

AI-Assisted String Reversal Using GitHub Copilot

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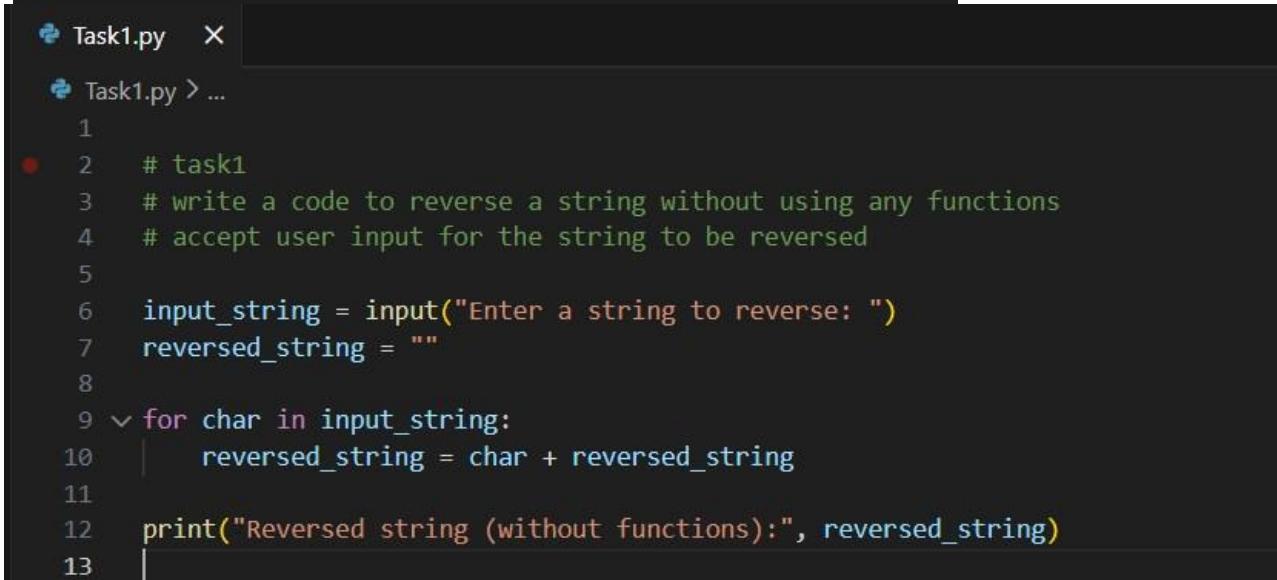
Task 1: AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization

Scenario

A basic text-processing utility is developed for a messaging application.

Copilot Prompt Used

```
# write a code to reverse a string without using any functions
# accept user input for the string to be reversed
```



The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. A file named 'Task1.py' is open. The code is a single-line script that reads a string from the user and prints it reversed. The code is color-coded, with comments in green and strings in yellow. The code editor has a tab bar at the top with 'Task1.py' and a close button. The code itself starts with a shebang line and imports the 'input' function from the 'builtins' module.

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# Task1
# write a code to reverse a string without using any functions
# accept user input for the string to be reversed
# 
# input_string = input("Enter a string to reverse: ")
# reversed_string = ""
# 
# for char in input_string:
#     reversed_string = char + reversed_string
# 
# print("Reversed string (without functions):", reversed_string)
```

Sample Output



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark theme. The terminal interface includes tabs for 'PROBLEMS', 'OUTPUT', 'DEBUG CONSOLE', 'TERMINAL', and 'PORTS'. The 'TERMINAL' tab is active. The terminal shows the command 'python la.py' being run, followed by the user input 'Abhilash' and the reversed output 'hsalihbA'. The prompt 'PS C:\Users\HP>' is visible at the bottom.

```
PS C:\Users\HP> & C:/Users/HP/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python312/python.exe c:/Users/HP/la.py
Enter a string: Abhilash
Reversed string: hsalihbA
PS C:\Users\HP>
```

Explanation

The program reads user input and reverses the string using a loop without defining any functions. The logic is implemented directly in the main code.

Task 2: Efficiency & Logic Optimization

Scenario

The code is reviewed for readability and efficiency.

Copilot Prompt Used

```
#simplify this string reversal code and improve its performance  
and readabilit  
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```



```
Task2.py  X  
Task2.py > ...  
1 # task2  
2 # simplify this string reversal code and improve its performance and readability  
3  
4 input_string = "Hello, World!"  
5 reversed_string = input_string[::-1]  
6 print(reversed_string)  
7
```

Sample Output

!dlrow ,olleH

Explanation

The slicing method simplifies the logic and removes unnecessary variables and loops.

The slicing method is faster in practice due to internal optimizations in Python.

Readability is significantly improved.

Task 3: Modular Design Using Functions

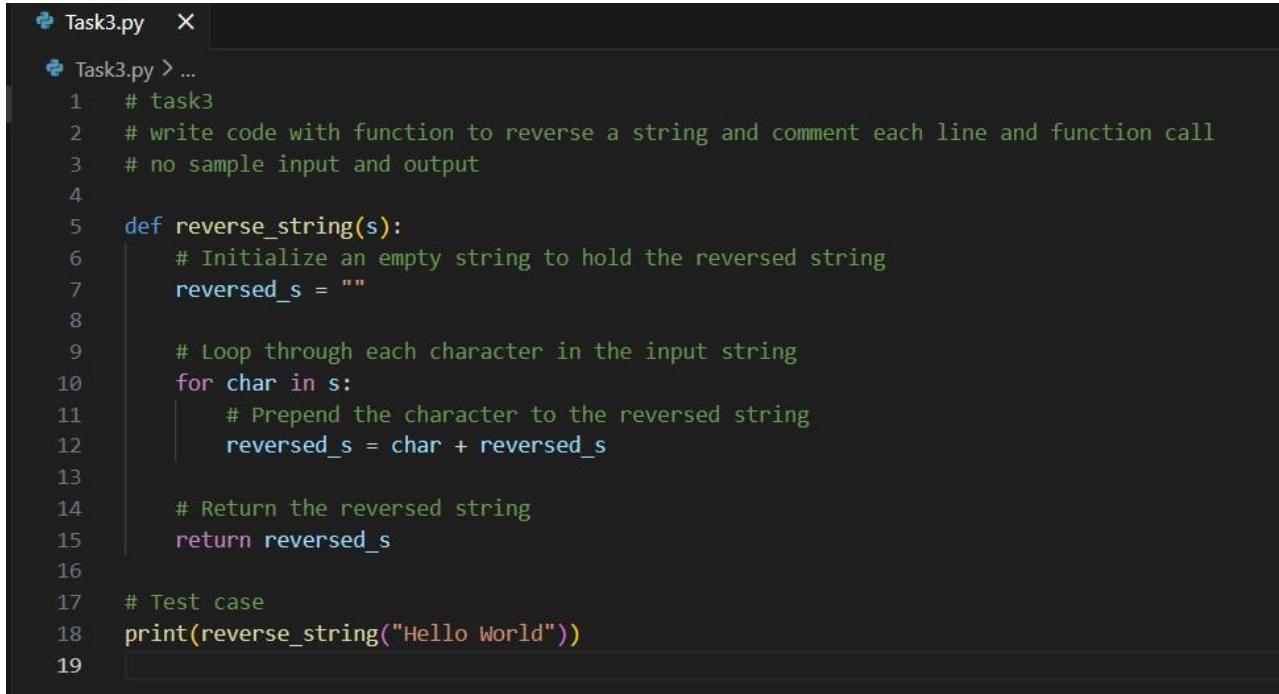
Scenario

The string reversal logic is reused in multiple parts of an application.

Copilot Prompt Used

```
# write code with function to reverse a string and comment each  
line and function call and no sample input and output
```

Code



```
Task3.py  X  
Task3.py > ...  
1  # task3  
2  # write code with function to reverse a string and comment each line and function call  
3  # no sample input and output  
4  
5  def reverse_string(s):  
6      # Initialize an empty string to hold the reversed string  
7      reversed_s = ""  
8  
9      # Loop through each character in the input string  
10     for char in s:  
11         # Prepend the character to the reversed string  
12         reversed_s = char + reversed_s  
13  
14     # Return the reversed string  
15     return reversed_s  
16  
17 # Test case  
18 print(reverse_string("Hello World"))  
19
```

Sample Output

dlrow olleH

Explanation

Using a function improves reusability, readability, and maintainability. The logic can now be reused across different modules.

Task 4: Comparative Analysis – With vs Without Functions

Procedural vs Modular Approach □With vs Without Functions

Copilot Prompt Used

#Create a Python program that prints a formatted comparison table showing the advantages of using functions over not using functions, and display a final recommendation.

```
#Task4
#Create a Python program that prints a formatted comparison table showing the advantages of using functions over not using fun
print("\n" + "*80)
print("ANALYSIS: WITH vs WITHOUT FUNCTIONS")
print("*80)
comparison_data = {
    "Criteria": ["Code Clarity", "Reusability", "Debugging Ease", "Large-Scale Suitability"],
    "Without Functions": [
        "Low - inline logic is scattered",
        "Poor - must rewrite code each time",
        "Difficult - hard to isolate errors",
        "Not viable - code duplication"
    ],
    "With Functions": [
        "High - logic is encapsulated",
        "Excellent - call function multiple times",
        "Easy - test individual functions",
        "Ideal - modular and maintainable"
    ]
}
|
# Print comparison table

print(f"\n{'Criteria':<25}{{'Without Functions':<35}{{'With Functions':<35}}")
print("-*95)
for i, criteria in enumerate(comparison_data["Criteria"]):
    print(f"{criteria:<25} {comparison_data['Without Functions'][i]:<35} {comparison_data['With Functions'][i]:<35}")
print("\n" + "*80)
print("RECOMMENDATION: Use functions for better maintainability and scalability")
print("*80)
```

```
=====
ANALYSIS: WITH vs WITHOUT FUNCTIONS
=====

Criteria           Without Functions          With Functions
-----
Code Clarity       Low - inline logic is scattered   High - logic is encapsulated
Reusability        Poor - must rewrite code each time  Excellent - call function multiple times
Debugging Ease     Difficult - hard to isolate errors  Easy - test individual functions
Large-Scale Suitability Not viable - code duplication  Ideal - modular and maintainable

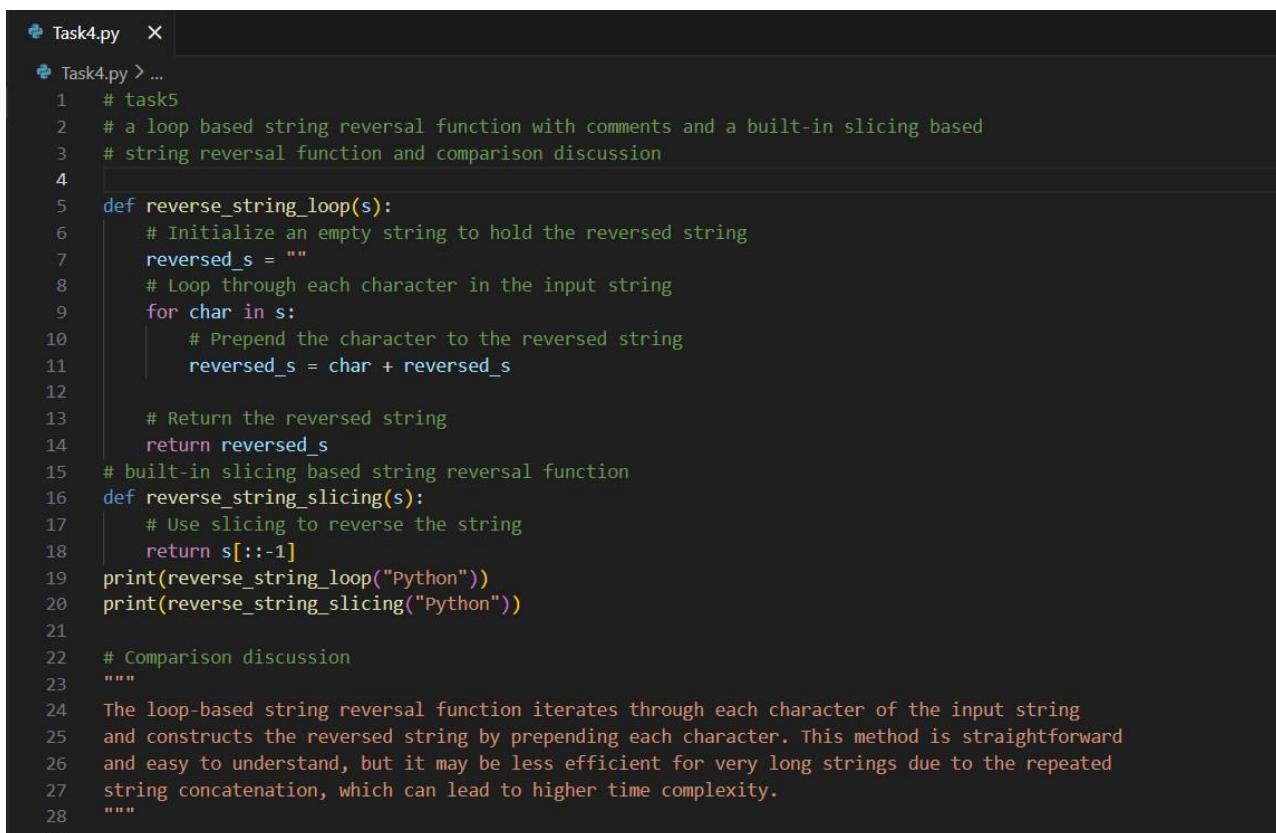
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RECOMMENDATION: Use functions for better maintainability and scalability
=====
```

Conclusion

Function-based design is preferred for large-scale applications due to better organization and reusability.

Task 5: Loop-Based vs Built-In String Reversal Copilot

Prompt Use



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled "Task4.py". The code is a Python script named "task5" that demonstrates two methods for reversing strings: a loop-based approach and a built-in slicing approach. It includes comments explaining the purpose of each section and a comparison discussion at the end.

```
Task4.py > ...
# task5
# a loop based string reversal function with comments and a built-in slicing based
# string reversal function and comparison discussion
def reverse_string_loop(s):
    # Initialize an empty string to hold the reversed string
    reversed_s = ""
    # Loop through each character in the input string
    for char in s:
        # Prepend the character to the reversed string
        reversed_s = char + reversed_s
    # Return the reversed string
    return reversed_s
# built-in slicing based string reversal function
def reverse_string_slicing(s):
    # Use slicing to reverse the string
    return s[::-1]
print(reverse_string_loop("Python"))
print(reverse_string_slicing("Python"))
# Comparison discussion
"""
The loop-based string reversal function iterates through each character of the input string
and constructs the reversed string by prepending each character. This method is straightforward
and easy to understand, but it may be less efficient for very long strings due to the repeated
string concatenation, which can lead to higher time complexity.
"""
```

Output:

nohtyp

nohtyp

Comparison Discussion

The loop-based approach reverses the string by checking each character one by one. It helps beginners understand how string reversal works.

The slicing-based approach uses Python's built-in feature to reverse the string. It is shorter and easier to read.

Both methods take the same amount of time, which is **O(n)**, where n is the length of the string.

However, slicing works faster for large strings because it is optimized inside Python.

The loop-based method is good for learning, while the slicing method is better for real applications.

Conclusion

GitHub Copilot helped in writing, improving, and comparing different string reversal programs. Using functions and built-in features makes the code easier to read, faster, and better for large programs.

Declaration

All the code and explanations were created using GitHub Copilot and were checked manually to ensure correctness.