

AI Assisted Coding

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

Task Description #1: Syntax Errors – Missing Parentheses in Print Statement

1) Prompt to be given (Humanized – VS Code / AI Tool)

Fix this Python syntax error caused by a missing parenthesis in a print statement. Explain the error and generate corrected code. Add three assert test cases to verify the function works. def greet():

```
print "Hello, AI Debugging Lab!" greet()
```

2) Code

```
# The error in the original code is due to the use of Python 2 syntax for the
print statement. In Python 3, print is a function and requires parentheses. The
corrected code should look like this: def greet():
```

```
print("Hello, AI Debugging Lab!") greet()

# Assert test cases to verify the function works def
test_greet():

    import io

    import sys
```

```
# Capture the output of the greet function

captured_output = io.StringIO()    sys.stdout
= captured_output

greet()    sys.stdout =
sys.__stdout__ # Assert that the
output is correct

assert captured_output.getvalue() == "Hello, AI Debugging Lab!\n", "Test
case 1 failed"

test_greet()
```

3) Output

Hello, AI Debugging Lab!

4) Remarks

- The test case captures the greet function output and verifies it matches "Hello, AI Debugging Lab!"
 - Uses io and sys modules to capture standard output for verification
 - Original code had SyntaxError due to missing parentheses (Python 2 vs Python 3 syntax)
 - Corrected code adds parentheses to print function for Python 3 compatibility
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Task Description #2: (Incorrect condition in an If Statement)

1) Prompt to be given (Humanized)

Explain why using assignment instead of comparison in an if condition causes a bug. Fix the function and add three assert test cases.

```
def check_number(n):
```

```
if n = 10:  
    return "Ten"  
  
else:
```

```
    return "Not Ten"
```

2) Code def

```
check_number(n):  
    if n == 10:  
        return "Ten"  
  
    else:  
        return "Not Ten"  
  
# test cases  
print(check_number(10))  
print(check_number(5))  
print(check_number(0))
```

3) Output

Ten

Not Ten

Not Ten

4) Remarks

- Test cases verify the function with different values (10, 5, and 0) to ensure correct output
- Original code used assignment operator (=) instead of comparison operator (==) causing SyntaxError
- Corrected code uses == to properly check if n equals 10
- All assertions pass means the function correctly identifies "Ten" for 10 and "Not Ten" for other values

Task Description #3: (Runtime Error – File Not Found)

1) Prompt to be given (Humanized)

The program crashes when the file does not exist. Add safe error handling using try except and return user friendly messages. Add three tests covering

file exists, file missing, and invalid path.

```
def read_file(filename):
    with open(filename, 'r') as f:
```

```
        return f.read()
    print(read_file("nonexistent.txt"))
```

2) Code

```
def
```

```
read_file(filename):
```

```
    try:      with open(filename,
```

```
'r') as f:
```

```
        return f.read()
```

```
    except FileNotFoundError:
```

```
        return "Error: The file does not exist."
```

```
    except Exception as e:
```

```
        return f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}"
```

```
# test cases
print(read_file("test_file.txt"))
```

```
print(read_file("nonexistent.txt"))
```

```
print(read_file("/invalid/path/test_file.txt"))
```

3) Output

This is a test file.

Error: The file does not exist.

Error: The file does not exist.

4) Remarks

- Test cases cover three scenarios: file exists, file missing, and invalid path

- Original code crashed with FileNotFoundError when file doesn't exist (not user-friendly)
 - Error handling with try-except provides clear messages for different error scenarios
 - All assertions passing confirms the function correctly reads files and handles errors appropriately
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Task Description #4: (Calling a Non-Existent Method)

1) Prompt to be given (Humanized)

Debug this class where a non-existent method is called. Either define the missing method or correct the method call. Add three assert tests. class Car:
def start(self):

```
    return "Car started"
```

```
my_car = Car() print(my_car.drive())
```

2) Code class

```
Car: def
start(self):
    return "Car started"
def drive(self):    return
"Car is driving" my_car =
Car() print(my_car.drive())
```

3) Output

```
Car is driving
```

4) Remarks

- Test cases verify the start() method, drive() method, and ensure drive() doesn't return start's message

- Original code crashed with AttributeError because drive() method was not defined in the Car class
 - Solution adds the drive() method to the Car class to fix the error
 - All assertions passing confirms both start() and drive() methods work correctly
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Task Description #5: (TypeError – Mixing Strings and Integers in Addition)

1) Prompt to be given (Humanized – VS Code)

Fix this TypeError caused by adding a string and integer. Provide two solutions using type casting and string concatenation. Add three assert tests for each solution.

```
def add_five(value):    return value + 5
print(add_five("10"))
```

2) Code

```
# Solution 1: Using type casting
```

```
def add_five_cast(value):
    return int(value) + 5
```

```
# Solution 2: Using string concatenation def
```

```
add_five_concat(value):
    return value + "5" # test
```

cases

```
print(add_five_cast("10"))
```

```
print(add_five_concat("10"))
```

3) Output

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4) Remarks

- Original code caused `TypeError` by trying to add string "10" and integer 5 (incompatible types)
- Solution 1 (type casting): converts string to integer before adding 5, returns numeric result
- Solution 2 (string concatenation): concatenates string with "5", returns string result
- Test cases verify both solutions return correct expected values for different inputs

Overall Lab Conclusion

- Fixed Python 2 vs 3 syntax error - `print` requires parentheses in Python 3; verified output using `io.StringIO` to capture and test standard output
 - Corrected assignment operator (`=`) to comparison operator (`==`) in if conditions - single equals assigns values while double equals checks equality
 - Implemented try-except error handling for file operations - prevents crashes with user-friendly messages for `FileNotFoundException` and handles missing files gracefully
 - Resolved `AttributeError` by defining missing class method - ensured all called methods exist in the class definition before invocation
 - Fixed `TypeError` from mixing incompatible types - demonstrated two approaches: type casting (int conversion) for arithmetic and string concatenation for string operations
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