

Assignment 9.4

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Lab 9 – Documentation Generation: Automatic Documentation and Code Comments.

Task 1: Auto-Generating Function Documentation in a Shared Codebase

Scenario

You have joined a development team where several utility functions are already implemented, but the code lacks proper documentation. New team members are struggling to understand how these functions should be used.

Task Description

You are given a Python script containing multiple functions without any docstrings.

Using an AI-assisted coding tool:

- Ask the AI to automatically generate Google-style function docstrings for each function
- Each docstring should include:
 - A brief description of the function
 - Parameters with data types
 - Return values
 - At least one example usage (if applicable)

Experiment with different prompting styles (zero-shot or context-based) to observe quality differences.

Zero-Shot Prompt:

Generate a Google style function docstrings where each docstring should include: """1. A brief description of the functions 2. parameters with data types 3. return values 4. Atleast one example usage(if applicable). 5. Experiment with different prompting styles zero-shot or context based to observe quality differnces""". And call the functions at last.

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RUN AND DEBUG

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Run and Debug

To customize Run and Debug create a launch.json file.

Debug using a terminal command or in an interactive chat.

TERMINAL

```
(venv) PS C:\Users\zobida\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding> .\lab-9-4.py
Total Price: 33.0
Valid Email: True
Email validation: False
Merged Dictionary: {'a': 3, 'b': 2}
(venv) PS C:\Users\zobida\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding>
```

BREAKPOINTS

- Raised Exceptions
- Uncaught Exceptions
- User Uncaught Exceptions

OUTLINE (JAVA DEBUGGER)

LabExam01.py lab-9-4.py

```
def calculate_total_price(items: list[dict], tax_rate: float = 0.1) -> float:
    """
    Calculates the total price of items including tax.

    Args:
        items (list[dict]): A list of dictionaries containing a 'price' key.
        tax_rate (float, optional): Tax rate as a decimal. Defaults to 0.1.

    Returns:
        float: Total price including tax, rounded to 2 decimal places.

    Example:
        >>> items = [{"price": 10.0}, {"price": 20.0}]
        >>> calculate_total_price(items)
        33.0
    """

    subtotal = sum(item['price'] for item in items)
    return round(subtotal * (1 + tax_rate), 2)

def validate_email(email: str) -> bool:
    """
    Validates an email address format.

    Args:
        email (str): The email address to validate.

    Returns:
        bool: True if valid, False otherwise.

    Example:
        >>> validate_email("user@example.com")
        True
    """

    return "@" in email and "." in email.split("@")[-1]

def merge_dictionaries(*dicts: dict) -> dict:
    """
    Merges multiple dictionaries into one.

    Args:
        *dicts (dict): Variable number of dictionaries.

    Returns:
        dict: Combined dictionary with later values overwriting earlier ones.

    Example:
        >>> merge_dictionaries({'a': 1}, {'a': 2})
        {'a': 2}

    result = {}
    for d in dicts:
        result.update(d)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    items = [{"price": 10.0}, {"price": 20.0}]
    print("Total Price:", calculate_total_price(items, tax_rate=0.1))
    print("Valid Email:", validate_email("user@example.com"))
    print("Invalid Email:", validate_email("invalid.email"))
    print("Merged Dictionary:", merge_dictionaries({'a': 1}, {'b': 2}, {'a': 3}))
```

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One-shot Prompt: Give an one-shot example for the same code.

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Run and Debug

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Debug using a terminal command or in an interactive chat.

TERMINAL

```
(venv) PS C:\Users\zobida\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding> .\lab-9-4.py
Total Price: 33.0
Valid Email: True
Email validation: False
Merged Dictionary: {'a': 3, 'b': 2}
Additional Examples:
    Total Price: 33.0
    Email validation: True
    Merged dicts: {'x': 10, 'y': 20, 'z': 40}
(venv) PS C:\Users\zobida\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding> []
```

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LabExam01.py lab-9-4.py

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        tax_rate (float, optional): Tax rate as a decimal. Defaults to 0.1.

    Returns:
        float: Total price including tax, rounded to 2 decimal places.

    Example:
        >>> items = [{"price": 10.0}, {"price": 20.0}]
        >>> calculate_total_price(items)
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    """

    subtotal = sum(item['price'] for item in items)
    return round(subtotal * (1 + tax_rate), 2)

def validate_email(email: str) -> bool:
    """
    Validates an email address format.

    Args:
        email (str): The email address to validate.

    Returns:
        bool: True if valid, False otherwise.

    Example:
        >>> validate_email("user@example.com")
        True
    """

    return "@" in email and "." in email.split("@")[-1]

def merge_dictionaries(*dicts: dict) -> dict:
    """
    Merges multiple dictionaries into one.

    Args:
        *dicts (dict): Variable number of dictionaries.

    Returns:
        dict: Combined dictionary with later values overwriting earlier ones.

    Example:
        >>> merge_dictionaries({'a': 1}, {'a': 2})
        {'a': 2}

    result = {}
    for d in dicts:
        result.update(d)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    items = [{"price": 10.0}, {"price": 20.0}]
    print("Total Price:", calculate_total_price(items, tax_rate=0.1))
    print("Valid Email:", validate_email("user@example.com"))
    print("Invalid Email:", validate_email("invalid.email"))
    print("Merged Dictionary:", merge_dictionaries({'a': 1}, {'b': 2}, {'a': 3}))
    # Additional test case demonstrating all functions
    test_items = [{"price": 15.50}, {"price": 24.99}, {"price": 10.01}]
    print("\nAdditional Examples:")
    print("Total with custom tax:", calculate_total_price(test_items, tax_rate=0.15))
    print("Email validation:", validate_email("john.doe@company.co.uk"))
    print("Merged dicts:", merge_dictionaries({'x': 10, 'y': 20}, {'y': 30, 'z': 40}))
```

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Context-based prompt: give the same code but in context based follow the below instructions: Improve code readability and maintainability by:

1. Writing detailed Google-style docstrings for each function.
2. Clearly explaining function purpose and behavior.
3. Specifying parameter types and expected data structures.
4. Mentioning edge cases or assumptions where relevant.
5. Providing realistic example usage.
6. Adding a well-structured main testing section.
7. Printing labeled outputs for clarity.

Ensure the documentation is professional and consistent across all functions.

The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code interface with a dark theme. The left sidebar lists files: LabExam01.py, lab-9-4.py (which is the active file), and Untitled-1. The main editor area contains two Python functions with detailed docstrings. The first function is `calculate_total_price` and the second is `validate_email`. Both functions include examples and return values. The status bar at the bottom right shows: Screen Reader Optimized, Ln 13 Col 17, Spaces: 4, UTF-8, CRLF, Python 3.12.1 (venv).

```
def calculate_total_price(items: list[dict], tax_rate: float = 0.1) -> float:
    """
    Calculates the total price of a list of items including tax.
    This function computes the subtotal by summing the 'price' values
    from each dictionary in the items list, then applies the given
    tax rate to produce the final total amount.

    Args:
        items (list[dict]): A list of dictionaries where each dictionary
            must contain a 'price' key with a numeric value.
        tax_rate (float, optional): Tax rate expressed as a decimal.
            Defaults to 0.1 (10%).
    Returns:
        float: The total price including tax, rounded to 2 decimal places.

    Raises:
        KeyError: If any dictionary does not contain a 'price' key.
        TypeError: If price values are not numeric.

    Example:
        >>> items = [{'price': 10.0}, {'price': 20.0}]
        >>> calculate_total_price(items, tax_rate=0.1)
        33.0
    """
    subtotal = sum(item['price'] for item in items)
    return round(subtotal * (1 + tax_rate), 2)

def validate_email(email: str) -> bool:
    """
    Validates whether a string follows a basic email format.

    The function checks if the email contains a single '@' symbol
    and a domain part with at least one '.' after the '@'.

    Args:
        email (str): The email address string to validate.

    Returns:
        bool: True if the email format appears valid, False otherwise.

    Note:
        This function performs basic validation and does not fully
        comply with RFC email standards.

    Example:
        >>> validate_email("user@example.com")
        True
        >>> validate_email("invalid.email")
        False
    """
```

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TERMINAL Python Debug Console
(.venv) PS C:\Users\zobilya\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding> cd 'C:\Users\zobilya\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding' & "C:\Users\zobilya\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding\venv\Scripts\python.exe" 'C:\Users\zobilya\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python-2025.10.0\tasks\vscode-langservers-debug\launcher' '61879' -- 'C:\Users\zobilya\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding\lab-9.4.py'
Total tasks (with task): 33.0
Valid email check: True
Merged dictionary result: {'a': 3, 'b': 2}
(.venv) PS C:\Users\zobilya\Downloads\AI-Assisted coding>

```

```

def validate_email(email: str) -> bool:
    """
    >>> validate_email('invalid_email')
    False
    """
    return email.count('@') == 1 and '.' in email.split('@')[1]
def merge_dictionaries(*dicts: dict) -> dict:
    """
    Merges multiple dictionaries into a single dictionary.
    Later dictionaries overwrite values from earlier ones
    when duplicate keys are encountered.
    Args:
        *dicts (dict): Variable number of dictionary objects to merge.
    Returns:
        dict: A new dictionary containing merged key-value pairs.
    Example:
        >>> merge_dictionaries({'a': 1}, {'b': 2}, {'a': 3})
        {'a': 3, 'b': 2}
    """
    merged = {}
    for dictionary in dicts:
        merged.update(dictionary)
    return merged
if __name__ == "__main__":
    items_data = [{"price": 10.0}, {"price": 20.0}]
    total = calculate_total_price(items_data)
    print(f"Total price (with tax): {total}")
    valid = validate_email("user@example.com")
    invalid = validate_email("invalid.email")
    print(f"Valid email check: {valid}")
    print(f"Invalid email check: {invalid}")
    merged_result = merge_dictionaries({'a': 1}, {'b': 2}, {'a': 3})
    print(f"Merged dictionary result: {merged_result}")

```

BREAKPOINTS

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Differences:

Prompt Type	Description Detail	Example Quality	Testing Block	Professionalism
Zero-shot	Basic	Simple	Minimal	Medium
One-shot	Structured	Clean	Better	High
Context-based	Detailed	Realistic	Clear & labeled	Very High

Summary:

Using context-based prompting with GitHub Copilot significantly improves documentation quality in a shared codebase. Compared to zero-shot and one-shot prompting, context-based instructions generate more detailed descriptions, clearly structured Google-style docstrings, edge-case considerations, and better formatted testing sections. The resulting documentation is more professional, readable, and maintainable. Additionally, the inclusion of a main execution block ensures the script produces visible outputs, improving usability for new developers. While AI greatly accelerates documentation generation, manual review is still necessary to ensure correctness and completeness.

Task 2: Enhancing Readability Through AI-Generated Inline Comments

A Python program contains complex logic that works correctly but is difficult to understand at first glance. Future maintainers may find it hard to debug or extend this code.

Task Description

You are provided with a Python script containing:

- Loops
 - Conditional logic
 - Algorithms (such as Fibonacci sequence, sorting, or searching)

Use AI assistance to:

- Automatically insert inline comments only for complex or non-obvious logic
 - Avoid commenting on trivial or self-explanatory syntax

The goal is to improve clarity without cluttering the code

Normal code:

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

- File Explorer:** Shows files LabExam01.py, lab-9.4.py, and lab-9.4(2).py.
- Run and Debug View:** A purple bar at the top says "Run and Debug". Below it, instructions say "To customize Run and Debug create a launch.json file." It also mentions "Debug using a terminal command or in an interactive chat."
- Code Editor:** Displays two Python functions:

```
1 def fibonacci(n):
2     if n <= 0:
3         return []
4     elif n == 1:
5         return [0]
6
7     seq = [0, 1]
8     for i in range(2, n):
9         seq.append(seq[i-1] + seq[i-2])
10    return seq
11
12 def binary_search(arr, target):
13     left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1
14     while left <= right:
15         mid = (left + right) // 2
16         if arr[mid] == target:
17             return mid
18         elif arr[mid] < target:
19             left = mid + 1
20         else:
21             right = mid - 1
22     return -1
23
```
- Terminal:** Shows the output of the Fibonacci sequence: "Fibonacci sequence: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]".
- Bottom Bar:** Includes tabs for TERMINAL, OUTPUT, DEBUG CONSOLE, PORTS, PROBLEMS, SQL HISTORY, TASK MONITOR, and POSTMAN CONSOLE.

Prompt: Improve the readability of the code:

```
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RUN
Run and Debug
To customize Run and Debug, create a launch.json file.
Debug using a terminal command or in an interactive chat.
RUN
fibonacci(n):
    """Generate a Fibonacci sequence of length n."""
    if n <= 0:
        return []
    elif n == 1:
        return [0]
    seq = [0, 1]
    for i in range(2, n):
        seq.append(seq[i - 1] + seq[i - 2])
    return seq
binary_search(arr, target):
    """Search for target in sorted array. Returns index or -1 if not found."""
    left, right = 0, len(arr) - 1
    while left <= right:
        mid = (left + right) // 2
        if arr[mid] == target:
            return mid
        elif arr[mid] < target:
            left = mid + 1
        else:
            right = mid - 1
    return -1
# Test the functions
fib_sequence = fibonacci(10)
print(f"\"Fibonacci sequence: {fib_sequence}""")
search_result = binary_search(fib_sequence, 21)
print(f"\"Binary search for 21: Index {search_result}""")

```

BREAKPOINTS TERMINAL OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE PORTS PROBLEMS SQL HISTORY TASK MONITOR POSTMAN CONSOLE

Fibonacci sequence: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]
Binary search for 21: Index 8
Python Debug Console

Before vs After codes:

Aspect	Before	After AI
Readability	Moderate	High
Algorithm clarity	Needs thinking	Clear reasoning
Edge-case explanation	Missing	Explained
Over-commenting	None	Avoided
Maintainability	Medium	Improved

Summary:

AI assistance was used to insert meaningful inline comments into complex logic sections of the program. The AI was instructed to avoid trivial syntax explanations and focus only on non-obvious algorithm reasoning and decision-making steps. The resulting script improved readability without cluttering the code. The comments explain why certain logic exists (e.g., midpoint calculation in binary search), making future debugging and extension easier.

Task 3: Generating Module-Level Documentation for a Python Package Scenario

Your team is preparing a Python module to be shared internally (or uploaded to a repository). Anyone opening the file should immediately understand its purpose and structure.

Task Description

Provide a complete Python module to an AI tool and instruct it to automatically generate a module-level docstring at the top of the file that includes:

- The purpose of the module
- Required libraries or dependencies
- A brief description of key functions and classes
- A short example of how the module can be used

Focus on clarity and professional tone.

Prompt: Generate a professional module-level docstring to be placed at the top of the file.

The docstring must include:

A clear purpose of the module, Required libraries or dependencies (if any), A brief overview of key functions and classes, A short usage example showing how to import and use the module, Maintain a professional tone suitable for production-level code.

```
"""
Module: Algorithmic Utilities

Purpose:
    Provides implementations of fundamental algorithms commonly used in computer science,
    including sequence generation and search operations.

Dependencies:
    - Python 3.6+
    - No external libraries required

Key Functions:
    - fibonacci(n): Generates a Fibonacci sequence of length n
    - binary_search(arr, target): Performs binary search on a sorted array

Usage Example:
    >>> from lab_9_4_2 import fibonacci, binary_search
    >>> fib_sequence = fibonacci(5)
    >>> [0, 1, 1, 2, 3]
    >>> index = binary_search([1, 3, 5, 7, 9], 5)
    >>> 2
"""

```

Summary:

AI assistance was used to generate a structured module-level docstring summarizing the purpose, dependencies, and key components of the module. Context-based prompting resulted in a professional, well-organized documentation block suitable for repository distribution. The generated overview improves maintainability, onboarding efficiency, and overall code clarity.

Task 4: Converting Developer Comments into Structured Docstrings

Scenario

In a legacy project, developers have written long explanatory comments inside functions instead of proper docstrings. The team now wants to standardize documentation.

Task Description

You are given a Python script where functions contain detailed inline comments explaining their logic.

Use AI to:

- Automatically convert these comments into structured Google-style or NumPy-style docstrings
- Preserve the original meaning and intent of the comments
- Remove redundant inline comments after conversion

Expected Outcome

- Functions with clean, standardized docstrings
- Reduced clutter inside function bodies
- Improved consistency across the codebase

Prompt:

Convert the explanatory inline comments into a structured Google-style docstring placed at the top of each function. Preserve the original meaning and intent of the comments.

Include:

A brief description, Args section with parameter types, Returns section with return type, Any important notes from the original comments, Remove redundant explanatory inline comments after conversion. Keep only necessary inline comments that clarify complex logic (if needed) and maintain professional formatting and consistency.

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

- File Explorer:** Shows files like `LabExam01.py`, `lab-9.4.py`, `lab-9.4(2).py`, and `lab-09.py`.
- Run View:** Displays the "Run and Debug" section with a message: "To customize Run and Debug create a launch.json file." It also includes a "Show automatic Python configurations" button.
- Code Editor:** The main area contains Python code for calculating total price and validating email format. The code is color-coded for syntax.

```
36 # This function calculates total price including tax.
37 # It assumes each item in the list is a dictionary with a 'price' key.
38 # First, we calculate subtotal by summing all prices.
39 # Then we multiply subtotal by (1 + tax rate).
40 # Finally, we round to 2 decimal places.
41 def calculate_total_price(items, tax_rate=0.1):
42     subtotal = 0
43     for item in items:
44         subtotal += item['price']
45     total = subtotal * (1 + tax_rate)
46     return round(total, 2)
47 # This function validates email format.
48 # It checks whether '@' exists.
49 # Then it checks whether there is at least one '.' after '@'.
50 # This is a basic validation and does not follow full email RFC rules.
51 def validate_email(email):
52     if "@" not in email:
53         return False
54     domain_part = email.split("@")[-1]
55     if "." not in domain_part:
56         return False
57     return True
58 if __name__ == "__main__":
59     print("Fibonacci(7):", fibonacci(7))
60     numbers = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11]
61     print("Binary Search (7):", binary_search(numbers, 7))
62     items = [{"price": 10.0}, {"price": 20.0}]
63     print("Total Price:", calculate_total_price(items))
64     print("Valid Email:", validate_email("user@example.com"))
65     print("Invalid Email:", validate_email("invalid.email"))
```
- Terminal:** Shows command-line output for running Fibonacci and binary search functions, and executing the script.
- Breakpoints:** Shows sections for "Raised Exceptions", "Uncaught Exceptions", and "User Uncaught Exceptions".

Summary:

The refactoring process does not change functional behavior, so program output remains the same. The improvement is structural and documentation-focused rather than execution-focused.

Task 5: Building a Mini Automatic Documentation Generator

Scenario

Your team wants a simple internal tool that helps developers start documenting new Python files quickly, without writing documentation from scratch.

Task Description

Design a small Python utility that:

- Reads a given .py file
- Automatically detects:
 - Functions
 - Classes
- Inserts placeholder Google-style docstrings for each detected function or class

AI tools may be used to assist in generating or refining this utility.

Note: The goal is documentation scaffolding, not perfect documentation.

Expected Outcome

- A working Python script that processes another .py file
- Automatically inserted placeholder docstrings
- Clear demonstration of how AI can assist in documentation automation

Prompt:

Generate a Python script that reads a .py file, detects all functions and classes, and automatically inserts placeholder Google-style docstrings for them if they don't already have one. The script should overwrite the file with the updated content. Keep it simple and use built-in libraries like ast.

A screenshot of a code editor interface. The top bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Help, and a search bar labeled "AI-Assisted coding". Below the bar, there's a "RUN AND DEBUG" section with a "RUN" dropdown menu. The main area displays a Python script named "auto_doc_generator.py". The code defines a class "DocstringInserter" that inherits from "ast.NodeVisitor". It contains methods for visiting function definitions, asynchronous function definitions, class definitions, and generic nodes. A specific method, "_check_and_add_docstring", checks if a node has a docstring and adds a placeholder if it doesn't. The code uses f-strings and various Python built-in functions like len(), lstrip(), and join().

```
1 import ast
2 import sys
3 from pathlib import Path
4
5 class DocstringInserter(ast.NodeVisitor):
6     """Visitor to find functions and classes without docstrings."""
7
8     def __init__(self, source_lines):
9         self.source_lines = source_lines
10        self.insertions = [] # List of (line_number, docstring, indent)
11
12    def visit_FunctionDef(self, node):
13        self._check_and_add_docstring(node)
14        self.generic_visit(node)
15
16    def visit_AsyncFunctionDef(self, node):
17        self._check_and_add_docstring(node)
18        self.generic_visit(node)
19
20    def visit_ClassDef(self, node):
21        self._check_and_add_docstring(node, is_class=True)
22        self.generic_visit(node)
23
24    def _check_and_add_docstring(self, node, is_class=False):
25        """Check if node has docstring; if not, add placeholder."""
26        if ast.get_docstring(node) is not None:
27            return
28
29        # Get indentation
30        line_idx = node.lineno - 1
31
32        line_idx = node.lineno - 1
33        indent = len(self.source_lines[line_idx]) - len(self.source_lines[line_idx].lstrip())
34        indent_str = " " * indent
35
36        # Generate placeholder docstring
37        if is_class:
38            docstring = (method) def append(
39                object: Any,
40                /,
41                ) -> None
42
43        # Store insertion Append object to the end of the list.
44        self.insertions.append((node.lineno, docstring, indent_str))
45
46    def _create_function_docstring(self, node, indent):
47        """Create placeholder docstring for function."""
48        args = [arg.arg for arg in node.args.args]
49
50        lines = [
51            f'{indent}    """Brief description of {node.name}.' ,
52            f'{indent}    ', ]
53
54        if args:
55            lines.append(f'{indent}    Args:')
56            for arg in args:
57                lines.append(f'{indent}        {arg}: Description of {arg}.')
58
59        lines.extend([
60            f'{indent}    ',
61            f'{indent}    Returns:',
62            f'{indent}        Description of return value.',
63            f'{indent}    """',
64        ])
65
66        return "\n".join(lines)
67
68    def _create_class_docstring(self, node, indent):
69        """Create placeholder docstring for class."""
70        lines = [
```

A continuation of the code editor screenshot, showing the completion of the "auto_doc_generator.py" script. The code defines two more methods: "_create_function_docstring" and "_create_class_docstring". The "_create_function_docstring" method generates a docstring for a function, including descriptions for arguments and the return value. The "_create_class_docstring" method generates a docstring for a class. Both methods use f-strings and list concatenation to build the final docstring.

```
1 import ast
2 import sys
3 from pathlib import Path
4
5 class DocstringInserter(ast.NodeVisitor):
6     """Visitor to find functions and classes without docstrings."""
7
8     def __init__(self, source_lines):
9         self.source_lines = source_lines
10        self.insertions = [] # List of (line_number, docstring, indent)
11
12    def visit_FunctionDef(self, node):
13        self._check_and_add_docstring(node)
14        self.generic_visit(node)
15
16    def visit_AsyncFunctionDef(self, node):
17        self._check_and_add_docstring(node)
18        self.generic_visit(node)
19
20    def visit_ClassDef(self, node):
21        self._check_and_add_docstring(node, is_class=True)
22        self.generic_visit(node)
23
24    def _check_and_add_docstring(self, node, is_class=False):
25        """Check if node has docstring; if not, add placeholder."""
26        if ast.get_docstring(node) is not None:
27            return
28
29        # Get indentation
30        line_idx = node.lineno - 1
31
32        line_idx = node.lineno - 1
33        indent = len(self.source_lines[line_idx]) - len(self.source_lines[line_idx].lstrip())
34        indent_str = " " * indent
35
36        # Generate placeholder docstring
37        if is_class:
38            docstring = (method) def append(
39                object: Any,
40                /,
41                ) -> None
42
43        # Store insertion Append object to the end of the list.
44        self.insertions.append((node.lineno, docstring, indent_str))
45
46    def _create_function_docstring(self, node, indent):
47        """Create placeholder docstring for function."""
48        args = [arg.arg for arg in node.args.args]
49
50        lines = [
51            f'{indent}    """Brief description of {node.name}.' ,
52            f'{indent}    ', ]
53
54        if args:
55            lines.append(f'{indent}    Args:')
56            for arg in args:
57                lines.append(f'{indent}        {arg}: Description of {arg}.')
58
59        lines.extend([
60            f'{indent}    ',
61            f'{indent}    Returns:',
62            f'{indent}        Description of return value.',
63            f'{indent}    """',
64        ])
65
66        return "\n".join(lines)
67
68    def _create_class_docstring(self, node, indent):
69        """Create placeholder docstring for class."""
70        lines = [
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69     lines = [
70         f'{indent}    """Brief description of {node.name}.' ,
71         f'{indent}    ', 
72         f'{indent}    Attributes:', 
73         f'{indent}        attribute_name: Description of attribute.', 
74         f'{indent}    ', 
75         f'{indent}    Methods:', 
76         f'{indent}        method_name: Description of method.', 
77         f'{indent}    """', 
78     ]
79 
80     return "\n".join(lines)
81 
82 
83 def process_file(filepath):
84     """Read, parse, and insert docstrings into Python file."""
85     path = Path(filepath)
86 
87     if not path.exists():
88         print(f"Error: File '{filepath}' not found.")
89         sys.exit(1)
90 
91     if not filepath.endswith('.py'):
92         print("Error: File must be a .py file.")
93         sys.exit(1)
94 
95     # Read file
96     with open(path, 'r', encoding='utf-8') as f:
97         content = f.read()
98         lines = content.splitlines(keepends=True)
99 
100    # Parse AST
101    try:
102        tree = ast.parse(content)
103    except SyntaxError as e:
104        print(f"Error: Unable to parse file. ({e})")
105        sys.exit(1)
106 
107    # Find missing docstrings

```

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the 'AI-Assisted coding' extension installed. The left sidebar has sections for 'RUN AND DEBUG' and 'RUN'. The 'RUN' section is highlighted with a pink background. The main editor area contains the 'auto_doc_generator.py' code. The bottom right shows the terminal output where the script is run successfully.

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83     def process_file(filepath):
84         # Find missing docstrings
85         visitor = DocstringInserter(content.splitlines())
86         visitor.visit(tree)
87 
88         if not visitor.insertions:
89             print("No docstrings needed to be added.")
90             return
91 
92         # Insert docstrings (in reverse order to maintain line numbers)
93         for line_num, docstring, _ in sorted(visitor.insertions, reverse=True):
94             insertion_point = line_num
95             lines.insert(insertion_point, docstring + "\n")
96 
97         # Write back to file
98         with open(path, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
99             f.writelines(lines)
100 
101         count = len(visitor.insertions)
102         print(f"Success! Added {count} docstring(s) to '{filepath}'!")
103 
104 
105     if __name__ == "__main__":
106         if len(sys.argv) != 2:
107             print("Usage: python auto_doc_generator.py <filepath.py>")
108             sys.exit(1)
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110         process_file(sys.argv[1])
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+ FullyQualifiedException : CommandNotFound
Exception: [Err] 255: C:\Users\zoboya\Downloads\AI-Assisted Coding\python lab-99[4].py
C:\Users\zoboya\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python32\python.exe: can't open file 'C:\Users\zoboya\Downloads\AI-Assisted
+ generator.py' lab-9-4.py
+ No docstrings needed to be added.
+ (venv) PS C:\Users\zoboya\Downloads\AI-Assisted Coding []

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Summary:

These tasks demonstrated how AI can assist in improving code readability and documentation by generating inline comments, structured docstrings, and documentation scaffolding automatically. It reduces manual effort and increases consistency across projects. However, human review is still essential to ensure accuracy and maintain quality standards.