

# AI Assisted Coding

## Assignment 7.5

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Lab 7: Error Debugging with AI: Systematic approaches to finding and fixing bugs Lab Objectives:

- To identify and correct syntax, logic, and runtime errors in Python programs using AI tools.
- To understand common programming bugs and AI-assisted debugging suggestions.
- To evaluate how AI explains, detects, and fixes different types of coding errors.
- To build confidence in using AI to perform structured debugging practices.

Lab Outcomes (LOs):

After completing this lab, students will be able to:

- Use AI tools to detect and correct syntax, logic, and runtime errors.
- Interpret AI-suggested bug fixes and explanations.

- Apply systematic debugging strategies supported by AI-generated insights.

## Task 1 (Mutable Default Argument – Function Bug)

**Task:** Analyze given code where a mutable default argument cause unexpected behavior. Use AI to fix it. # Bug: Mutable default argument def add\_item(item, items=[]):

```
items.append(item)
return
items
print(add_item(1))
print(add_item(2))
```

Expected Output: Corrected function avoids shared list bug.

### Code:

```
Lab_7.5.py > add_item
1  """
2  Task 1 (Mutable Default Argument [] Function Bug)
3  Task: Analyze given code where a mutable default argument causes
4  unexpected behavior. Use AI to fix it.
5  # Bug: Mutable default argument
6  Expected Output: Corrected function avoids shared list bug.
7  """
8 →| def add_item(item, items=[]):
9      items.append(item)
10     return items
11
12 print(add_item(1))
13 print(add_item(2))
```

### Output:

```
C:\Users\acera\Desktop\Btech_3_2\AI Assistant coding>python  
[1]  
[2]
```

## **Observation:**

The default list items = [] is created only once, so all function calls share the same list. Because the list is mutable, values added in earlier calls remain in later calls, causing unexpected accumulation. Using items=None and creating a new list inside the function ensures each call works with a fresh list and fixes the bug.

## **Task 2 (Floating-Point Precision Error)**

**Task:** Analyze given code where floating-point comparison fails.

Use AI to correct with tolerance. #

Bug: Floating point precision issue

```
def check_sum(): return (0.1 + 0.2)  
== 0.3 print(check_sum())
```

Expected Output: Corrected function

## **Code:**

```
17 # Task 2 (Floating-Point Precision Error)
18 ...
19 Task: Analyze given code where floating-point comparison fails.
20 Use AI to correct with tolerance.
21 # Bug: Floating point precision issue
22 ...
23 def check_sum():
24 ✓    return (0.1 + 0.2) == 0.3
25 prin ↴tolerance = 1e-10
```

## Output:

```
C:\Users\acera\Desktop\Btech_3_2\AI Assistant coding>python
True
```

## Observation:

Floating-point numbers cannot always represent decimal values exactly, so  $(0.1 + 0.2)$  is not exactly equal to 0.3. Direct comparison using `==` may therefore return `False` even when the values should logically be equal.

Using a tolerance (`epsilon`) and checking whether the absolute difference is smaller than that tolerance correctly handles floating-point precision errors.

## Task 3 (Recursion Error – Missing Base Case)

**Task:** Analyze given code where recursion runs infinitely due to missing base case. Use AI to fix.

```
# Bug: No base case def
```

```
countdown(n):
```

```
print(n)
```

```
return countdown(n-1) countdown(5)
```

Expected Output : Correct recursion  
with stopping condition.

## Code:

```
25
30  # Task 3 (Recursion Error ┌ Missing Base Case)
31  ...
32  Task: Analyze given code where recursion runs infinitely due to
33  missing base case. Use AI to fix.
34  # Bug: No base case
35  Expected Output : Correct recursion with stopping condition.'''
```

```
def countdown(n):
    if n == 0:
        return
    print(n)
    return countdown(n-1)
countdown(5)
```

## Output:

```
C:\Users\acera\Desktop\Btech_3_2\AI Assistant coding>python
5
4
3
2
1
```

## Observation:

The original recursive function lacks a base case, so the function keeps calling itself indefinitely, leading to infinite recursion or a recursion depth error.

Adding a stopping condition such as `if n == 0: return` ensures that the recursion terminates properly. After fixing, the function prints numbers from 5 down to 1 and then stops successfully.

## Task 4 (Dictionary Key Error)

**Task:** Analyze given code where a missing dictionary key causes error. Use AI to fix it.

```
# Bug: Accessing non-existing key
def get_value(): data = {"a": 1, "b":
2} return data["c"]
print(get_value())
```

Expected Output: Corrected with .get() or error handling.

**Code:**

```
43
44  # Task 4 (Dictionary Key Error)
45  ...
46  Task: Analyze given code where a missing dictionary key causes
47  error. Use AI to fix it.
48  # Bug: Accessing non-existing key
49  Expected Output: Corrected with .get() or error handling.
50  ...
51  def get_value():
52      data = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
53  →     return data["c"]
54      return data.get("c", "Key not found")
54  print(get_value())
```

**Output:**

```
C:\Users\acer\Desktop\Btech_3_2\AI Assistant coding>python
Key not found
```

**Observation:**

Accessing a non-existing dictionary key using data["c"] raises a

KeyError because the key is not present in the dictionary. Using `data.get("c", "Key not found")` safely returns a default value instead of causing an error. This fix ensures the program runs without crashing and handles missing keys gracefully.

## Task 5 (Infinite Loop – Wrong Condition)

**Task:** Analyze given code where loop never ends. Use AI to detect and fix it.

# Bug: Infinite loop

```
def loop_example():
```

```
i = 0 while i < 5:
```

```
    print(i)
```

Expected Output: Corrected loop increments i.

**Code:**

```
57     ...
58     Task 5 (Infinite Loop ┌ Wrong Condition)
59     Task: Analyze given code where loop never ends. Use AI to detect
60     and fix it.
61     # Bug: Infinite loop
62     Expected Output: Corrected loop increments i.
63     ...
64     def loop_example():
65         i = 0
66         while i < 5:
67 →|             print(i) | print(i)
68             i += 1
```

## Output:

```
C:\Users\acer\Desktop\Btech_3_2\AI Assistant coding>python
0
1
2
3
4
```

## Observation:

The original loop does not update the value of i, so the condition  $i < 5$  always remains true, causing an infinite loop. Adding the increment statement  $i += 1$  inside the loop ensures that i increases after each iteration. With this fix, the loop prints values from 0 to 4 and then terminates correctly.

## Task 6 (Unpacking Error – Wrong Variables)

**Task:** Analyze given code where tuple unpacking fails. Use AI to fix it.

```
# Bug: Wrong unpacking
```

```
a, b = (1, 2, 3)
```

Expected Output: Correct unpacking or using `_` for extra values.

## Code:

```
71  # Task 6 (Unpacking Error - Wrong Variables)
72  ...
73  Task: Analyze given code where tuple unpacking fails. Use AI to
74  fix it.
75  # Bug: Wrong unpacking
76  Expected Output: Correct unpacking or using _ for extra values.
77  ...
78 →| a, b = (1, 2, 3)
    a, b, _ = (1, 2, 3)
```

## Output:

```
C:\Users\acer\Desktop\Btech_3_2\AI Assistant coding>python  
1 2
```

## Observation:

The tuple (1, 2, 3) contains three values, but only two variables (a, b) are provided, causing a "too many values to unpack" error. Tuple unpacking requires the number of variables to match the number of values unless a placeholder like \_ is used. Fixing it as a, b, \_ = (1, 2, 3) or using three variables correctly resolves the unpacking error.

## Task 7 (Mixed Indentation – Tabs vs Spaces)

**Task:** Analyze given code where mixed indentation breaks

execution. Use AI to fix it. # Bug: Mixed indentation def

```
func(): x = 5 y = 10
```

```
return x+y
```

Expected Output : Consistent indentation applied.

## Code:

```
80 # Task 7 (Mixed Indentation [ Tabs vs Spaces )  
81 ...  
82 Task: Analyze given code where mixed indentation breaks  
83 execution. Use AI to fix it.  
84 # Bug: Mixed indentation  
85  
86 Expected Output : Consistent indentation applied  
87 ...
```

Modify selected code

∅ Add Context...



Keep Undo

```
88 def func():  
89     x = 5  
90     y = 10  
91     return x+y  
92     y = 10  
93     return x+y
```

## Output:

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with a dark theme. At the top, there is a status bar with icons for file operations like 'Keep' and 'Undo'. Below the status bar, the code editor displays the following Python code:

```
93 # Task 8 (Import Error [ Wrong Module Usage])
94 ...
95 Task: Analyze given code with incorrect import. Use AI to fix.
96 # Bug: Wrong import
97 Expected Output: Corrected to import math
98 ...
99 Modify selected code
100 Add Context...
101 import maths
102 print(maths.sqrt(16))
103 import math
104 print(math.sqrt(16))
```

The code contains two import statements: 'import maths' and 'import math'. The output window below the code editor shows the command 'C:\Users\acera\Desktop\Btech\_3\_2\AI Assistant coding>python' followed by the result '15'.

## Observation:

The original code uses mixed indentation (tabs and spaces), which causes an indentation error and prevents the program from executing correctly. Python requires consistent indentation within a block to define the function body properly. Using the same indentation style (for example, four spaces for each line) fixes the issue and produces the correct output 15.

## Task 8 (Import Error – Wrong Module Usage)

**Task:** Analyze given code with incorrect import. Use AI to fix.

# Bug: Wrong import  
import maths  
print(maths.sqrt(16))

Expected Output: Corrected to import math

**Code:**

## Output:

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with a dark theme. The code editor displays the same Python code as the previous screenshot, but the output window below it shows the command 'C:\Users\acera\Desktop\Btech\_3\_2\AI Assistant coding>python' followed by the result '4.0'.

## Observation:

The original code fails because it uses mixed indentation, which Python does not allow within the same block. This causes an indentation error and stops the program from running correctly. Applying consistent indentation (such as four spaces for all lines inside the function) fixes the issue and allows the function to execute properly.