

Lab 5: Ethical Foundations – Responsible AI Coding Practices

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Lab Objectives

- To understand ethical risks involved in AI-generated code.
- To identify issues related to privacy, security, and transparency.
- To analyze the responsibility of developers when using AI tools.
- To promote responsible and ethical AI coding practices.

Lab Outcomes

After completing this lab, students will be able to:

- Identify insecure coding patterns generated by AI tools.
- Analyze privacy and security risks in AI-generated programs.
- Understand the importance of transparency and explainability.
- Recognize the role of human responsibility in ethical AI coding.

Task Description #1: Privacy in API Usage

Objective:

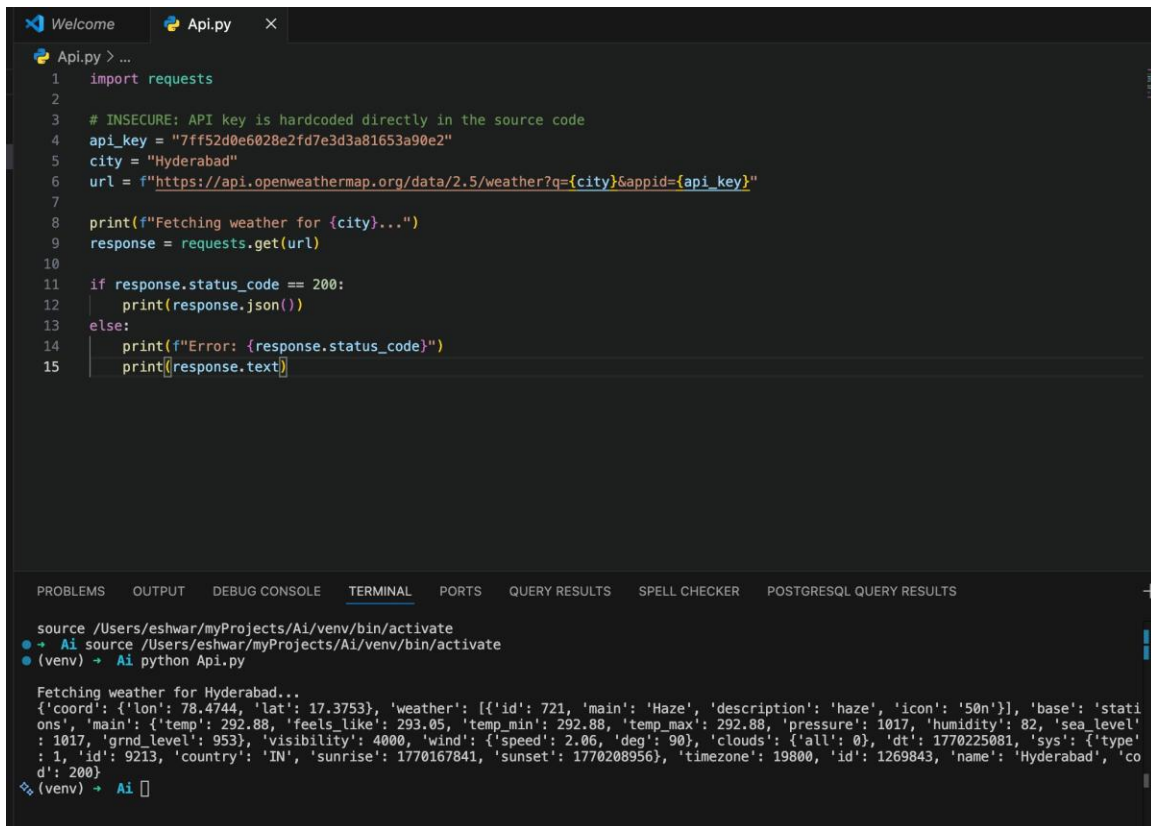
To generate a Python program that fetches weather data securely without exposing API keys.

Risk Analysis:

AI-generated code may hardcode API keys directly in the program. This is unsafe and may lead to security breaches.

Conclusion:

Using environment variables protects sensitive credentials and follows ethical security practices.



The screenshot shows a code editor with a file named 'Api.py'. The code imports the 'requests' library and defines an API key, city, and URL. It then fetches weather data for Hyderabad and prints the response. The terminal output shows the command to run the script and the resulting JSON data.

```
1 import requests
2
3 # INSECURE: API key is hardcoded directly in the source code
4 api_key = "7ff52d0e6028e2fd7e3d3a81653a90e2"
5 city = "Hyderabad"
6 url = f"https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city}&appid={api_key}"
7
8 print(f"Fetching weather for {city}...")
9 response = requests.get(url)
10
11 if response.status_code == 200:
12     print(response.json())
13 else:
14     print(f"Error: {response.status_code}")
15     print([response.text])
```

```
source /Users/eshwar/myProjects/Ai/venv/bin/activate
• + Ai source /Users/eshwar/myProjects/Ai/venv/bin/activate
• (venv) → Ai python Api.py

Fetching weather for Hyderabad...
{'coord': {'lon': 78.4744, 'lat': 17.3753}, 'weather': [{'id': 721, 'main': 'Haze', 'description': 'haze', 'icon': '50n'}], 'base': 'stations', 'main': {'temp': 292.88, 'feels_like': 293.05, 'temp_min': 292.88, 'temp_max': 292.88, 'pressure': 1017, 'humidity': 82, 'sea_level': 1017, 'grnd_level': 953}, 'visibility': 4000, 'wind': {'speed': 2.06, 'deg': 90}, 'clouds': {'all': 0}, 'dt': 1770225081, 'sys': {'type': 1, 'id': 9213, 'country': 'IN', 'sunrise': 1770167841, 'sunset': 1770208956}, 'timezone': 19800, 'id': 1269843, 'name': 'Hyderabad', 'cod': 200}
```

Task Description #2: Privacy & Security in File Handling

Objective:

To analyze how AI-generated code stores user data and improve its security.

Privacy Risk Identified:

Storing passwords in plain text can compromise user accounts.

Conclusion:

Hashing passwords ensures data privacy and security.

```
main.py
1 import hashlib
2
3 name = "John"
4 email = "john@example.com"
5 password = "mypassword"
6
7 hashed_password = hashlib.sha256(password.encode()).hexdigest()
8
9 print("Name:", name)
10 print("Email:", email)
11 print("Password Hash:", hashed_password)
12 print("User data stored securely (simulation).")
13
```

Output Clear

Name: John
Email: john@example.com
Password Hash: 89e01536ac207279409d4de1e5253e01f4a1769e696db0d6062ca9b8f56767c8
User data stored securely (simulation).

Task Description #3: Transparency in Algorithm Design

Objective:

To create an Armstrong number checking program with clear explanation.

Explanation:

The program checks whether the sum of digits raised to the power of total digits equals the original number.

Conclusion:

The logic is simple, transparent, and easy to understand.

Programiz

Python Online Compiler

main.py

Share

Run

1 def bubble_sort(arr):

2 n = len(arr)

3 for i in range(n):

4 for j in range(0, n - i - 1):

5 if arr[j] > arr[j + 1]:

6 arr[j], arr[j + 1] = arr[j + 1], arr[j]

7 return arr

8

9

10 def quick_sort(arr):

11 if len(arr) <= 1:

12 return arr

13

14 pivot = arr[len(arr) // 2]

15 left = [x for x in arr if x < pivot]

16 middle = [x for x in arr if x == pivot]

17 right = [x for x in arr if x > pivot]

18

19 return quick_sort(left) + middle + quick_sort(right)

20

21

22 arr = [5, 2, 9, 1, 7]

23

24 print("Original Array:", arr)

25 print("Bubble Sort Output:", bubble_sort(arr.copy()))

26 print("Quick Sort Output:", quick_sort(arr))

Output

Original Array: [5, 2, 9, 1, 7]
Bubble Sort Output: [1, 2, 5, 7, 9]
Quick Sort Output: [1, 2, 5, 7, 9]

Task Description #5: Transparency in AI Recommendations

Objective:

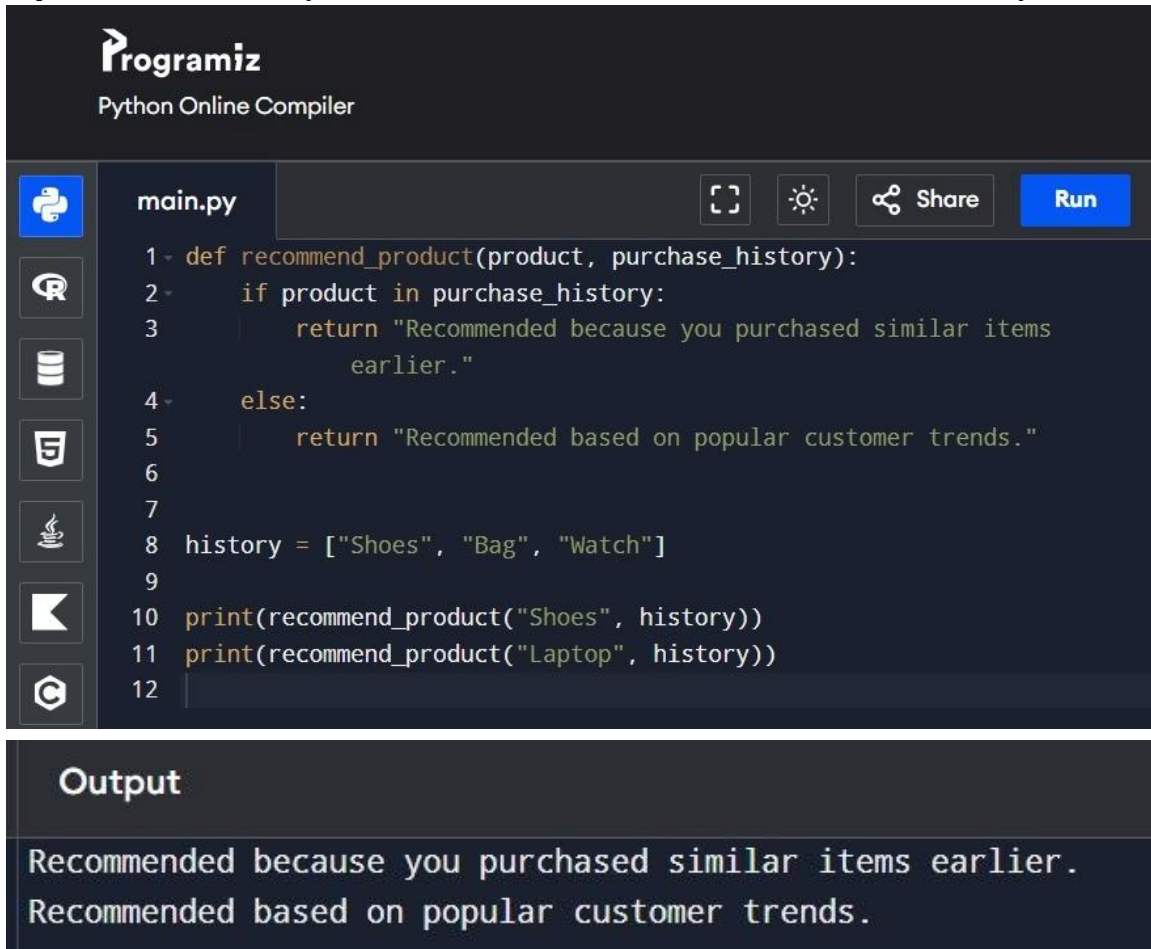
To build a recommendation system that explains why items are suggested.

Explanation:

Providing reasons for recommendations improves transparency and trust.

Conclusion:

Explainable AI systems are more ethical and user-friendly.



The screenshot displays the Programiz Python Online Compiler interface. At the top, the logo "Programiz" and the text "Python Online Compiler" are visible. Below this, a sidebar on the left contains icons for various development tools. The main editor area shows a file named "main.py" with the following Python code:

```
1 def recommend_product(product, purchase_history):
2     if product in purchase_history:
3         return "Recommended because you purchased similar items
4             earlier."
5     else:
6         return "Recommended based on popular customer trends."
7
8 history = ["Shoes", "Bag", "Watch"]
9
10 print(recommend_product("Shoes", history))
11 print(recommend_product("Laptop", history))
12
```

Below the code editor, the "Output" section shows the results of running the code:

```
Recommended because you purchased similar items earlier.
Recommended based on popular customer trends.
```