

# AI ASSISTED CODING

## LAB TEST-04

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### Question 1: (API Integration)

a) Fetch NASA Astronomy Picture of the Day via API.

b) Handle missing image or metadata

### Prompt:

Write a Python function `fetch_apod(api_key=None, save_image=True, dest='apod.jpg')` that calls NASA's APOD API, returns a dict containing the metadata, saves the image if present, and gracefully handles cases where the APOD is a video or metadata fields are missing. Use requests, timeouts, and clear error handling.

### Code And Output:

```
1 import os
2 import requests
3 from datetime import datetime
4
5 NASA_APOD_URL = "https://api.nasa.gov/planetary/apod"
6 DEMO_KEY = "DEMO_KEY" # Use your own API key for more usage.
7
8 def fetch_apod(api_key=None, date=None, save_image=True, dest="apod.jpg", timeout=10):
9     key = api_key or os.getenv("NASA_API_KEY") or DEMO_KEY
10
11     params = {"api_key": key}
12     if date:
13         if isinstance(date, datetime):
14             params["date"] = date.strftime("%Y-%m-%d")
15         else:
16             params["date"] = str(date)
17
18     # API request
19     try:
20         resp = requests.get(NASA_APOD_URL, params=params, timeout=timeout)
21     except requests.RequestException as e:
22         return {"success": False, "status": f"request_error: {e}", "data": None, "saved_path": None}
23
24     if resp.status_code != 200:
25         try:
26             err = resp.json()
27         except:
28             err = resp.text
29         return {"success": False, "status": f"http_{resp.status_code}: {err}", "data": None, "saved_path": None}
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31 apod = resp.json()
32
33 normalized = {
34     "title": apod.get("title"),
35     "date": apod.get("date"),
36     "explanation": apod.get("explanation"),
37     "media_type": apod.get("media_type"),
38     "url": apod.get("url"),
39     "hdurl": apod.get("hdurl"),
40 }
41
42 saved_path = None
43
44 # Save image if available
45 if normalized["media_type"] == "image" and save_image:
46     image_url = normalized["hdurl"] or normalized["url"]
47     try:
48         img_resp = requests.get(image_url, stream=True, timeout=timeout)
49         if img_resp.status_code == 200:
50             with open(dest, "wb") as f:
51                 for chunk in img_resp.iter_content(8192):
52                     f.write(chunk)
53             saved_path = os.path.abspath(dest)
54     except:
55         pass
56
57 return {"success": True, "status": "ok", "data": normalized, "saved_path": saved_path}
58

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59
60 # Correct main block
61 if __name__ == "__main__":
62     result = fetch_apod(save_image=True, dest="today_apod.jpg")
63
64     if not result["success"]:
65         print("Error fetching APOD:", result["status"])
66     else:
67         print("APOD metadata:")
68         for k, v in result["data"].items():
69             print(f"  {k}: {v}")
70
71     if result["saved_path"]:
72         print("Image saved to:", result["saved_path"])
73     else:
74         print("No image saved (APOD may be video).")

```

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## Astronomy Picture of the Day

[Discover the cosmos!](#) Each day a different image or photograph of our fascinating universe is featured, along with a brief explanation written by a professional astronomer.

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**Alnitak, Alnilam, Mintaka**  
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**Explanation:** [Alnitak](#), [Alnilam](#), and [Mintaka](#) are the bright bluish stars from east to west (upper right to lower left) along the diagonal in this [cosmic vista](#). Otherwise known as the [Belt of Orion](#), these three blue supergiant stars are hotter and much more massive than the Sun. They lie from [700 to 2 000 light-years away](#), born of Orion's well-studied interstellar clouds. In fact, clouds of gas and dust adrift in this region have some surprisingly familiar shapes, including the dark [Horsehead Nebula](#) and [Flame Nebula](#) near [Alnitak](#) at the upper right. The famous [Orion Nebula](#) itself is off the right edge of this colorful starfield. The telescopic frame spans almost 4 degrees [in the sky](#).

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# Explanation:

The function calls `https://api.nasa.gov/planetary/apod` with an API key (uses `NASA_API_KEY` env var or `DEMO_KEY` fallback).

It safely handles network errors and non-200 responses and returns a structured dict (success, status, data, saved\_path).

data is normalized so missing fields are `None` rather than raising errors.

If `media_type == "image"`, it attempts to download `hdurl` (preferred) or `url` and saves to `dest`. If APOD is a video (common), it doesn't try to save an image and includes a note.

Using the `DEMO_KEY` works for examples but is rate-limited; for production get a personal API key from <https://api.nasa.gov>

## **Q2. (Code Translation)**

- a) Translate a Rust function to Python.
- b) Discuss performance differences.

## Prompt:

Translate this Rust function (Sieve of Eratosthenes) to Python:  
produce idiomatic, readable Python that returns a list of  
primes  $\leq n$ . Include error handling and a small benchmark  
snippet. Keep the translation simple and efficient.

## CODE & OUTPUT:

```
1 # Python translation of the Rust sieve function
2 import math
3 import time
4
5 def sieve(n: int):
6     """
7     Return a list of primes <= n using the Sieve of Eratosthenes.
8
9     Args:
10         n: integer upper bound (>= 0)
11
12     Returns:
13         list of int (primes <= n)
14     """
15     if n < 2:
16         return []
17
18     # boolean list where index = number, value = is prime
19     is_prime = [True] * (n + 1)
20     is_prime[0] = False
21     is_prime[1] = False
22
23     limit = int(math.isqrt(n))
24     for p in range(2, limit + 1):
25         if is_prime[p]:
26             start = p * p
27             # mark multiples of p as not prime
28             for multiple in range(start, n + 1, p):
29                 is_prime[multiple] = False
30
31     # collect primes
32     primes = [i for i, val in enumerate(is_prime) if val]
33     return primes
```

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35
36 # Small benchmark example
37 if __name__ == "__main__":
38     N = 1_000_000 # changeable
39     t0 = time.perf_counter()
40     ps = sieve(N)
41     t1 = time.perf_counter()
42     print(f"Found {len(ps)} primes up to {N} in {t1-t0:.4f}s")
43     # show first 10 primes and last 5 primes as example
44     print("first 10:", ps[:10])
45     print("last 5:", ps[-5:])
46
```

```
Found 78498 primes up to 1000000 in 0.2042s  
first 10: [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29]  
last 5: [999953, 999959, 999961, 999979, 999983]
```

## **EXPLANATION:**

Rust is faster because it compiles to optimized machine code, has no interpreter overhead, and handles memory more efficiently. Python is slower due to its interpreter, object-based booleans, and higher loop overhead. Both use the same sieve algorithm, but Python typically runs many times slower. You can speed Python up using bytearray, numpy, or C/Rust extensions.