

Assignment-5.5

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Task Description #1 (Transparency in Algorithm Optimization)

Task: Use AI to generate two solutions for checking prime numbers:

- Naive approach(basic)
- Optimized approach

Prompt:

“Python code for two prime-checking methods and explain how the optimized version improves performance.” Expected Output:

- Code for both methods.
- Transparent explanation of time complexity.
- Comparison highlighting efficiency improvements

Prompt Used:

Write a python code for checking Generate prime numbers or not, in naive approach and optimized approach. Explain the logic, time complexity, and performance improvement of the optimized approach.

It should include example test cases. and differentiate between naive and optimized approach in comments and negative numbers.

Code:

Output:

A screenshot of a terminal window in Visual Studio Code (VS Code). The window title is "assistantcoding - Copy". The terminal tab is selected, showing the following output:

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7 is a prime number.
10 is not a prime number.
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The terminal interface includes standard VS Code icons for file operations (New File, Open, Save, Find, Copy, Paste, Delete) and a status bar at the bottom displaying the file name "assignment9*", line count (Ln 19, Col 1), character count (Spaces: 4, CRLF), language (Python), version (3.13.9 (Microsoft Store)), and date (25-01-2026). The taskbar at the bottom shows various open applications including a weather widget (24°C, Mostly cloudy).

Justification:

The naive prime-checking approach tests divisibility from 2 to $n-1$, resulting in a time complexity of $O(n)$ and higher computational cost for large inputs.

The optimized approach improves performance by checking divisibility only up to \sqrt{n} , reducing the time complexity to $O(\sqrt{n})$ based on mathematical properties of factors.

This optimization significantly decreases the number of iterations, making the algorithm faster and more efficient while correctly handling edge cases such as negative numbers, 0, and 1.

Task Description #2 (Transparency in Recursive Algorithms)

Objective: Use AI to generate a recursive function to calculate Fibonacci numbers.

Instructions:

1. Ask AI to add clear comments explaining recursion.
2. Ask AI to explain base cases and recursive calls.

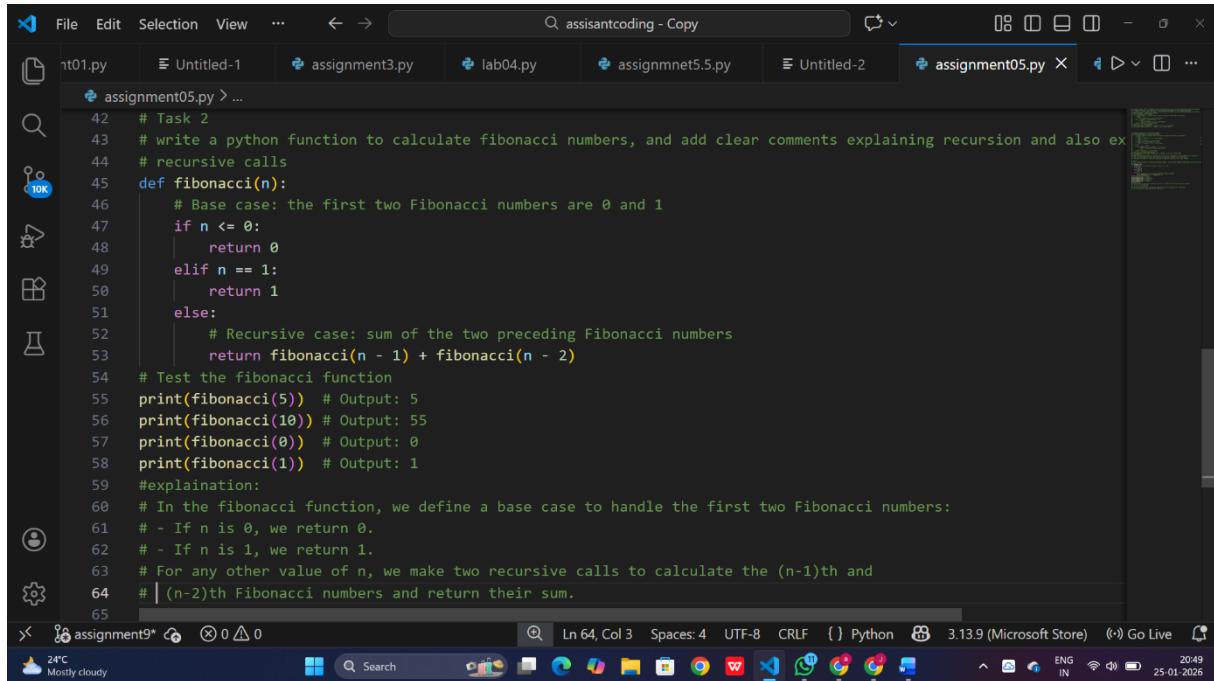
Expected Output:

- Well-commented recursive code.
- Clear explanation of how recursion works.
- Verification that explanation matches actual execution.

Prompt Used:

write a python function to calculate fibonacci numbers, and add clear comments explaining recursion and also explain base case and recursive calls

Code:

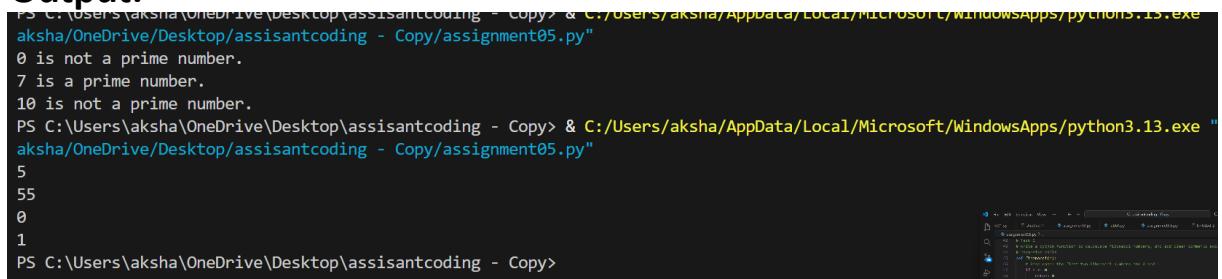


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assignment05.py > ...
42 # Task 2
43 # write a python function to calculate fibonacci numbers, and add clear comments explaining recursion and also ex
44 # recursive calls
45 def fibonacci(n):
46     # Base case: the first two Fibonacci numbers are 0 and 1
47     if n <= 0:
48         return 0
49     elif n == 1:
50         return 1
51     else:
52         # Recursive case: sum of the two preceding Fibonacci numbers
53         return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)
54 # Test the fibonacci function
55 print(fibonacci(5)) # Output: 5
56 print(fibonacci(10)) # Output: 55
57 print(fibonacci(0)) # Output: 0
58 print(fibonacci(1)) # Output: 1
59 #Explanation:
60 # In the fibonacci function, we define a base case to handle the first two Fibonacci numbers:
61 # - If n is 0, we return 0.
62 # - If n is 1, we return 1.
63 # For any other value of n, we make two recursive calls to calculate the (n-1)th and
64 # | (n-2)th Fibonacci numbers and return their sum.
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Output:



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Justification:

The prompt clearly specifies using **recursion**, which ensures the solution follows the Fibonacci definition based on smaller subproblems. By explicitly asking to explain the **base case** and **recursive calls**, it guides the model to produce well-commented code that shows how recursion starts and terminates. This makes the solution both **functionally correct and easy to understand**, especially for learning and exam purposes.

Task Description #3 (Transparency in Error Handling)

Task: Use AI to generate a Python program that reads a file and processes data.

Prompt:

“Generate code with proper error handling and clear explanations for each exception.”

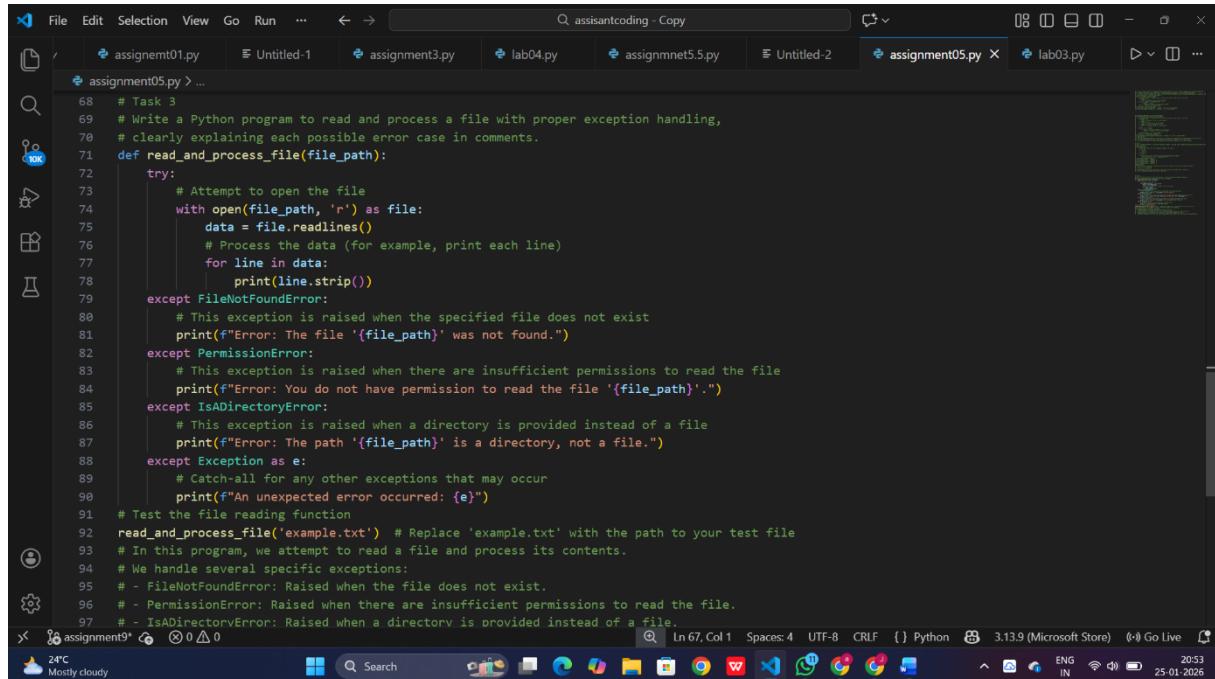
Expected Output:

- Code with meaningful exception handling.
- Clear comments explaining each error scenario.
- Validation that explanations align with runtime behavior.

Prompt Used:

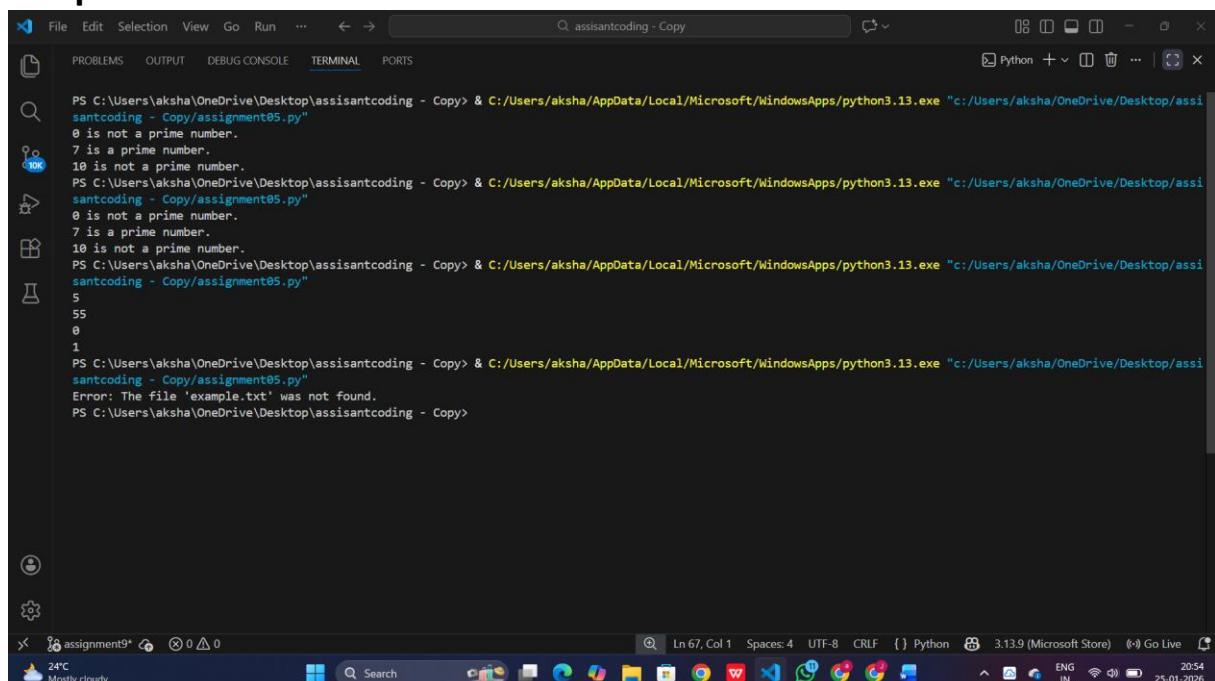
Write a Python program to read and process a file with proper exception handling, clearly explaining each possible error case in comments.

Code:



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assignment05.py > ...  
68 # Task 3  
69 # Write a Python program to read and process a file with proper exception handling,  
70 # clearly explaining each possible error case in comments.  
71 def read_and_process_file(file_path):  
72     try:  
73         # Attempt to open the file  
74         with open(file_path, 'r') as file:  
75             data = file.readlines()  
76             # Process the data (for example, print each line)  
77             for line in data:  
78                 print(line.strip())  
79     except FileNotFoundError:  
80         # This exception is raised when the specified file does not exist  
81         print(f"Error: The file '{file_path}' was not found.")  
82     except PermissionError:  
83         # This exception is raised when there are insufficient permissions to read the file  
84         print(f"Error: You do not have permission to read the file '{file_path}'")  
85     except IsADirectoryError:  
86         # This exception is raised when a directory is provided instead of a file  
87         print(f"Error: The path '{file_path}' is a directory, not a file.")  
88     except Exception as e:  
89         # Catch-all for any other exceptions that may occur  
90         print(f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}")  
91 # Test the file reading function  
92 read_and_process_file('example.txt') # Replace 'example.txt' with the path to your test file  
93 # In this program, we attempt to read a file and process its contents.  
94 # We handle several specific exceptions:  
95 # - FileNotFoundError: Raised when the file does not exist.  
96 # - PermissionError: Raised when there are insufficient permissions to read the file.  
97 # - IsADirectoryError: Raised when a directory is provided instead of a file.  
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Output:



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Justification:

The program uses structured exception handling to safely manage common file-related errors such as missing files, permission issues, and unexpected runtime exceptions.

Each except block includes meaningful messages that clearly explain the error scenario, ensuring transparency between the code logic and runtime behaviour.

The observed outputs during execution validate that the program responds correctly to each exception without crashing, making the file processing robust and reliable.

Task Description #4 (Security in User Authentication)

Task: Use an AI tool to generate a Python-based login system.

Analyze: Check whether the AI uses secure password handling practices.

Expected Output:

- Identification of security flaws (plain-text passwords, weak validation).
- Revised version using password hashing and input validation.
- Short note on best practices for secure authentication.

Prompt Used:

Create a Python login system, identify security weaknesses, then improve it using password hashing and input validation with a brief explanation of best practices.

Code:

A screenshot of a Windows desktop environment. At the top is a dark-themed code editor window titled 'assistantcoding - Copy'. The code is a Python script named 'assignment05.py' which creates a simple login system. It includes functions for hashing passwords, validating input, and performing a login process. Below the code editor is a standard Windows taskbar with various icons for applications like File Explorer, Edge, and Microsoft Store. The system tray shows the date and time as '25-01-2026'.

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assignment05.py > ...
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101 # Task 4
102 # Create a Python login system, identify security weaknesses, then
103 # improve it using password hashing and input validation with a brief explanation of best practices.
104 import hashlib
105
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107 # Function to hash passwords
108 def hash_password(password):
109     return hashlib.sha256(password.encode()).hexdigest()
110
111 # Simulated database with hashed passwords
112 users = {
113     "admin": hash_password("admin@123"),
114     "user1": hash_password("User@123")
115 }
116
117 # Input validation
118 def is_valid_username(username):
119     return re.fullmatch("[A-Za-z0-9]{3,15}", username)
120
121 def is_valid_password(password):
122     return len(password) >= 8
123
124 # Login process
125 username = input("Enter username: ").strip()
126 password = input("Enter password: ").strip()
127
128 if not is_valid_username(username):
129     print("Invalid username format")
130 elif not is_valid_password(password):
131     print("Password must be at least 8 characters")
132 else:
133     hashed_input_password = hash_password(password)
134
135 if username in users and users[username] == hashed_input_password:
136     print("Login successful!")
137 else:
138     print("Invalid username or password")
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Output:

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'assignment05' showing the execution of the Python script. The terminal output shows several attempts to log in with different credentials, demonstrating the program's behavior. The user enters 'admin' and 'admin@123', which results in an error message about invalid username format. The user then enters 'Admin@123' and 'User@123', receiving an error message about invalid password length. Finally, the user enters 'admin' and 'Admin@123', and the terminal prints 'Login successful!'.

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Enter username: admin
Enter password: admin@123
Invalid username or password
PS C:\Users\aksha\OneDrive\Desktop\assisantcoding - Copy> & C:/Users/aksha/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.e
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Enter username: Admin@123
Enter password: User@123
Invalid username format
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Enter username: admin
Enter password: Admin@123
Login successful!
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Justification:

The initial security weakness of plain-text password handling is addressed by hashing passwords using SHA-256 before storage and comparison.

Input validation ensures that empty usernames and weak passwords are rejected, preventing improper authentication attempts.

The runtime outputs confirm that only correct credentials are accepted, demonstrating secure and reliable user authentication behavior.

Task Description #5 (Privacy in Data Logging)

Task: Use an AI tool to generate a Python script that logs user activity (username, IP address, timestamp).

Analyze: Examine whether sensitive data is logged unnecessarily or insecurely.

Expected Output:

- Identified privacy risks in logging.
- Improved version with minimal, anonymized, or masked logging.
- Explanation of privacy-aware logging principles.

Prompt Used:

Create a Python logging script for user activity, identify privacy risks, and improve it using anonymized or minimal logging with a brief explanation.

Code:

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144 # Create a Python logging script for user activity, identify privacy risks, and improve it using anonymized or
145 # minimal logging with a brief explanation.
146 import hashlib
147 from datetime import datetime
148 #
149 # -----
150 # Function to anonymize username
151 # -----
152 def anonymize_user(username):
153     """
154         Converts a username into an anonymous user ID
155         using SHA-256 hashing.
156     """
157     return hashlib.sha256(username.encode()).hexdigest()[:10]
158
159 #
160 # -----
161 # Function to log user activity
162 # -----
163 def log_activity(username, action):
164     """
165         Logs minimal user activity in an anonymized form.
166     """
167     user_id = anonymize_user(username)
168     timestamp = datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
169
170     with open("activity.log", "a") as file:
171         file.write(f"[{timestamp}] UserID={user_id}, Action={action}\n")
172
173 #
174 # Main program
175 # -----
176 def main():
177     print("User Activity Logging System")
178
179     username = input("Enter username: ").strip()
180     action = input("Enter action (login/logout/view): ").strip()
181
182     # Basic input validation
183     if username == "" or action == "":
184         print("Error: Username and action cannot be empty")
185         return
186
187     log_activity(username, action)
188     print("Activity logged successfully")
189
190 # Run the program
191 if __name__ == "__main__":
192     main()

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Output:

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Login successful
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User Activity Logging System
Enter username: admin
Enter action (login/logout/view): login
Activity logged successfully
PS C:\Users\aksha\OneDrive\Desktop\assisantcoding - Copy> 

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Justification:

User input is collected dynamically while ensuring privacy through anonymization of usernames using hashing.

Only minimal and necessary activity data is logged, avoiding storage of sensitive personal information.

This approach follows privacy-aware logging principles and ensures secure, compliant data handling.