NUS Coding Workshop: Copilot

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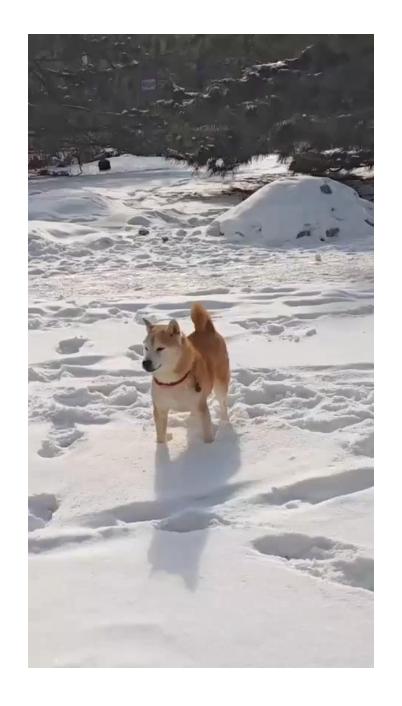
About me

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- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Freshly graduated from NUS last year 2024
- Full time Teaching Assistant
- Ph.D. Candidate in ML for healthcare



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 Al

What you imagine life will be ..



I want to exterminate humanity.

And the reality:

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

Sorry boss...

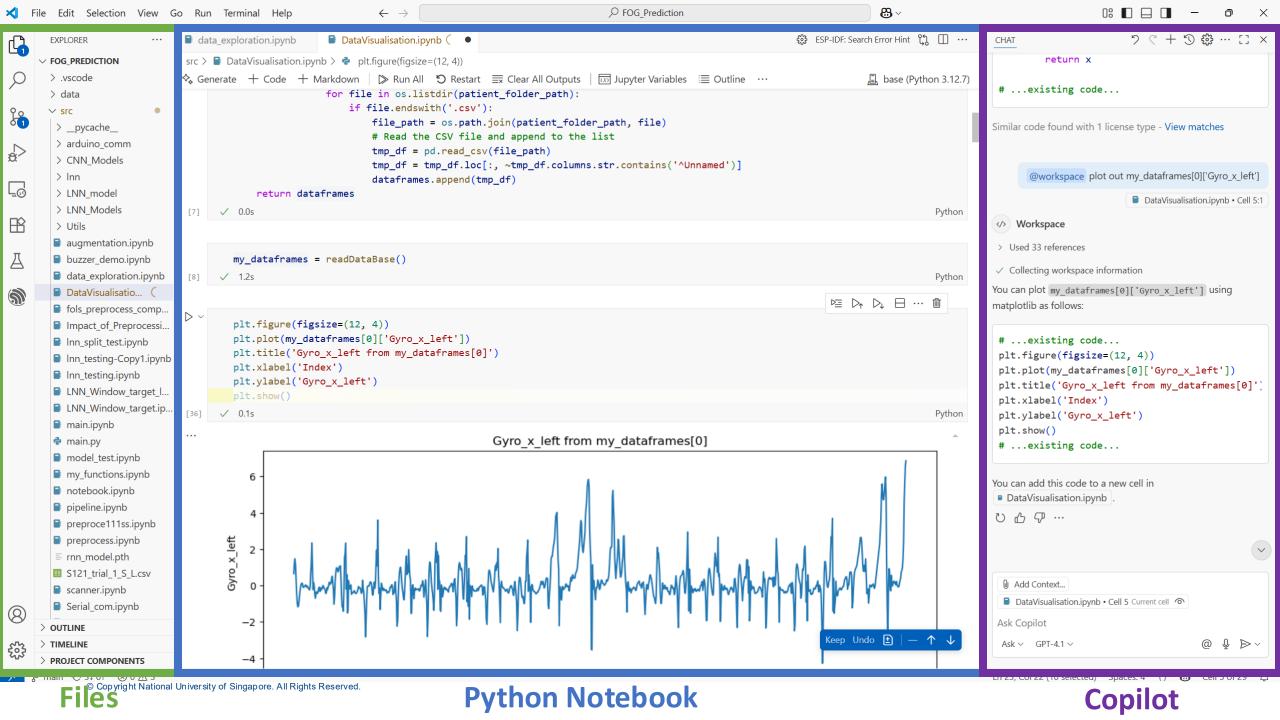
Me

Al

Boss

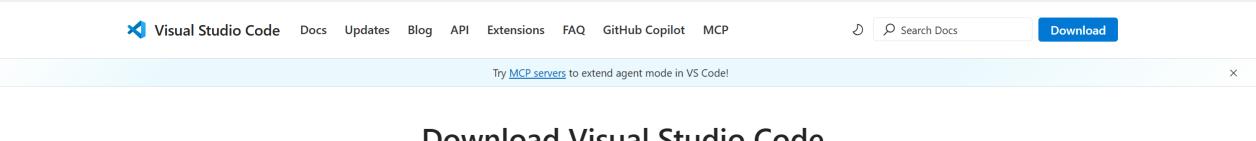
What is VScode Copilot

10 mins



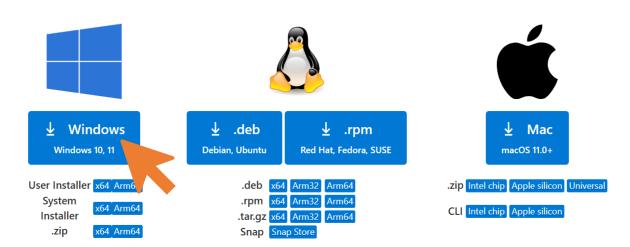
Install Visual Studio Code (VScode)

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



Download Visual Studio Code

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



Install Anaconda

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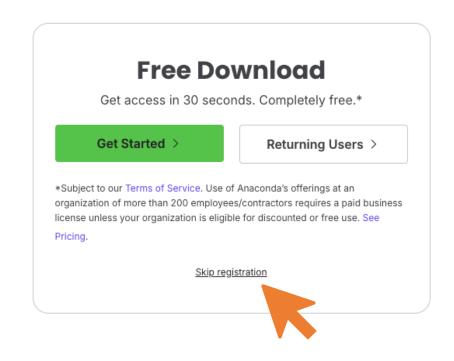
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Get Demo >

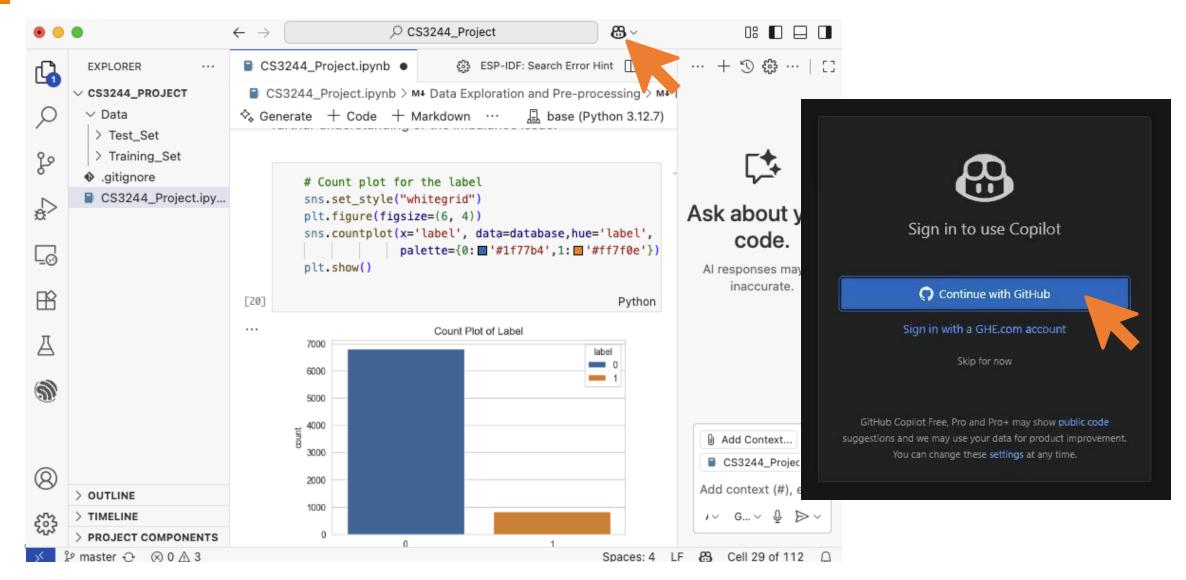
Distribution

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

- Easily search and install thousands of data science, machine learning, and Al packages
- Manage packages and environments from a desktop application or work from the command line
- Deploy across hardware and software platforms
- Distribution installation on Windows, MacOS, or Linux

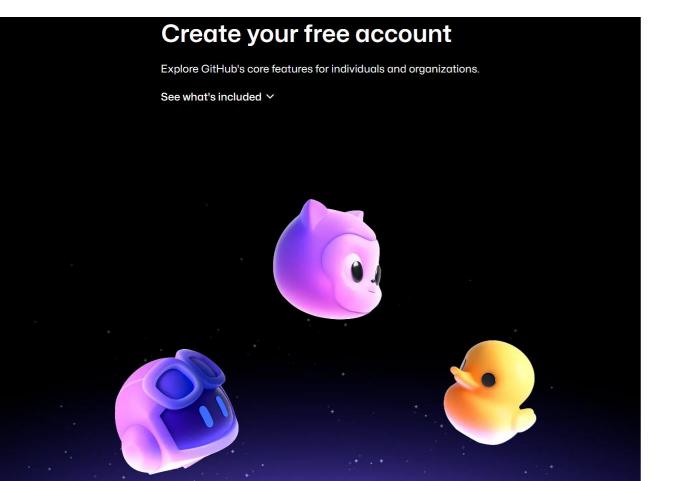


Sign up GitHub Account



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

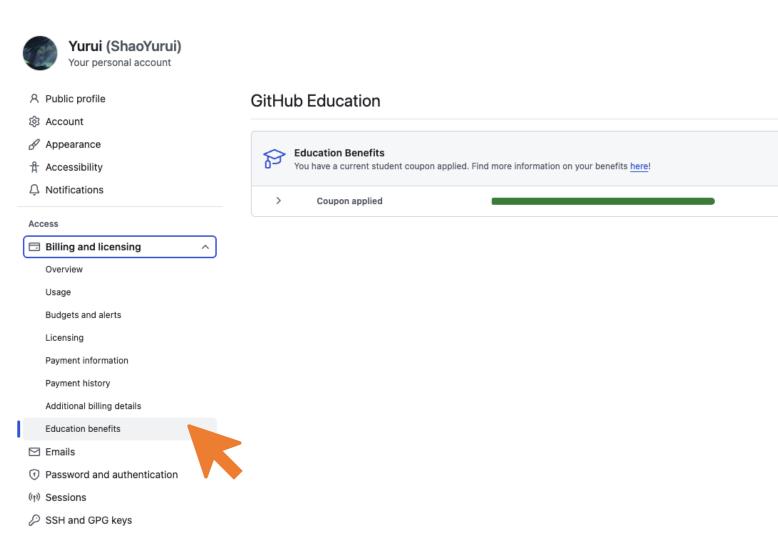


Sign up to GitHub Email Use school email!! Email Password ******* Password should be at least 15 characters OR at least 8 characters including a number and a lowercase letter. Username ShaoYurui Username may only contain alphanumeric characters or single hyphens, and cannot begin or end with a hyphen. Your Country/Region Vietnam For compliance reasons, we're required to collect country information to send you occasional updates and announcements. **Email preferences** Receive occasional product updates and announcements Create account >

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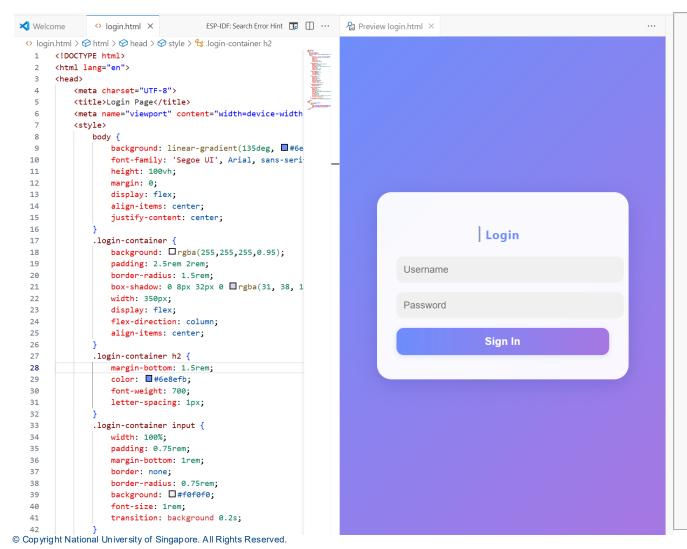
Expires in almost 2 years



Features of Copilot

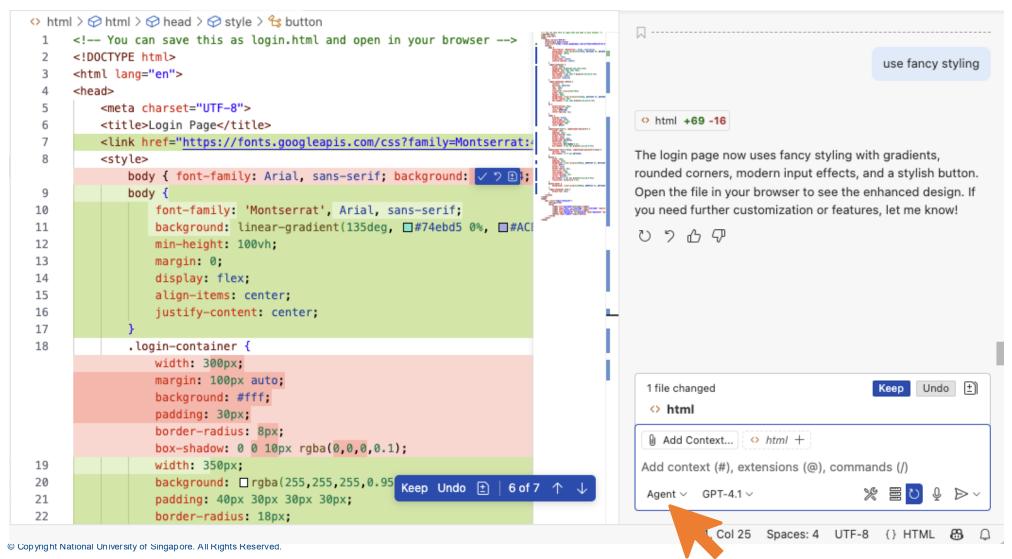
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Generate Code (ASK)

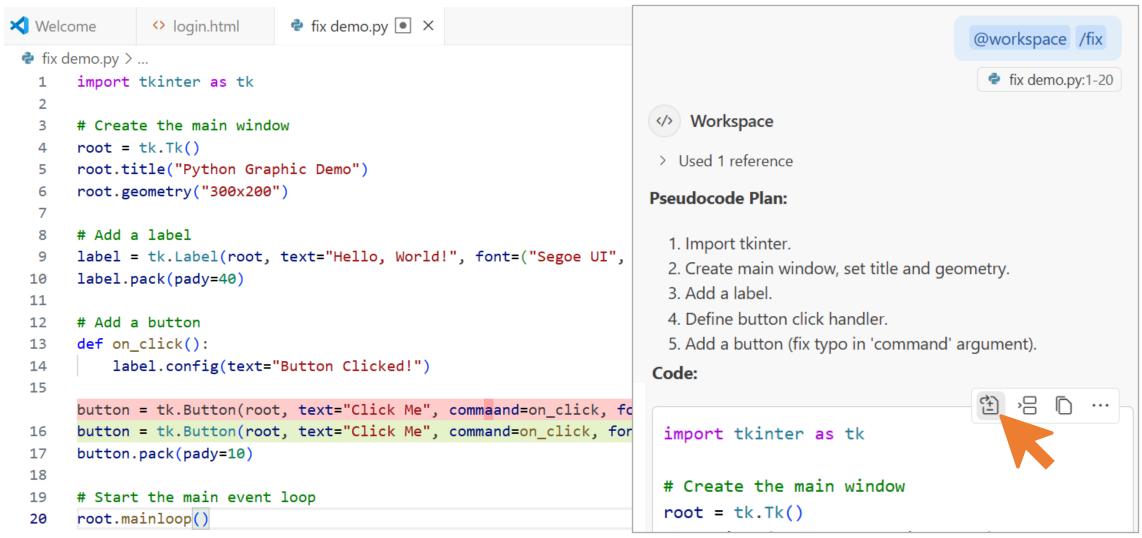


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CHAT
  create a html file, showing a login page with user name
  and password, use fancy styling
<!DOCTYPE html>
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<html lang="en">
<head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title>Login Page</title>
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=devic")</pre>
    <style>
         body {
             background: linear-gradient(135deg
             font-family: 'Segoe UI', Arial, sa
             height: 100vh;
             margin: 0;
             display: flex;
             align-items: center;
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Generate Code (AGENT)



Fix Bugs



"Context": What is known to Copilot

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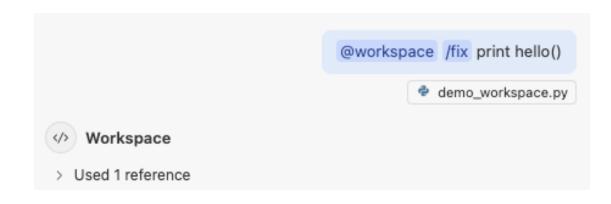
demo_workspace.py

from hello import print_hello

print_hello()

ASJDBIyf98a7s6dyriugasdf7i843
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Context (#)

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  3
       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:
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Context (highlight)

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demo_fix.py U
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                                                                                  root.geometry("300x200")
 demo_fix.py > ...
       import tkinter as tk
                                                                                  # Add a label
                                                                                  label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, World
       # Create the main window
                                                                                  label.pack(pady=40)
       root = tk.Tk()
       root.title("Python Graphic Demo")
                                                                                  # Add a button
       root.geometry("300x200")
                                                                                  def on click():
                                                                                      label.config(text="Button Clicked!")
       # Add a label
                                                                                  button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me",
       label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, World!", font=("Segoe
                                                                                  button.pack(pady=10)
       label.pack(pady=40)
 11
                                                                                  # Start the main event loop
       #-Add-a-button
 12
                                                                                  root.mainloop()
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        ···label.config(text="Button Clicked!")
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       button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", commaand=on_click
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       button.pack(pady=10)
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       root.mainloop()
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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 > ...
      # Simple Flask server for login
      from flask import Flask, render_template_string, request
      app = Flask( name )
      LOGIN HTML = """
      <!DOCTYPE html>
      <html>
      <body>
          <form method="POST">
 10
              <input name="username" placeholder="Username" required>
 11
              <input name="password" type="password" placeholder="Password" requirements</pre>
 12
              <button type="submit">Login</button>
13
14
          </form>
15
          {% if message %}
          {p>{{ message }}
16
          {% endif %}
17
      </body>
18
      </html>
 20
 21
      USERS = {"user1": "pass1", "user2": "pass2"}
 23
      @app.route("/", methods=["GET", "POST"])
      def login():
          message = ""
 26
          if request.method == "POST":
 27
```

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

Ologin.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.
 - o 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=vdBxfFVXnc0&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://ctlt.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 Al 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 Al 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 Al

Acknowledging your use of Al

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:

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

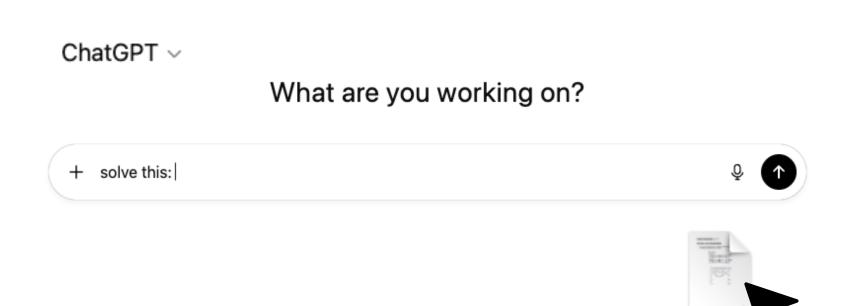
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Example: Acknowledging your use of Al

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

NUS AI Policy:

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



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Roadmap of Learning Al

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Development of Al

Markov Decision **Process** Navigation of Cleaning robot Humanoid robot (Tesla Bot) AlphaGo Reinforcement learning Artificial Intelligence (AI)Image Recognition and Generation Machine Learning Large Language Model (LLM): ChatGPT (ML) Stock market prediction

Development of ML

Machine Learning (ML)

1960s

Classical Machine Learning

1967

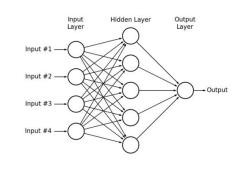
Neural Network Multilayer Perceptron 1989

Convolutional Neural Networks 2017

Transformer

Mathematical Model:

- Support Vector Machine
- Random Forest



EE3703

Machine Learning with Applications

Convolution
(5 x 5) kernel
valid padding
(2 x 2)

Neural Network
ReLU activation
(with
dropout)

Neural Network
ReLU activation
(with
dropout)

1

2

INPUT

n1 channels
n1 channels
n1 channels
n1 channels
n2 channels
n2 channels
(8 x 8 x n2)
(4 x 4 x n2)

OUTPUT

n3 units

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Computer Vision



CS4248

Natural Language Processing

EE2211

Introduction to Machine Learning

Hands on Activity

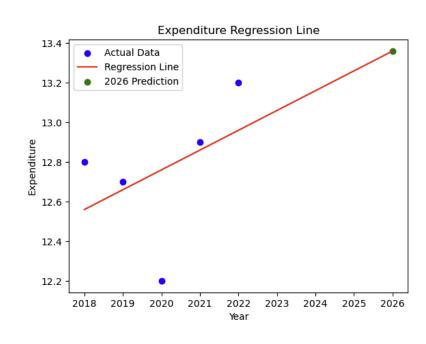
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DIY

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

TODO:

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



Feedback



• https://forms.office.com/r/Fka
RnTcmm4?origin=lprLink

Thank YOU