

Lab Assignment 1.2 – AI Assisted Coding

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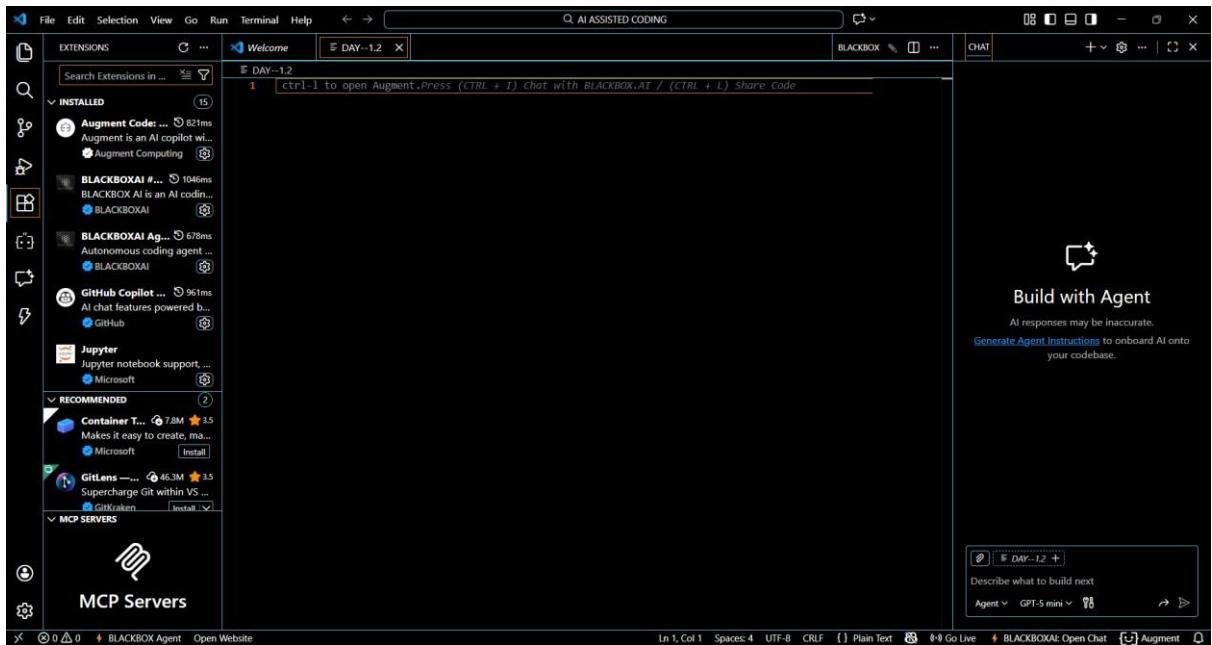
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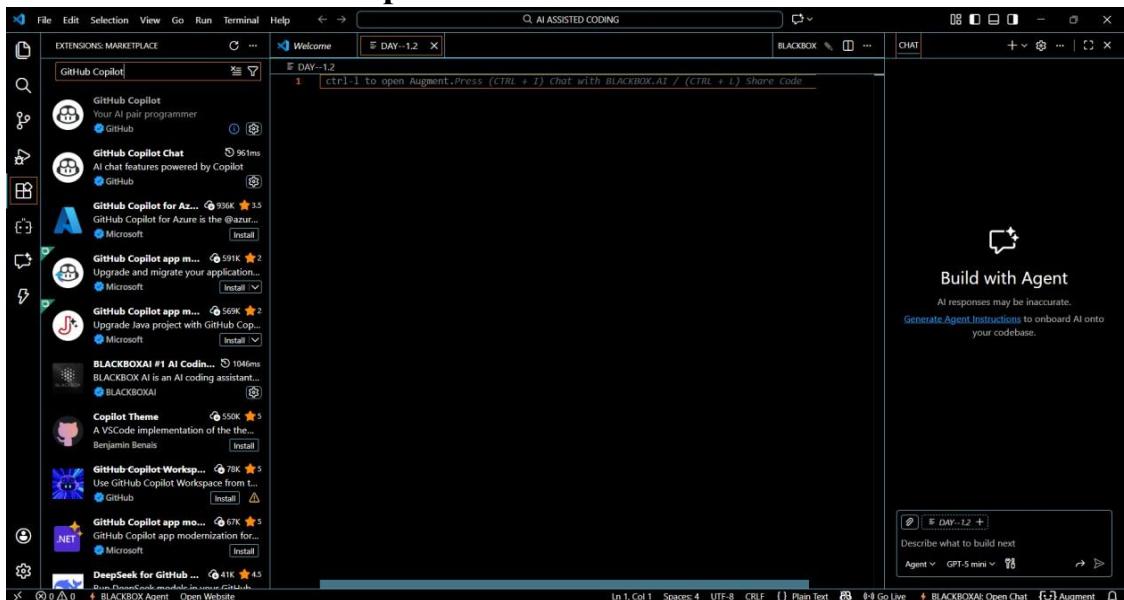
Task 0: GitHub Copilot Installation & Configuration

Steps Followed:

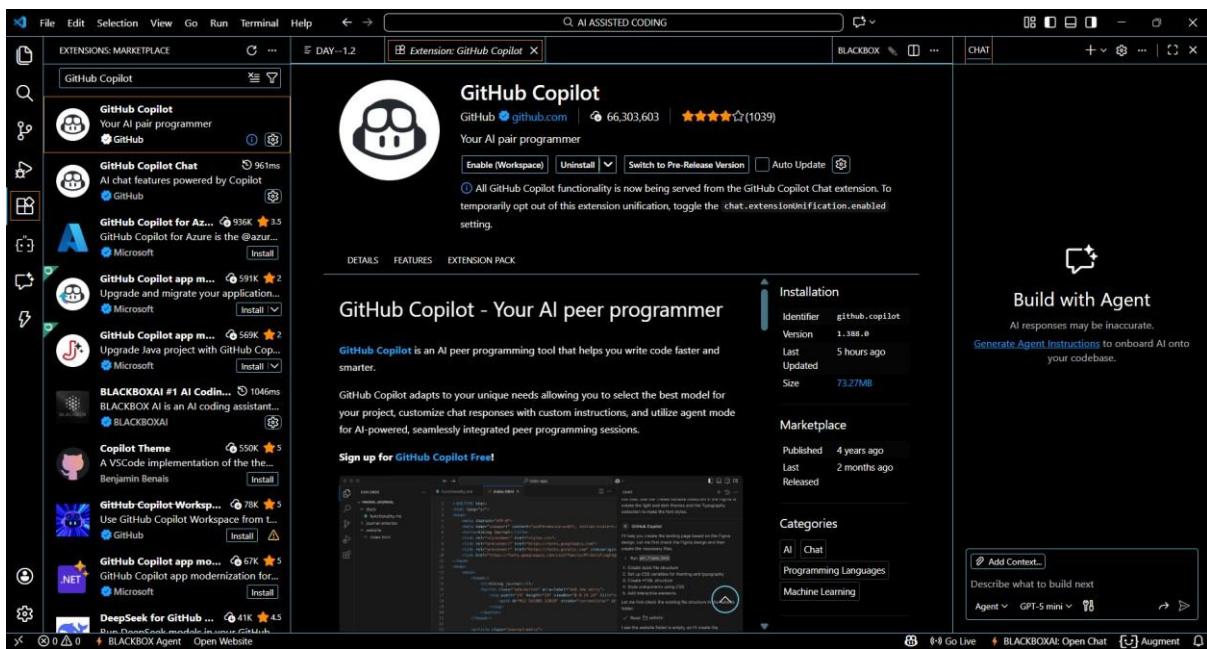
1. Installed Visual Studio Code
2. Opened Extensions Marketplace



3. Searched for GitHub Copilot



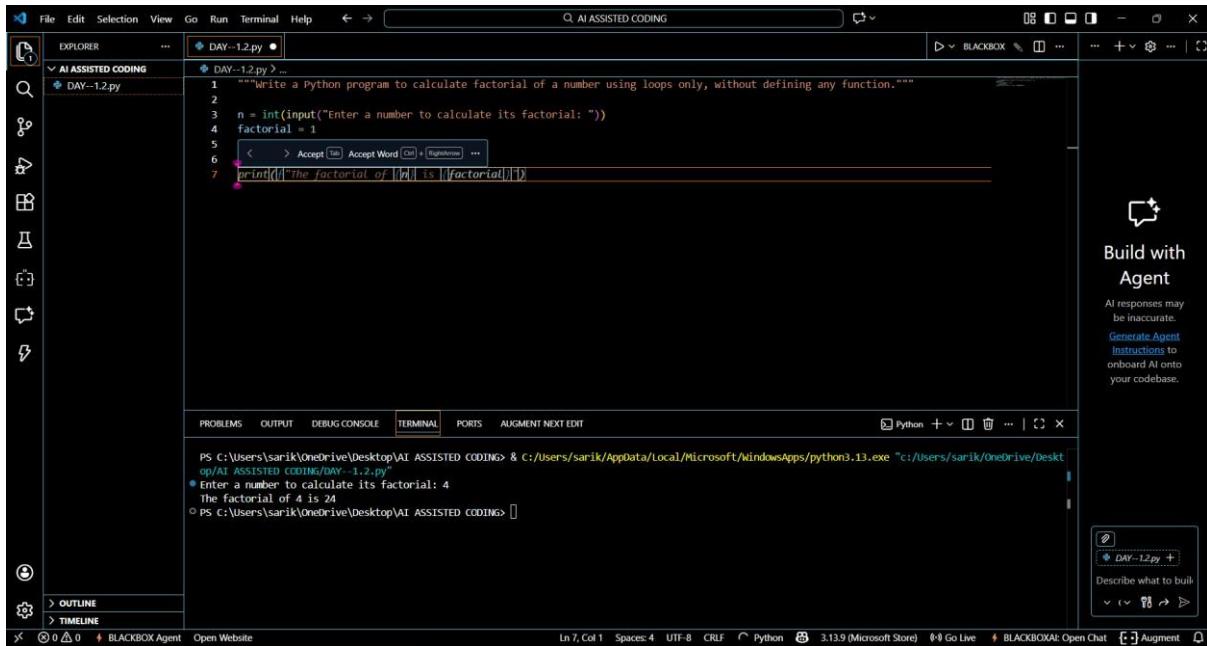
4. Clicked Install



5. Signed in with GitHub Account

6. Enabled Copilot suggestions

7. Verified Copilot inline suggestions in Python file



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.”

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

- File Explorer:** Shows a single file named "DAY-1.2.py".
- Code Editor:** Displays 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 *= i
7 print("Factorial is:", result)
```
- Terminal:** Shows the command being run: "PS C:\Users\sarik\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING> & C:/Users/sarik/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe "c:/users/sarik/Desktop/Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING\DAY-1.2.py"
- Output:** Displays the terminal output:
 - Enter a number: 4
 - Factorial is: 24
- Right Panel:** Contains a "Build with Agent" section with a note: "AI responses may be inaccurate." It also includes links to "Generate Agent Instructions" and "onboard AI onto your codebase".

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:

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EXPLORER ... DAY-1.2.py ...
AI ASSISTED CODING
DAY-1.2.py > ...
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5 for i in range(1, n + 1):
6     result = result * i
7 print("Factorial is:", result)

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

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

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File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help < → ○ AI ASSISTED CODING
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AI ASSISTED CODING
DAY-1.2.py > ...
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6     result = 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}")

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS AUGMENT NEXT EDIT
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: 4
Factorial is: 24
Enter a number: 2
Factorial of 2 is: 2
○ PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING>

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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(f"Factorial is:{calculate_factorial(number)}")

```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS AUGMENT NEXT EDIT

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: 12
 Factorial is: 479001600
- PS C:\Users\sarik\OneDrive\Desktop\AI ASSISTED CODING> []

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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”

The screenshot shows the AI ASSISTED CODING interface. In the Explorer panel, there are two files: DAY-1.2.py and DAY-1.2.py (AI ASSISTED CODING). The code editor displays two versions of a factorial function. The first version is iterative, using a loop to calculate the result. The second version is recursive, using a function call to itself. Both versions include comments and a main block that prints the results of both methods for a user-specified number.

```
30
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         return result
39
40     """Recursive Version"""
41     def factorial_recursive(n):
42         if n == 0 or n == 1:
43             return 1
44         return n * factorial_recursive(n - 1)
45 number = int(input("Enter a number: "))
46 print("Iterative Factorial is:", factorial_iterative(number))
47 print("Recursive Factorial is:", factorial_recursive(number))
```

The terminal window shows the execution of the script and the output for n=24.

```
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: 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