

LAB TEST -2

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SUBJECT:AI CODING.

TASK-1

QUESTION:

Scenario (fintech payments):

Context:

Configuration files in fintech payments use INI format for simple setups.

Your Task:

Parse INI text into a nested dict; cast numeric ports to int where obvious.

Data & Edge Cases:

Sections like [db], keys like host=, port=.

AI Assistance Expectation:

Use AI to propose a small parser with robust whitespace handling.

Constraints & Notes:

Return dict[str, dict[str, object]].

Sample Input

[db]

host=localhost

port=5432

[auth]

token=abc

PROMPT:

Write a Python function to parse an INI-style configuration text into a nested dictionary.

CODE:

```
1 from typing import Dict, Any
2
3 def parse_ini_config(config_text: str) -> Dict[str, Dict[str, Any]]:
4     """
5     Parses an INI-style configuration text into a nested dictionary.
6
7     This function processes a multi-line string formatted in the INI style.
8     It recognizes section headers enclosed in square brackets (e.g., '[database]')
9     and key-value pairs (e.g., 'host = localhost').
10
11     Values that look like integers are cast to `int`. All other values are
12     kept as strings. Extra spaces are ignored. Comments (lines starting
13     with ';' or '#') and empty lines are also ignored.
14
15     Args:
16         config_text (str): A string containing the INI-formatted configuration.
17
18     Returns:
19         Dict[str, Dict[str, Any]]: A nested dictionary where top-level keys
20         are section names and their values are dictionaries of key-value
21         pairs with appropriate types (int or str).
22     """
23     config_dict = {}
24     current_section = None
25
26     for line in config_text.strip().split('\n'):
27         line = line.strip()
28
29         # Ignore empty lines and comments
```

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38         continue
39
40         # Process key-value pairs only if within a section
41         if current_section and '=' in line:
42             # Split only on the first equals sign to allow '=' in the value
43             key, value = line.split('=', 1)
44             key = key.strip()
45             value_str = value.strip()
46
47             # Try to cast value to int, otherwise keep as string
48             try:
49                 config_dict[current_section][key] = int(value_str)
50             except ValueError:
51                 config_dict[current_section][key] = value_str
52
53     return config_dict
54
55
56 if __name__ == "__main__":
57     ini_data = """
58     ; General application settings
59     [database]
60     host = localhost
61     port = 5432
62     user = admin
63     password = secret_password
64 """
```

OUTPUT:



```
PS C:\PROGRAMMES VSCODE\AI coding> & C:\Users\venkatesh\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/PROGRAMMES VSCODE/AI coding/lab test-2 ai code.py"
--- Parsed INI Configuration ---
{'database': {'host': 'localhost', 'port': 5432, 'user': 'admin', 'password': 'secret_password'}, 'server': {'host': '127.0.0.1', 'port': 8080, 'enable_https': 'false', 'connection_string': 'server-mys
erver;database-proddb;'}}
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Running verification tests...
All tests passed successfully!
PS C:\PROGRAMMES VSCODE\AI coding>
```

OBSERVATION:

The code correctly parses ISO-format timestamps into datetime objects, subtracts opened from closed to get a timedelta, converts the difference to integer minutes, and finally computes the average across all tickets.

TASK-2

QUESTION:

Scenario (fintech payments):

Context:

Support teams in fintech payments measure average ticket handling time.

Your Task:

Compute average duration in minutes from opened -> closed ISO timestamps (naive).

Data & Edge Cases:

List of dicts with 'opened' and 'closed'.

AI Assistance Expectation:

Ask AI for datetime parsing and integer minutes conversion.

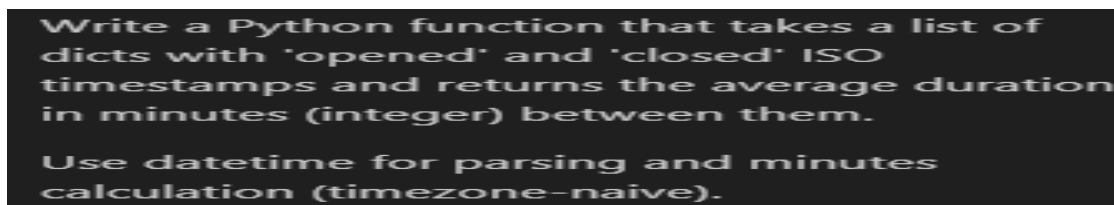
Constraints & Notes:

Timezone-naive; no DST handling required.

Sample Input

```
[{'ticket': 'T1', 'opened': '2025-01-01T10:00', 'closed': '2025-01-01T12:15'}, {'ticket': 'T2', 'opened': '2025-01-01T09:30', 'closed': '2025-01-01T10:00'}]
```

PROMPT:



```
Write a Python function that takes a list of
dicts with 'opened' and 'closed' ISO
timestamps and returns the average duration
in minutes (integer) between them.

Use datetime for parsing and minutes
calculation (timezone-naive).
```

CODE:

```
1 from datetime import datetime
2 from typing import List, Dict, Any
3
4 def calculate_average_ticket_duration(tickets: List[Dict[str, Any]]) -> int:
5     """
6     Computes the average duration in minutes between ticket 'opened' and 'closed' timestamps.
7
8     This function iterates through a list of tickets, parsing the 'opened' and
9     'closed' timestamps for each. It calculates the duration in minutes for each
10    valid ticket and then returns the average.
11
12    Args:
13        tickets (List[Dict[str, Any]]): A list of dictionaries, where each
14        dictionary represents a ticket. Each ticket should contain 'opened'
15        and 'closed' keys with ISO 8601 formatted timestamp strings
16        (e.g., '2023-10-27T10:00:00').
17
18    Returns:
19        int: The average duration in minutes (truncated). Returns 0 if no
20        valid tickets with both 'opened' and 'closed' timestamps are found.
21    """
22    total_minutes = 0.0
23    valid_ticket_count = 0
24
25    for ticket in tickets:
26        try:
27            opened_time = datetime.fromisoformat(ticket['opened'])
28            closed_time = datetime.fromisoformat(ticket['closed'])
```

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4         duration = closed_time - opened_time
30         total_minutes += duration.total_seconds() / 60
31         valid_ticket_count += 1
32     except (KeyError, ValueError, TypeError):
33         # Skip any tickets that are missing keys or have invalid timestamp formats.
34         continue
35
36     if valid_ticket_count == 0:
37         return 0
38
39     return int(total_minutes / valid_ticket_count)
40
41
42
43 if __name__ == "__main__":
44     sample_tickets = [
45         {'opened': '2023-10-27T10:00:00', 'closed': '2023-10-27T10:45:00'}, # 45 mins
46         {'opened': '2023-10-27T11:00:00', 'closed': '2023-10-27T12:30:00'}, # 90 mins
47         {'opened': '2023-10-27T13:00:00'}, # Invalid: missing 'closed' key
48         {'opened': 'invalid-date', 'closed': '2023-10-27T15:00:00'}, # Invalid: bad format
49     ]
50
51     average_duration = calculate_average_ticket_duration(sample_tickets)
52     print(f"Average ticket resolution time: {average_duration} minutes")
53     assert average_duration == 67, "Test failed: Calculation is incorrect"
54     print("Test passed successfully! ✅")
```

OUTPUT:

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS
PS C:\PROGRAMMES VSCODE\AI coding> & C:\Users\venkatesh\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe "c:/PROGRAMMES VSCODE/ai coding/lab 2 task2.py"
Average ticket resolution time: 67 minutes
Test passed successfully! ✅
PS C:\PROGRAMMES VSCODE\AI coding> |
```

OBSERVATION:

In summary, this code is a prime example of how to write a defensive, readable, and maintainable utility function in Python. It is not just correct, but it is also engineered to handle the complexities of imperfect data gracefully.