

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

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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 code editor interface with a dark theme. The top navigation bar includes tabs for "Welcome", "day.py", "AI.py", and "7.2.py". The "7.2.py" tab is active, showing the following code:

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

An error message is displayed in a red box:

Exception has occurred: TypeError
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

Below the code editor, there is a large empty black area.

Output:

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the following details:

- Editor Tabs:** Welcome, day.py, AI.py, 7.2.py (active tab).
- Code in 7.2.py:**

```
1 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
2 result = num + 10
3 print(result)
4
```
- Terminal Tab:** TERMINAL is selected.
- Terminal Output:**

```
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> ^C
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 :

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

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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:

```
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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\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'
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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\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\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> []
```

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 :

The screenshot shows a Python script in a code editor. Line 32 contains a for loop that iterates from 0 to len(numbers)+1. Line 33 prints the element at index i. A tooltip indicates that numbers = [10, 20, 30] and i = 3. An error message box is displayed, stating "Exception has occurred: IndexError × list index out of range". The stack trace shows the error occurred in line 33 of "C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py". The terminal tab is selected at the bottom.

```
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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

34
```

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Output:

The screenshot shows the same Python script after correction. The for loop now uses range(len(numbers)). The terminal tab shows the script being run in a PowerShell window. The output shows the numbers 10, 20, and 30 printed sequentially. The status bar at the bottom right indicates the file is 52 lines long, 1 character wide, and uses UTF-8 encoding.

```
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54     numbers = [10, 20, 30]
55 for i in range(0, len(numbers)):
56     print(numbers[i])

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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
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PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
```

Ln 52, Col 1 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CR

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 code editor interface with a dark theme. A yellow callout box highlights a line of code: "print(D total)". Below the code editor, a red box displays the error message: "Exception has occurred: NameError × name 'total' is not defined". The error details mention the file "C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py", line 59, in <module>. The print statement is shown with the cursor at the end of "total". The status bar at the bottom indicates the line number is 59 and the column is 7.

```
54
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57 if True:
58 | pass
D 59 print(D total)

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

'total' ...
59:7
60
61
62
```

Output:

The screenshot shows a code editor with a terminal tab active. The terminal window displays the execution of the script "C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py". The output shows the variable "total" being initialized to 0 and then printed, resulting in the value 0 being displayed. The status bar at the bottom right shows the line number as 79, column as 1, spaces as 4, and encoding as UTF-8.

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

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'--' '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\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '63589'
'--' 'C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI\7.2.py'
0
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI> []

Ln 79, Col 1 Spaces: 4 UTF-8
```

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 = "B"
85     else:
86         grade = "C"
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'
C
PS C:\Users\girug\Downloads\AI>
```

Output:

```
74
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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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```
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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' '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.