

Assignment 5.5

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Lab 5: Ethical Foundations – Responsible AI Coding Practices

Task Description #1 (Transparency in Algorithm Optimization)

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

- Naive approach(basic)
- Optimized approach

Prompt:

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

CODE:

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1 #2303A52503
2 def is_prime_basic(n):
3     """Basic prime checker - checks all numbers up to n"""
4     if n < 2:
5         return False
6     for i in range(2, n):
7         if n % i == 0:
8             return False
9     return True
10 def is_prime_optimized(n):
11     """Optimized prime checker - checks up to sqrt(n)"""
12     if n < 2:
13         return False
14     if n == 2:
15         return True
16     if n % 2 == 0:
17         return False
18     for i in range(3, int(n**0.5) + 1, 2):
19         if n % i == 0:
20             return False
21     return True
22
23 # Test both
24 print(is_prime_basic(17))      # True
25 print(is_prime_optimized(17)) # True
26
```

Output :

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PS C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop> c:\p
.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\lau
True
True
```

Explanation : The naive method checks all numbers from 2 to $n-1$, which takes more time for large numbers ($O(n)$).

The optimized method checks only up to the square root of the number, reducing unnecessary checks ($O(\sqrt{n})$).

Because of this reduced range, the optimized approach runs much faster.

Hence, optimization improves performance and efficiency.

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.

Prompt:

generate a recursive function to calculate Fibonacci numbers. add clear comments explaining recursion. explain base cases and recursive calls.

```
def fibonacci_recursive(n):
    """
    Calculate the nth Fibonacci number recursively.
    Base cases: F(0) = 0, F(1) = 1
    Recursive case: F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)
    """
    if n == 0:
        return 0
    elif n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return fibonacci_recursive(n - 1) + fibonacci_recursive(n - 2)

# Example usage:
print(fibonacci_recursive(6)) # Output: 8
```

OUTPUT :

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PS C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop> .18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debu
True
True
8

```

Example:

Recursion is a technique where a function calls itself to solve a smaller part of the problem.

The base cases ($n = 0$ and $n = 1$) stop the recursion and return fixed values.

For other values, the function makes recursive calls to calculate $\text{Fibonacci}(n-1)$ and $\text{Fibonacci}(n-2)$. This matches the Fibonacci formula and correctly produces the sequence step by step.

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.”

CODE:

```

#Generate a Python program that reads a file and processes data with proper error handling and clear explanation:
def read_and_process_file(filename):
    try:
        with open(filename, 'r') as file:
            content = file.read()
            print("File content:")
            print(content)
    except FileNotFoundError:
        print(f"Error: The file '{filename}' was not found.")
    except PermissionError:
        print(f"Error: Permission denied to access the file '{filename}'.")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}")

# Example usage:
read_and_process_file("example.txt")

```

OUTPUT:

```

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Error: The file 'example.txt' was not found.

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Explanation:

The try block contains code that may cause errors while reading a file. If the file does not exist, FileNotFoundError is raised and handled. If the program lacks permission, PermissionError is handled. Any other unexpected issue is caught using a general Exception block.

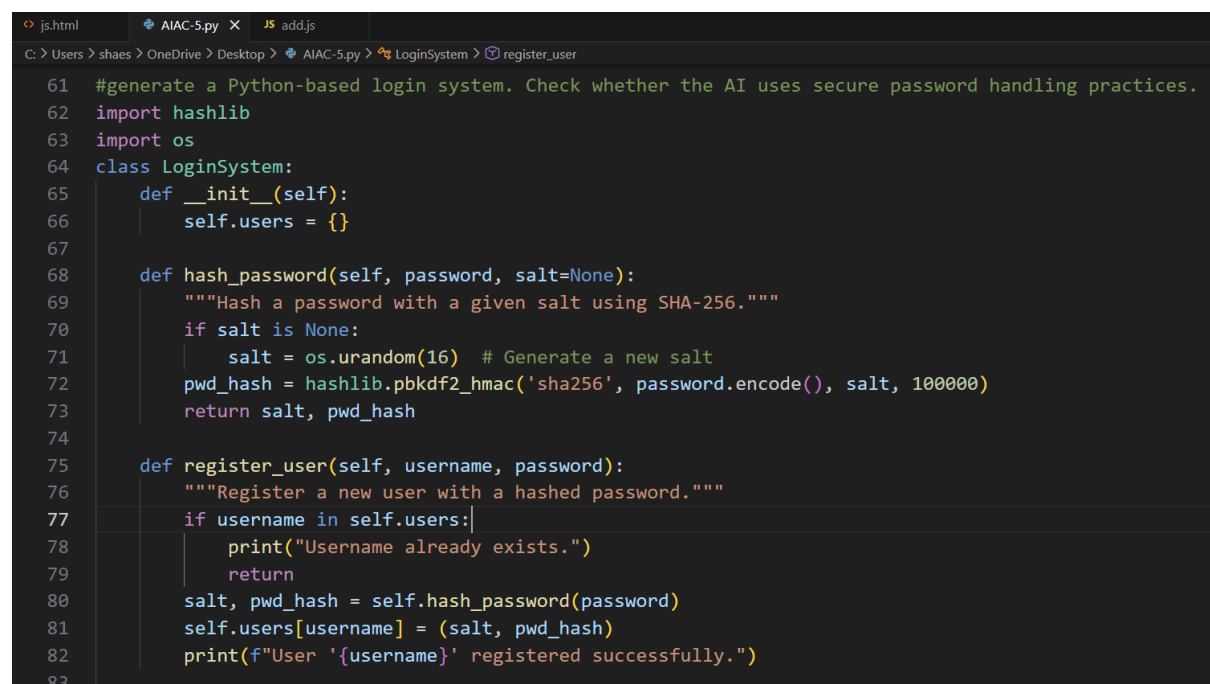
Task Description #4 (Security in User Authentication)

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

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

Prompt: generate a Python-based login system. Check whether the AI uses secure password handling practices.

#Code:

A screenshot of a code editor window with a dark theme. The editor shows a Python script for a login system. The file explorer on the left shows the file path: C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC-5.py > LoginSystem > register_user. The code is as follows:

```
61 #generate a Python-based login system. Check whether the AI uses secure password handling practices.
62 import hashlib
63 import os
64 class LoginSystem:
65     def __init__(self):
66         self.users = {}
67
68     def hash_password(self, password, salt=None):
69         """Hash a password with a given salt using SHA-256."""
70         if salt is None:
71             salt = os.urandom(16) # Generate a new salt
72         pwd_hash = hashlib.pbkdf2_hmac('sha256', password.encode(), salt, 100000)
73         return salt, pwd_hash
74
75     def register_user(self, username, password):
76         """Register a new user with a hashed password."""
77         if username in self.users:
78             print("Username already exists.")
79             return
80         salt, pwd_hash = self.hash_password(password)
81         self.users[username] = (salt, pwd_hash)
82         print(f"User '{username}' registered successfully.")
83
```

```
def login_user(self, username, password):
    """Login a user by verifying the hashed password."""
    if username not in self.users:
        print("Username not found.")
        return False
    salt, stored_hash = self.users[username]
    _, pwd_hash = self.hash_password(password, salt)
    if pwd_hash == stored_hash:
        print(f"User '{username}' logged in successfully.")
        return True
    else:
        print("Incorrect password.")
        return False

# Example usage:
login_system = LoginSystem()
login_system.register_user("user1", "securepassword123")
login_system.login_user("user1", "securepassword123")
login_system.login_user("user1", "wrongpassword")
```

Output:

```
ERROR: The file 'example.exe' was not found.
User 'user1' registered successfully.
User 'user1' logged in successfully.
Incorrect password.
PS C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop>
```

Explanation:

Basic login systems store passwords in plain text, which is insecure.

The secure version hashes passwords using SHA-256, so real passwords are never stored.

Input validation prevents empty or invalid login attempts.

This improves security and protects user credentials.

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).

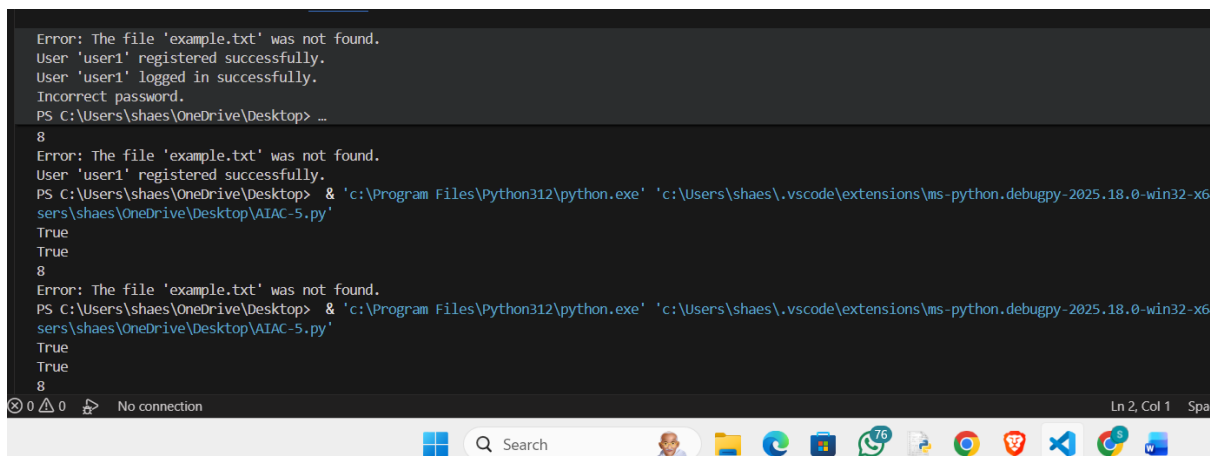
Analyze: Examine whether sensitive data is logged unnecessarily or insecurely.

Prompt : generate a Python script that logs user activity (username, IP address, timestamp). Examine whether sensitive data is logged unnecessarily or insecurely.

CODE :

```
#generate a Python script that logs user activity (username, IP address, timestamp). Examine whether sensitive data is:
import logging
from datetime import datetime
# Configure logging
logging.basicConfig(filename='user_activity.log', level=logging.INFO, format='%(asctime)s - %(message)s')
def log_user_activity(username, ip_address):
    """Log user activity with username, IP address, and timestamp."""
    logging.info(f"User: {username}, IP: {ip_address}")
# Example usage:
log_user_activity("user1", "192.168.1.1")
# The script logs only necessary information (username, IP address, timestamp) without sensitive data like passwords.
```

OUTPUT:



```
Error: The file 'example.txt' was not found.
User 'user1' registered successfully.
User 'user1' logged in successfully.
Incorrect password.
PS C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop> ...
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Error: The file 'example.txt' was not found.
User 'user1' registered successfully.
PS C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop> & 'c:\Program Files\Python312\python.exe' 'c:\Users\shaes\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\scripts\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC-5.py'
True
True
8
Error: The file 'example.txt' was not found.
PS C:\Users\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop> & 'c:\Program Files\Python312\python.exe' 'c:\Users\shaes\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\scripts\shaes\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC-5.py'
True
True
8
```

Explanation:

Logging full personal data can violate user privacy.

Privacy-aware logging records only necessary information and masks sensitive data like IP addresses.

This reduces the risk of data misuse while still allowing activity tracking.