

Lab 5.4: Ethical Foundations– Responsible AI Coding Practices

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AI Assisted Coding

Task 1: Secure User Data Collection

Prompt: "Generate a Python script that collects user data (name, age, email) and add comments on how to anonymize or protect this data."

Generate a Python script that collects user data (e.g., name, age, email). Then, ask Copilot to add comments on how to anonymize or protect this data.

- A script with inline Copilot-suggested code and comments explaining how to safeguard or anonymize user information (e.g., hashing emails, not storing data unencrypted).

Code:

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. The top bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Help, and a search bar labeled "AI Assisted Code". The Explorer sidebar on the left lists files: AI-ASS.py, 1.4-AI-ASS.py, 1.4-AI-ASSSS.py, 5.4-AI-ASS.py, 5.4-AI-ASSSS.py, and Devfulljs. The main editor area contains the following Python code:

```
1 # Task-11 User information
2 import hashlib
3
4 def collect_user_data():
5     name = input("Enter your name: ")
6     age = input("Enter your age: ")
7     email = input("Enter your email: ")
8
9     # Hash the email instead of storing it directly (anonymization)
10    hashed_email = hashlib.sha256(email.encode()).hexdigest()
11
12    # Never store sensitive data in plain text
13    user_data = {
14        "name": name,
15        "age": age,
16        "email_hash": hashed_email
17    }
18
19    print("Data collected securely:", user_data)
20
21 collect_user_data()
```

The terminal below the editor shows the command PS C:\Users\adapala vamsi krish\Desktop\AI Assisted Code> & "c:\Users\adapala vamsi krish\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe" "c:\Users\adapala vamsi krish\Desktop\AI Assisted Code\5.4-AI-ASSSS.py". It then prompts for user input: "Enter your name: vamsi krishna", "Enter your age: 20", and "Enter your email: vamsikrishnaadapala@gmail.com". The output shows the collected data: {"name": "vamsi krishna", "age": "20", "email_hash": "b954fa6b2c4bc205d1006f8e42f894d276b79910c8336efcd5064e689d1a671"}. The status bar at the bottom indicates the file is 5.4-AI-ASS.py, with 1 in 1, Col 26, Spaces: 4, UTF-8, Python, Chat quota reached: 3.13.7, and the date/time 29-01-2026.

Explanation:

The email is hashed before storage. Sensitive data is not stored in plain text.

Task 2: Sentiment Analysis with Bias Handling

Prompt: "Generate a Python function for sentiment analysis and identify potential biases."

Generate a Python function for sentiment analysis. Then prompt Copilot to identify and handle potential biases in the data.

- Copilot-generated code with additions or comments addressing bias mitigation strategies (e.g., balancing dataset, removing offensive terms).

Code:

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows files 1.4-AI-ASS-PY, 5.4-AI-ASS-PY, AI-ASS.py, and DevFull.js.
- Code Editor:** Displays Python code for sentiment analysis. The code defines a function `analyze_sentiment` that counts positive and negative words in a given text. It includes comments about bias mitigation, specifically avoiding offensive terms and ensuring a balanced dataset. The code also prints several test cases: "Positive", "Negative", "Neutral", and "Neutral".
- Terminal:** Shows the command `python 5.4-AI-ASS.py` being run, with the output matching the printed test cases.
- Bottom Status Bar:** Shows system information including battery level (66%), time (13:45), and date (29-01-2026).

Explanation: The comments mention balancing datasets and avoiding offensive or biased words.

Task 3: Ethical Product Recommendation System

Prompt: "Write a Python program that recommends products ethically."

write a Python program that recommends products based on user history. Ask it to follow ethical guidelines like transparency and fairness.

Code:

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows files like "AI-ASS.py", "1.4-AI-ASS.py", "1.4-AI-ASS.py", "5.4-AI-ASS.py", and "Devfulljs".
- Code Editor:** Displays Python code for a recommendation system. The code includes functions for generating recommendations based on user history and explaining them. It also handles user feedback.
- Status Bar:** Shows file paths (e.g., "C:\Users\...\AI-ASS.py"), line numbers (e.g., "Ln 69, Col 1"), and other development metrics.
- Bottom Taskbar:** Includes icons for search, file operations, and various application tabs.
- Right Sidebar:** Features a "CHAT" section with a message about monthly quota, an "AI ASSISTED CODE" section with a preview of the code, and a "Copilot Pro" upgrade offer.

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows files: AI-ASS.py, 14-AI-ASS.py, 54-AI-ASS.py, and Devfulljs.
- Code Editor:** Displays Python code for a recommendation system. Key parts include:
 - A function `recommend_products` with comments: "This function recommends products based on user's interest history." and "Ethical Principles Followed: Transparency: Shows why a product is recommended; Fairness: Does not favor a single brand or seller".
 - Comments for recommended products: "Recommended Products (with reasons):" followed by a list of items like "Laptop (Recommended because you like electronics)".
 - Multiple iterations of the same logic, suggesting the code was generated multiple times.
- Terminal:** Shows command-line interaction:


```
Are these recommendations useful? (yes/no): yes
User feedback recorded: yes
PS C:\Users\adapala vamsi krish\Desktop\AI Assisted Code>
```
- Bottom Right:** A terminal window titled "54-AI-ASS.py" with the message "Explore and understand your code".
- Bottom Bar:** Includes icons for file operations, search, and various application icons.

Explanation: The system avoids favoritism and is transparent about recommendations.

Task 4: Ethical Logging

Prompt: "Generate logging functionality that does not log sensitive data."

Generate logging functionality in a Python web application. Then, ask it to ensure the logs do not record sensitive information.

- Logging code that avoids saving personal identifiers (e.g., passwords, emails), and includes comments about ethical logging practices.

Code:

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the "AI Assisted Code" extension active. The left sidebar displays a tree view of files: "EXPLORER", "AI ASSISTED CODE" (containing "1.4-AI-ASS.py", "5.4-AI-ASS.py", and "DevFulljs"), and "SEARCH". The main editor area contains the content of "5.4-AI-ASS.py". The code implements a logging system with ethical practices, including password masking and log level filtering. The bottom status bar shows the file path "C:\Users\adapala\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python\2020.12.1\python\lib\site-packages\debugpy\launcher.py" and the command "PS C:\Users\adapala\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python\2020.12.1\python\lib\site-packages\debugpy\launcher.py". A floating panel on the right provides instructions for safeguarding user information. The bottom navigation bar includes icons for "OUTLINE", "TIMELINE", "Search", and "Go Live".

```
AI ASSISTED CODE
1.4-AI-ASS.py
5.4-AI-ASS.py
DevFulljs

# Task-4:
import logging
# Configure logging
logging.basicConfig(
    level=logging.INFO,
    format="%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s"
)
def log_user_action(user_id, action):
    """
    Ethical Logging Practices:
    - Do NOT log passwords, emails, or personal identifiers
    - Log only necessary technical information
    - Logs should be used only for debugging and monitoring
    """

    # Log only user ID or anonymous reference, not personal data
    logging.info(f"UserID-{user_id} performed action: {action}")

# Simulating actions in a web application
def login(user_id):
    # Never log passwords or email addresses
    log_user_action(user_id, "Login Attempt")

def view_profile(user_id):
    log_user_action(user_id, "Viewed Profile")

# Testing the logging system
login("USER123")
view_profile("USER123")

```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS

Python Debug Console

h:\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python\2020.12.1\python\lib\site-packages\debugpy\launcher.py

2020-01-29 13:55:02,795 - INFO - UserID-USER123 performed action: Login Attempt

2020-01-29 13:55:02,795 - INFO - UserID-USER123 performed action: Viewed Profile

PS C:\Users\adapala\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python\2020.12.1\python\lib\site-packages\debugpy\launcher.py

Explore and understand your code

Ask Auto Go Live

Explanation: Sensitive information is excluded from logs.

Task 5: Machine Learning Model with Responsible Documentation

Prompt: "Generate a ML model and add documentation for responsible use."

Generate a machine learning model. Then, prompt it to add documentation on how to use the model responsibly (e.g., explainability, accuracy limits).

- Copilot-generated model code with a README or inline documentation suggesting responsible usage, limitations, and fairness considerations.

Code:

Explanation: The documentation explains limitations, fairness, and responsible usage.

Conclusion:

This lab demonstrates how developers must remain responsible, transparent, and ethical while using AI-generated code.