

NUS Coding Workshop: Copilot

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About me

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Fun Fact about Me #1

- My parents are living in the northern part of China with a super cute Shiba Inu



Fun Fact about Me #2



- I worked as a Bartender during Year 1 December Break (circuit breaker)



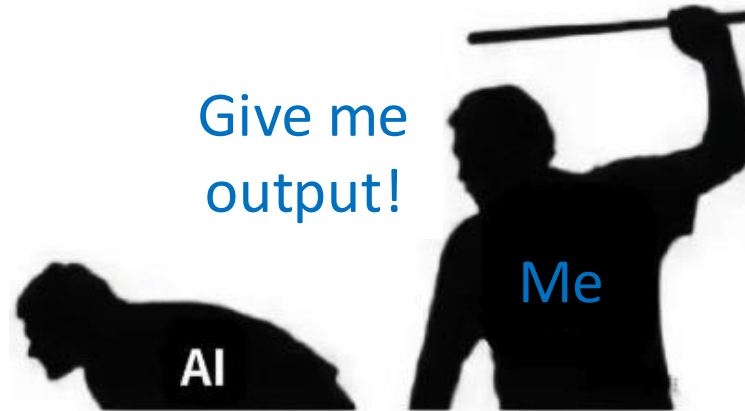
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Why learn how to use AI

What you imagine life will be ..

I want to exterminate
humanity.



And the reality:

AI can do all of this.
So what exactly are you here for?

Sorry boss...





What is VScode Copilot

10 mins

File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

EXPLORER

▼ FOG_PREDICTION

> .vscode

> data

> src

> __pycache__

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> LNN_Models

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augmentation.ipynb

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main.ipynb

main.py

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rnn_model.pth

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OUTLINE

TIMELINE

PROJECT COMPONENTS

data_exploration.ipynb

DataVisualisation.ipynb

src > DataVisualisation.ipynb > plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

Generate + Code + Markdown | Run All | Restart | Clear All Outputs | Jupyter Variables | Outline | base (Python 3.12.7)

```
for file in os.listdir(patient_folder_path):
    if file.endswith('.csv'):
        file_path = os.path.join(patient_folder_path, file)
        # Read the CSV file and append to the list
        tmp_df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
        tmp_df = tmp_df.loc[:, ~tmp_df.columns.str.contains('^Unnamed')]
        dataframes.append(tmp_df)

return dataframes
```

[7] ✓ 0.0s Python

```
my_dataframes = readDataBase()
```

[8] ✓ 1.2s Python

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
plt.plot(my_dataframes[0]['Gyro_x_left'])
plt.title('Gyro_x_left from my_dataframes[0]')
plt.xlabel('Index')
plt.ylabel('Gyro_x_left')
plt.show()
```

[36] ✓ 0.1s Python

CHAT

return x

...existing code...

Similar code found with 1 license type - View matches

@workspace plot out my_dataframes[0]['Gyro_x_left']

DataVisualisation.ipynb • Cell 5:1

</> Workspace

> Used 33 references

✓ Collecting workspace information

You can plot my_dataframes[0]['Gyro_x_left'] using matplotlib as follows:

...existing code...
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
plt.plot(my_dataframes[0]['Gyro_x_left'])
plt.title('Gyro_x_left from my_dataframes[0]')
plt.xlabel('Index')
plt.ylabel('Gyro_x_left')
plt.show()
...existing code...

You can add this code to a new cell in

DataVisualisation.ipynb .

🔄 👍 🗨 ...

Add Context...

DataVisualisation.ipynb • Cell 5 Current cell

Ask Copilot

Ask GPT-4.1

Files

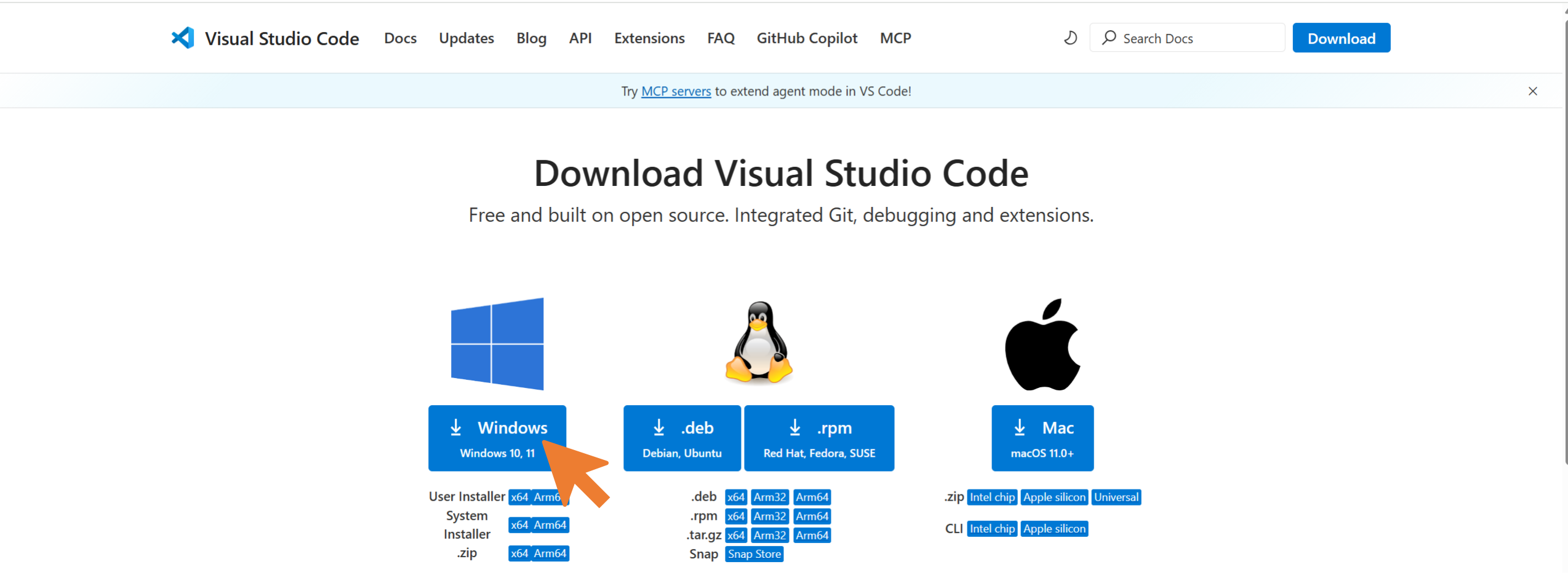
Python Notebook

Copilot

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Install Visual Studio Code (VScode)

- <https://code.visualstudio.com/Download> (Just google VScode)



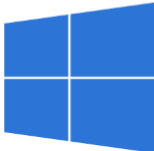
The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code website's download page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Visual Studio Code, Docs, Updates, Blog, API, Extensions, FAQ, GitHub Copilot, and MCP. A search bar and a 'Download' button are also present. Below the navigation bar, a banner promotes 'MCP servers'. The main heading is 'Download Visual Studio Code', followed by the tagline 'Free and built on open source. Integrated Git, debugging and extensions.' The page is divided into three main sections for Windows, Linux, and Mac. The Windows section features a Windows logo and a blue button labeled 'Windows' with 'Windows 10, 11' below it. An orange arrow points to this button. Below the button, there are links for 'User Installer', 'System Installer', and '.zip', each with 'x64' and 'Arm64' options. The Linux section has a Tux penguin logo and two blue buttons: '.deb' (for Debian, Ubuntu) and '.rpm' (for Red Hat, Fedora, SUSE). Below these are links for '.deb', '.rpm', '.tar.gz', and 'Snap', each with 'x64', 'Arm32', and 'Arm64' options. The Mac section features an Apple logo and a blue button labeled 'Mac' with 'macOS 11.0+' below it. Below the button are links for '.zip' and 'CLI', each with 'Intel chip' and 'Apple silicon' options.

Visual Studio Code Docs Updates Blog API Extensions FAQ GitHub Copilot MCP

Try [MCP servers](#) to extend agent mode in VS Code!


Download Visual Studio Code

Free and built on open source. Integrated Git, debugging and extensions.



↓ Windows
Windows 10, 11


User Installer [x64](#) [Arm64](#)
System Installer [x64](#) [Arm64](#)
.zip [x64](#) [Arm64](#)



↓ .deb
Debian, Ubuntu

↓ .rpm
Red Hat, Fedora, SUSE

.deb [x64](#) [Arm32](#) [Arm64](#)
.rpm [x64](#) [Arm32](#) [Arm64](#)
.tar.gz [x64](#) [Arm32](#) [Arm64](#)
Snap [Snap Store](#)



↓ Mac
macOS 11.0+

.zip [Intel chip](#) [Apple silicon](#) [Universal](#)
CLI [Intel chip](#) [Apple silicon](#)

Install Anaconda

- <https://www.anaconda.com/download> (Just google Anaconda)



Distribution

Register to get everything you need to get started on your workstation including Cloud Notebooks, Navigator, AI Assistant, Learning and more.

- ✓ Easily search and install thousands of data science, machine learning, and AI packages
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Get Started >

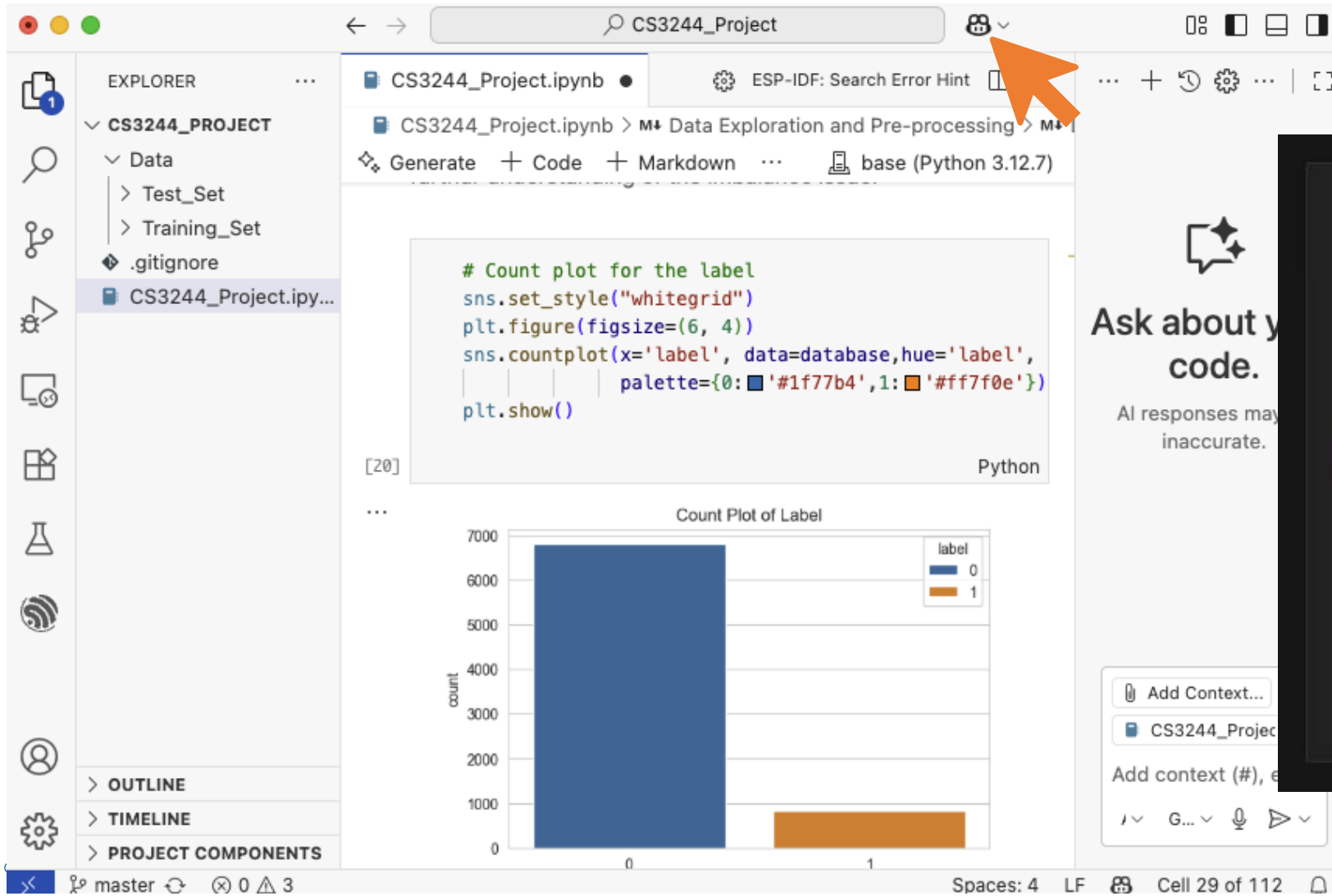
Returning Users >

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Sign up GitHub Account



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with a file explorer on the left, a code editor in the center, and a sidebar on the right. The file explorer shows a project named 'CS3244_PROJECT' with subfolders 'Data' (containing 'Test_Set' and 'Training_Set') and a file 'CS3244_Project.ipynb'. The code editor displays a Python script for a count plot. The sidebar on the right shows a GitHub Copilot overlay with a 'Continue with GitHub' button.

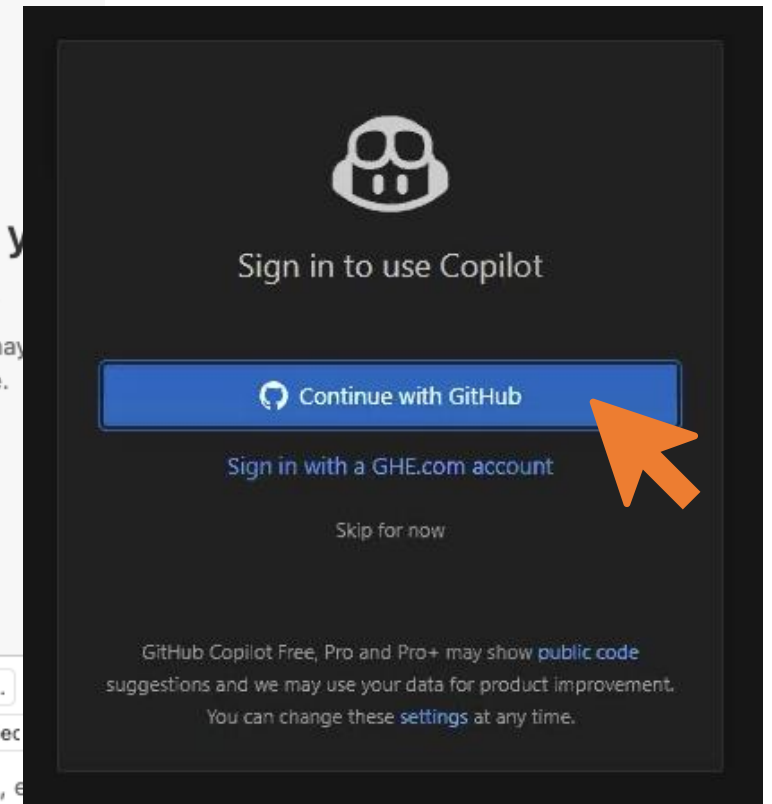
```
# Count plot for the label
sns.set_style("whitegrid")
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
sns.countplot(x='label', data=database, hue='label',
              palette={0: '#1f77b4', 1: '#ff7f0e'})
plt.show()
```

[20] Python

Count Plot of Label

label	count
0	6800
1	800

Spaces: 4 LF Cell 29 of 112



Sign in to use Copilot

[Continue with GitHub](#)

[Sign in with a GHE.com account](#)

[Skip for now](#)

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Sign up GitHub Account

- <https://github.com/signup> (Just google GitHub)

Create your free account

Explore GitHub's core features for individuals and organizations.

See what's included ▾



Sign up to GitHub

Email*

Email

Use school email !!

Password*

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Password should be at least 15 characters OR at least 8 characters including a number and a lowercase letter.

Username*

ShaoYurui

Username may only contain alphanumeric characters or single hyphens, and cannot begin or end with a hyphen.

Your Country/Region*

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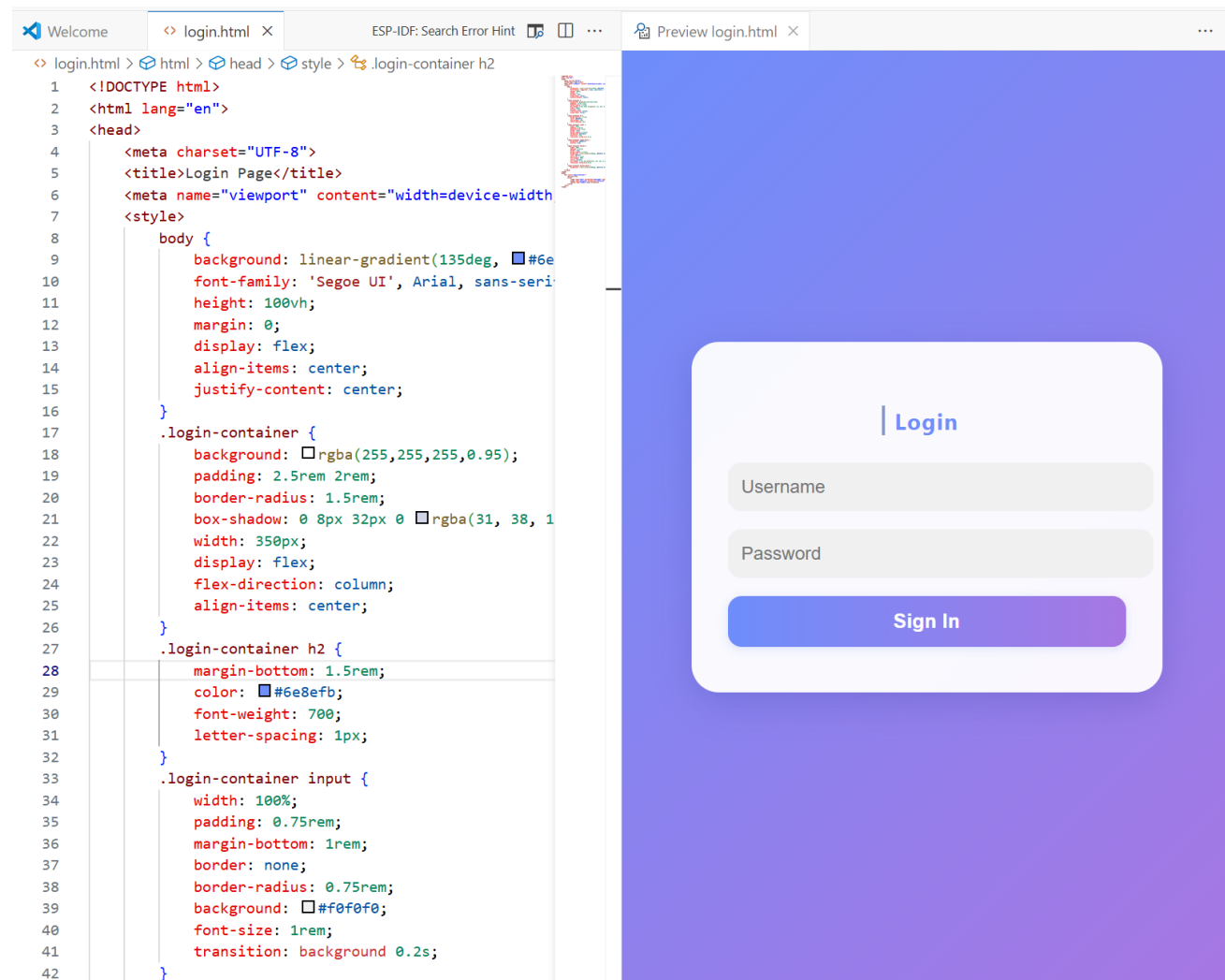
Expires in almost 2 years



Features of Copilot

15 mins

Generate Code (ASK)



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <title>Login Page</title>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, height=device-height">
  <style>
    body {
      background: linear-gradient(135deg, #6e8efb, #f0f0f0);
      font-family: 'Segoe UI', Arial, sans-serif;
      height: 100vh;
      margin: 0;
      display: flex;
      align-items: center;
      justify-content: center;
    }
    .login-container {
      background: #f0f0f0;
      padding: 2.5rem 2rem;
      border-radius: 1.5rem;
      box-shadow: 0 8px 32px 0 #6e8efb, 0 0 0 1px #f0f0f0;
      width: 350px;
      display: flex;
      flex-direction: column;
      align-items: center;
    }
    .login-container h2 {
      margin-bottom: 1.5rem;
      color: #6e8efb;
      font-weight: 700;
      letter-spacing: 1px;
    }
    .login-container input {
      width: 100%;
      padding: 0.75rem;
      margin-bottom: 1rem;
      border: none;
      border-radius: 0.75rem;
      background: #f0f0f0;
      font-size: 1rem;
      transition: background 0.2s;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="login-container">
    <h2>Login</h2>
    <input type="text" value="Username"/>
    <input type="password" value="Password"/>
    <button>Sign In</button>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

CHAT

create a html file, showing a login page with user name and password, use fancy styling

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <title>Login Page</title>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, height=device-height">
  <style>
    body {
      background: linear-gradient(135deg, #6e8efb, #f0f0f0);
      font-family: 'Segoe UI', Arial, sans-serif;
      height: 100vh;
      margin: 0;
      display: flex;
      align-items: center;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="login-container">
    <h2>Login</h2>
    <input type="text" value="Username"/>
    <input type="password" value="Password"/>
    <button>Sign In</button>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

Generate Code (AGENT)

html > html > head > style > button

1 <!-- You can save this as login.html and open in your browser -->

2 <!DOCTYPE html>

3 <html lang="en">

4 <head>

5 <meta charset="UTF-8">

6 <title>Login Page</title>

7 <link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Montserrat:"

8 <style>

9 body { font-family: Arial, sans-serif; background: ✓ ? @ !;

10 body {

11 font-family: 'Montserrat', Arial, sans-serif;

12 background: linear-gradient(135deg, #74ebd5 0%, #AC

13 min-height: 100vh;

14 margin: 0;

15 display: flex;

16 align-items: center;

17 justify-content: center;

18 }

19 .login-container {

20 width: 300px;

21 margin: 100px auto;

22 background: #fff;

padding: 30px;

border-radius: 8px;

box-shadow: 0 0 10px rgba(0,0,0,0.1);

width: 350px;

background: rgba(255,255,255,0.95

padding: 40px 30px 30px 30px;

border-radius: 18px;

use fancy styling

<> html +69 -16

The login page now uses fancy styling with gradients, rounded corners, modern input effects, and a stylish button. Open the file in your browser to see the enhanced design. If you need further customization or features, let me know!

↺ ↻ 👍 👎

1 file changed Keep Undo ⓘ

<> html +

📎 Add Context...

Add context (#), extensions (@), commands (/)

Agent GPT-4.1

✂ 📄 ⏮ 🔊 ▶

Col 25 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 {} HTML

Fix Bugs

```
Welcome | login.html | fix demo.py [icon] X
fix demo.py > ...
1  import tkinter as tk
2
3  # Create the main window
4  root = tk.Tk()
5  root.title("Python Graphic Demo")
6  root.geometry("300x200")
7
8  # Add a label
9  label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, World!", font=("Segoe UI",
10 label.pack(pady=40)
11
12 # Add a button
13 def on_click():
14     label.config(text="Button Clicked!")
15
16 button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", commaand=on_click, fo
17 button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", command=on_click, for
18 button.pack(pady=10)
19
20 # Start the main event loop
21 root.mainloop()
```

@workspace /fix

fix demo.py:1-20

Workspace

> Used 1 reference

Pseudocode Plan:

1. Import tkinter.
2. Create main window, set title and geometry.
3. Add a label.
4. Define button click handler.
5. Add a button (fix typo in 'command' argument).

Code:

```
import tkinter as tk

# Create the main window
root = tk.Tk()
```




“Context”: What is known to Copilot

```
demo_workspace.py U x ESP-IDF: Search Error Hint ...  
demo_workspace.py  
1 from hello import print_hello  
2  
3 print_hello()
```

```
/demo_workspace.py  
ASJDBIyf98a7s6dyriugasdf7i843
```

```
hello.py U x ...  
hello.py > print_hello  
1 def print_hello():  
2     print("ASJDBIyf98a7s6dyriugasdf7i843")
```

@workspace /fix print hello()
demo_workspace.py

 **Workspace**
> Used 1 reference

Context (#)

demo_workspace.py U × ESP-IDF: Search Error Hint

demo_workspace.py

```
1 from hello import print_hello
2
3 print_hello()
```

CHAT

#file:demo_workspace.py #file:demo_fix.py fix print hello

demo_fix.py

demo_workspace.py

demo_workspace.py

> Used 2 references

To fix the `print_hello` function, you need to ensure that the `hello.py` module exists and defines a `print_hello` function. Here's how you can create or update `hello.py`:

```
def print_hello():
    print("Hello, World!")
```

Now, your `demo_workspace.py` will work as expected:

Add Context...

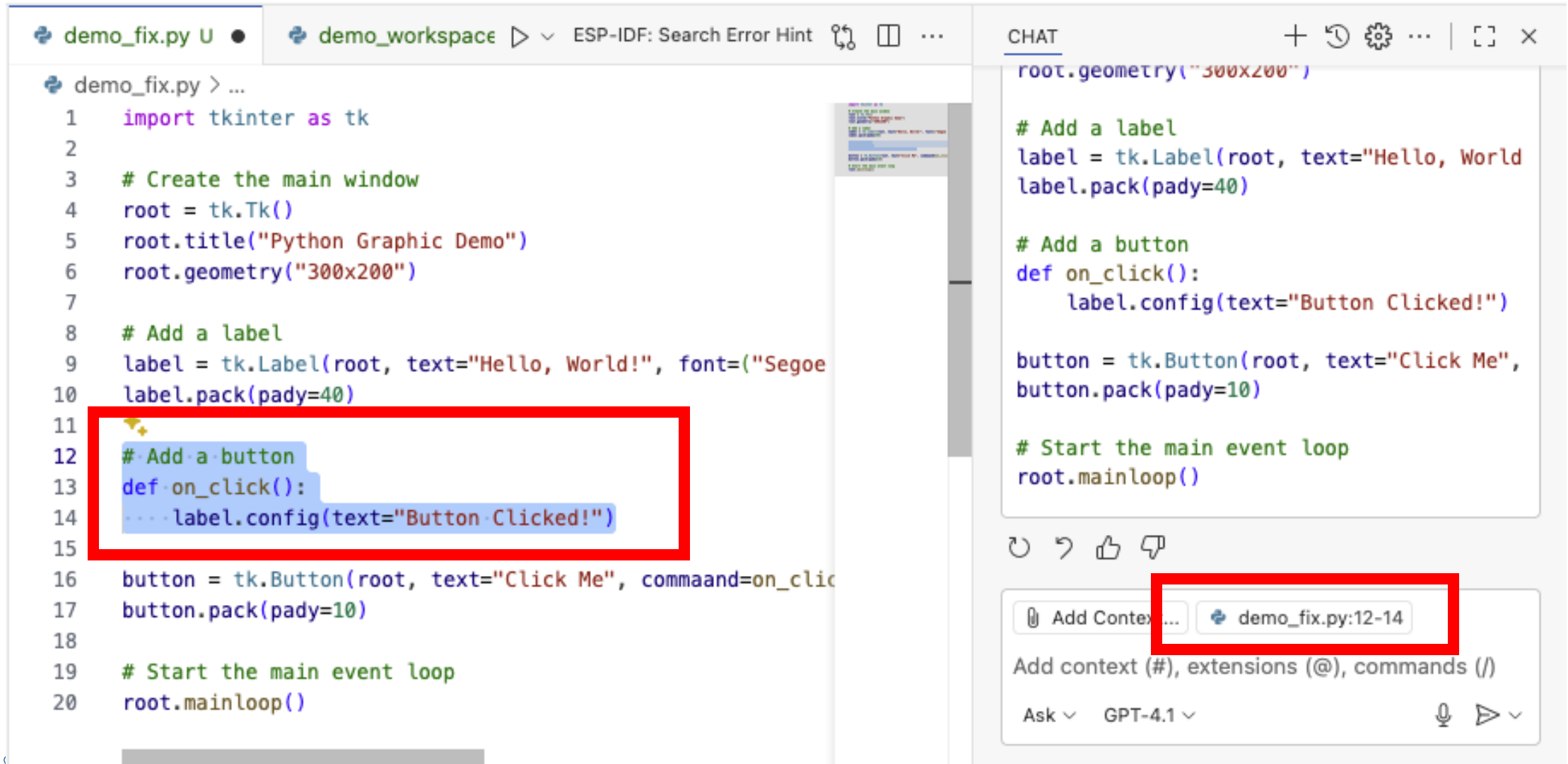
demo_workspace.py ×

Add context (#), extensions (@), commands (/)

Ask GPT-4.1



Context (highlight)



The image shows a code editor interface with a Python script named `demo_fix.py`. The script is a Tkinter application that creates a window, adds a label, a button, and starts the main event loop. A red rectangular box highlights lines 12 through 14 of the code, which define the `on_click` function. To the right of the code editor is a chat window titled "CHAT". The chat window displays the code from the highlighted lines as context. Below the chat window, there is a text input field with a red box around the selected context label `demo_fix.py:12-14`.

```
demo_fix.py > ...
1  import tkinter as tk
2
3  # Create the main window
4  root = tk.Tk()
5  root.title("Python Graphic Demo")
6  root.geometry("300x200")
7
8  # Add a label
9  label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, World!", font=("Segoe
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11
12 # Add a button
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20 root.mainloop()
```

CHAT

```
root.geometry("300x200")

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label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, World
label.pack(pady=40)

# Add a button
def on_click():
    label.config(text="Button Clicked!")

button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me",
button.pack(pady=10)

# Start the main event loop
root.mainloop()
```

Add Context ... demo_fix.py:12-14

Add context (#), extensions (@), commands (/)

Ask GPT-4.1

Context

"Dear Professors,

Good day, hope you are doing well ! I would like to inform you that I will be on leave from 18 Jul to 31 Jul. Thank you so much for the continued support!

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely

Yurui"

This is the context you provided

Improve this email |



Context (highlight)

Introducing GPT-5

ChatGPT now has our smartest, fastest, most useful model yet, with thinking built in — so you get the best answer, every time.

```
"# Add a button  
def on_click():  
    label.config(text="Button Clicked!")"
```

This is the context you provided

Explain this code



Learning with Copilot

demo.py > ...

```
1 # Simple Flask server for login
2 from flask import Flask, render_template_string, request
3
4 app = Flask(__name__)
5
6 LOGIN_HTML = """
7 <!DOCTYPE html>
8 <html>
9 <body>
10     <form method="POST">
11         <input name="username" placeholder="Username" required>
12         <input name="password" type="password" placeholder="Password" required>
13         <button type="submit">Login</button>
14     </form>
15     {% if message %}
16     <p>{{ message }}</p>
17     {% endif %}
18 </body>
19 </html>
20 """
21
22 USERS = {"user1": "pass1", "user2": "pass2"}
23
24 @app.route("/", methods=["GET", "POST"])
25 def login():
26     message = ""
27     if request.method == "POST":
```

I want to learn about how to set up a server and handle basic login and password, give me some exercises and example to learn

<> login.html:1-42

> Used 1 reference

Here are some beginner exercises and examples to help you learn about setting up a server and handling basic login/password:

Exercises

1. Set up a simple HTTP server

- Use Python's `http.server` or Node.js `express` to serve your HTML login page.

2. Handle form submission

- Modify your login page to POST username and password to the server.
- On the server, print the received data.



Summary

- **Mode**
 - Ask
 - Agent
- **Slash Command**
 - \fix
 - \tests
- **Context**
 - Cursor Highlight
 - # Files
 - @workspace



Summary

Additional Resources

- Get Started with GitHub Copilot in VS Code (2025)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdBxfVXnc0&t=625s>
- Copilot Best Practices (What Not To Do)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2q0BoioYSxQ>



NUS AI Policy

5 mins



NUS AI Policy

- Policy for Use of AI in Teaching & Learning (2024)

<https://ctlit.nus.edu.sg/ai-community-of-practice/policies/>

- The NUS AI Guidelines for Students can be found as follows:

https://libguides.nus.edu.sg/new2nus/ai_guidelines_infographics



NUS AI Policy:

- Guidelines on the Use of AI Tools for Academic Work
 - **Don't Use AI to Plagiarize**
 - Generating an output and presenting it as your own work or idea without attribution.
 - **Proper uses of AI tools**
 - Gathering information and looking up explanations for basic concepts.
 - Generating output for critique and analysis, for self-learning, or to compare against one's work for self-evaluation and improvement.
 - Help with proof reading and editing writing
 - **Acknowledging your use of AI**

Acknowledging your use of AI

You can give this acknowledgement through a note or “methods section” at the end of the assignment explaining, e.g., which AI tools were used, in which parts of the process they were used, what were the prompts used to generate results, and what you did with the outputs to add value. One way this can be done is in a tabular form as shown below:

AI Tool Used	Prompt and output	How the output is used in the assignment

- Policy for Use of AI in Teaching & Learning (2024)
<https://ctlit.nus.edu.sg/ai-community-of-practice/policies/>
- Page 7

Example: Acknowledging your use of AI

AI Tool Used	Prompt and output	How the output is used in the assignment
ChatGPT	<p>Input: read csv in python</p> <p>output: In Python, the most common way to read a CSV file is with pandas.</p> <p>Here's the basic example: import pandas as pd</p> <p># Read a CSV file df = pd.read_csv("file.csv")</p> <p># Display the first 5 rows print(df.head())</p>	Paste and modify to read csv file

NUS AI Policy:

**Never dump the course materials
into ChatGPT (notes, tutorials ...)**

ChatGPT ▾

What are you working on?

+ solve this:|



EE2026_Tutorial-
5 (wk7)_2024



Hands on Activity

15 mins

DIY

Create a Python Notebook, write these down in the first cell.

```
years = [2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022]
expenditure = [12.8, 12.7, 12.2, 12.9, 13.2]
```

[4]

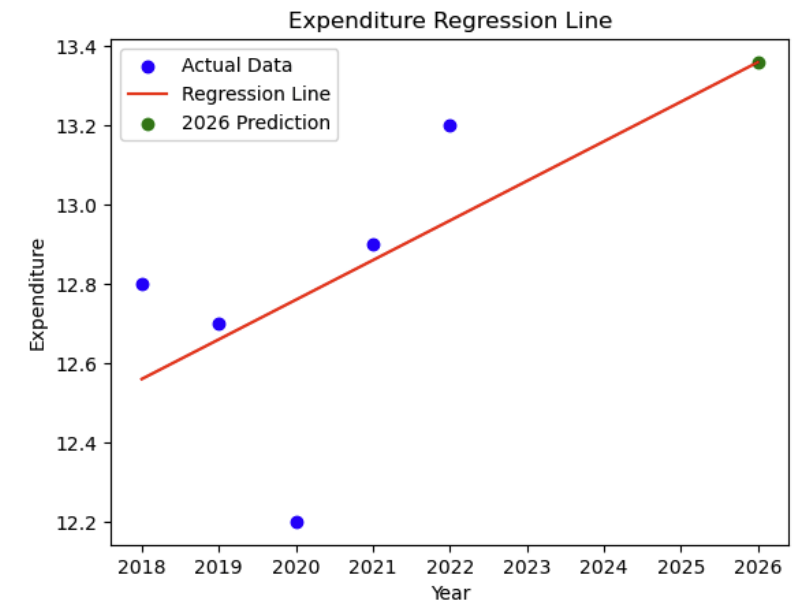


0.0s

Python

TODO:

1. Get a regression line from the past year data
2. Predict the value for 2026
3. Plot out the graph





Thank YOU