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/Users/sarik/OneDrive/Desktop/ai_assisted_coding/day-1.2.py"
Enter a number to calculate its factorial: 4
The factorial of 4 is 24
PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING>

```

Task 1: AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization (Factorial without Functions)

Prompt Used: “Write a Python program to calculate factorial of a number using loops only, without defining any function.”

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6     result *= i
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8 print("Factorial is:", result)

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Enter a number: 4
Factorial is: 24
PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING>

```

GitHub Copilot was very helpful for a beginner as it generated correct logic instantly.

It followed basic Python syntax and loop structure accurately.

The code was readable and easy to understand.
However, it did not include input validation automatically.
Best practices like modular design were not applied unless explicitly prompted.

Task 2: AI Code Optimization & Cleanup Original Code:

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio Code interface with the "AI ASSISTED CODING" extension. The left sidebar shows the file tree with "DAY-1.2.py" selected. The main editor window contains the following Python code:

```
1 """Write a Python program to calculate factorial of a number using loops only, without defining any function."""
2
3 n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
4 result = 1
5 for i in range(1, n + 1):
6     result = result * i
7 print("Factorial is:", result)
```

The terminal tab at the bottom shows the output of running the script:

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● Enter a number: 4
Factorial is: 24
○ PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING>
```

A right-hand sidebar titled "Build with Agent" provides instructions for generating agent instructions.

Prompt Used: “Optimize this code and make it more readable”

```

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6     result *= i
7 print("Factorial is:", result)
8
9
10 """Optimize this code and make it more readable"""
11
12 n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
13 factorial = 1
14 for i in range(1, n + 1):
15     factorial *= i
16 print(f"Factorial of {n} is: {factorial}")

```

The optimized version improves clarity, maintainability, and readability without affecting performance.

Task 3: Modular Design Using AI Assistance (Factorial with Functions)

Prompt Used: “Create a Python function to calculate factorial and call it from main block”

```

19 """Create a Python function to calculate factorial and call it from main block"""
20
21 def calculate_factorial(num):
22     """Returns factorial of a number"""
23     result = 1
24     for i in range(1, num + 1):
25         result *= i
26     return result
27
28 number = int(input("Enter a number: "))
29 print("Factorial is:", calculate_factorial(number))

```

The optimized version improves clarity, maintainability, and readability without affecting performance.

Modularity improves reusability by allowing the same function to be used across multiple programs. It also simplifies testing and debugging.

Task 4: Comparative Analysis

Procedural vs Modular AI Code

Criteria	Without	
	Function	With Function
Logic Clarity	Moderate	High
Reusability	No	Yes
Debugging Ease	Difficult	Easy
Large Project Suitability	Poor	Excellent
AI Dependency Risk	Higher	Lower

Conclusion:

Function-based design is more scalable and suitable for real-world applications.

Task 5: Iterative vs Recursive AI Code

Prompt Used: “Generate iterative and recursive factorial programs in Python”

```

31     """Generate iterative and recursive factorial programs in Python"""
32
33     """Iterative Version"""
34     def factorial_iterative(n):
35         result = 1
36         for i in range(1, n + 1):
37             result *= i
38
39         return result
40
41     """Recursive Version"""
42     def factorial_recursive(n):
43         if n == 0 or n == 1:
44             return 1
45         return n * factorial_recursive(n - 1)
46
47 number = int(input("Enter a number: "))
48 print("Iterative Factorial is:", factorial_iterative(number))
49 print("Recursive Factorial is:", factorial_recursive(number))

```

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• Enter a number: 4
Iterative Factorial is: 24
Recursive Factorial is: 24
PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING>

Execution Flow Explanation:

- Iterative version uses a loop and constant memory.
- Recursive version uses function calls and stack memory.

Comparison:

Aspect	Iterative	Recursive
Readability	Simple	Elegant
Stack Usage	No	Yes
Performance	Faster	Slower
Risk	Low	Stack Overflow
Recommendation	Preferred	Avoid for large inputs