

Assignment - 1

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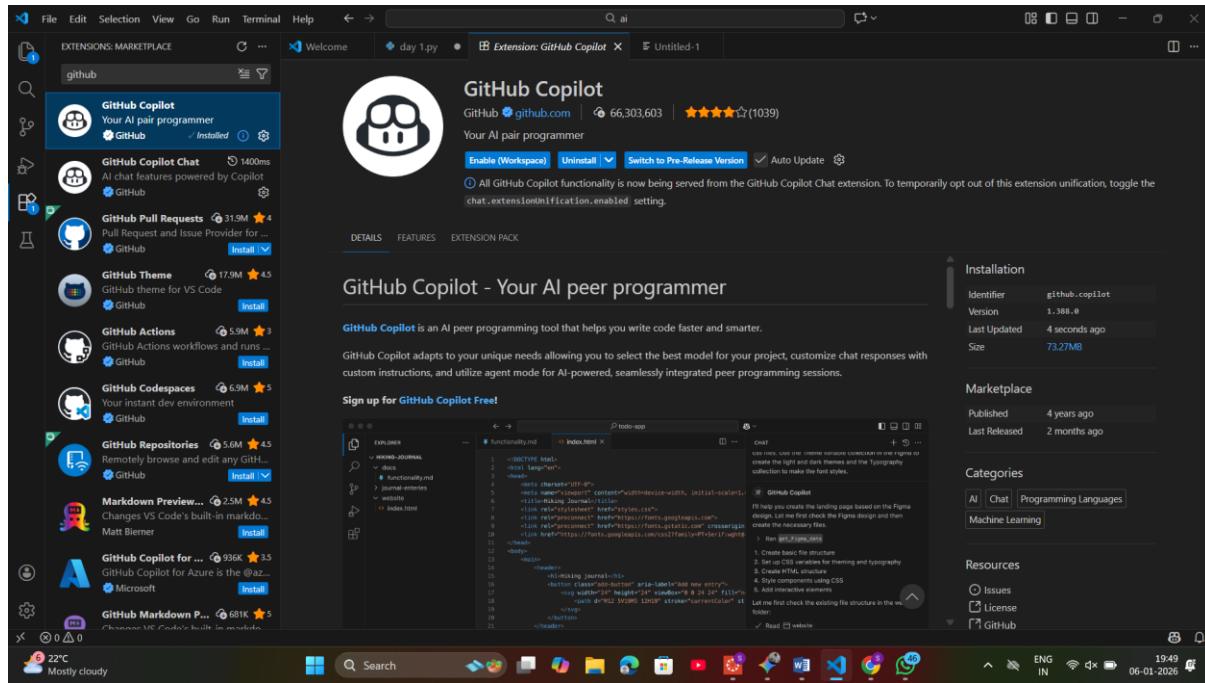
Task 0: Environment Setup:-

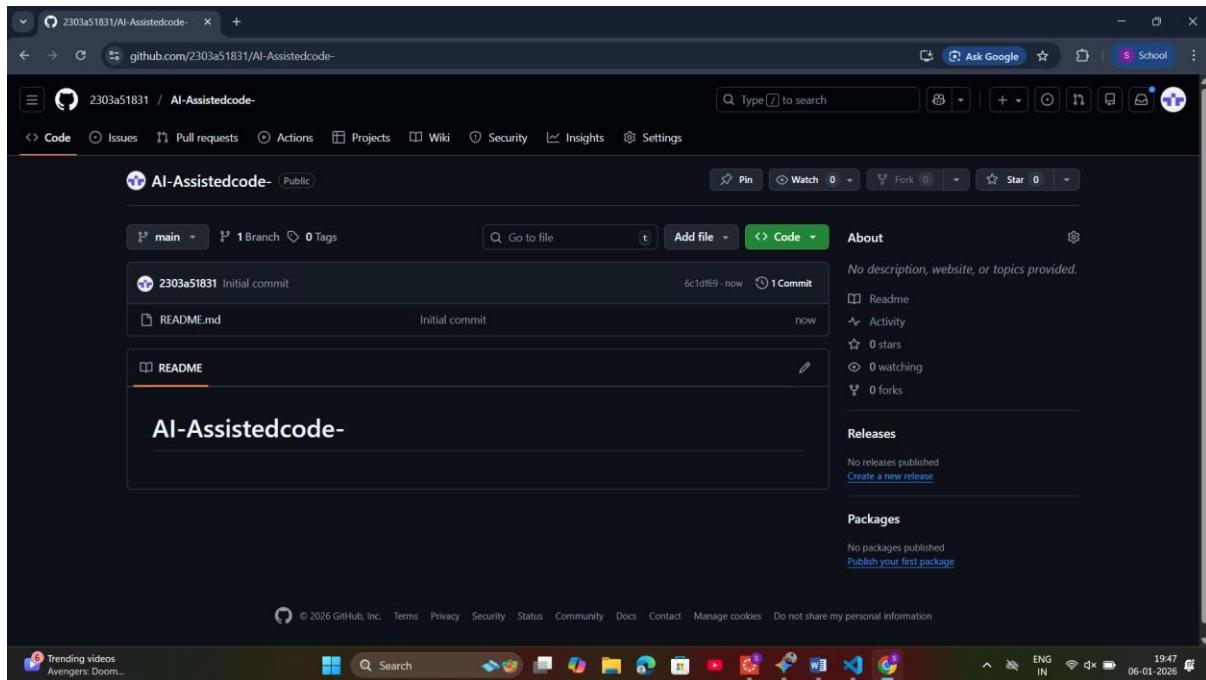
Task 0

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Expected Output

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Task 1: Non-Modular Logic (Factorial):-

AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization (Factorial without Functions)

- Scenario

You are building a small command-line utility for a startup intern onboarding task. The program is simple and must be written quickly without modular design.

- Task Description

Use GitHub Copilot to generate a Python program that computes a mathematical product-based value (factorial-like logic) directly in the main execution flow, without using any user-defined functions.

- Constraint:

- Do not define any custom function
- Logic must be implemented using loops and variables only

- Expected Deliverables

- A working Python program generated with Copilot assistance

- Screenshot(s) showing:

- The prompt you typed

- Copilot's suggestions
- Sample input/output screenshots
- Brief reflection (5–6 lines):
- How helpful was Copilot for a beginner?
- Did it follow best practices automatically?

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio Code interface. On the left is the Explorer sidebar with a project named 'HPC' containing files 'lab1.py' and 'task1.py'. The main editor area displays the following Python code:

```

C:\> Users > hp > Desktop > ai > task1.py > ...
1 # Task 1: Procedural Factorial Implementation
2 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
3 factorial = 1
4
5 if num < 0:
6     print("Factorial does not exist for negative numbers")
7 elif num == 0:
8     print("The factorial of 0 is 1")
9 else:
10    temp = num
11    while temp > 0:
12        factorial *= temp
13        temp -= 1
14    print(f"The factorial of {num} is {factorial}")

```

To the right of the editor is a 'CHAT' sidebar with a message from 'Copilot' asking for clarification on Python code requests. Below the editor are tabs for 'PROBLEMS', 'OUTPUT', 'DEBUG CONSOLE', 'TERMINAL', and 'PORTS'. The 'TERMINAL' tab shows the command to run the script and its execution:

```

Enter number: 5
Result: 120
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC> & c:/Users/hp/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe c:/Users/hp/Desktop/ai/task1.py
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC> Enter a number: 5
Factorial is: 120
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC>

```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the file is indexed and shows system information like weather (28°C, sunny), date (07-01-2026), and battery level (1549).

This screenshot shows the 'TERMINAL' tab in Microsoft Visual Studio Code. It displays the command to run the Python script and its output:

```

PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC> & c:/Users/hp/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.13.exe c:/Users/hp/Desktop/ai/task1.py
Enter a number: 5
Factorial is: 120
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC>

```

The status bar at the bottom shows the file is indexed and provides system details.

Task 2: AI Code Optimization:-

AI Code Optimization & Cleanup (Improving Efficiency)

❖ Scenario

Your team lead asks you to review AI-generated code before committing it to a shared repository.

❖ Task Description

Analyze the code generated in Task 1 and use Copilot again to:

- Reduce unnecessary variables
- Improve loop clarity
- Enhance readability and efficiency

Hint:

Prompt Copilot with phrases like

“optimize this code”, “simplify logic”, or “make it more readable”

❖ Expected Deliverables

- Original AI-generated code
- Optimized version of the same code
- Side-by-side comparison
- Written explanation:
 - What was improved?
 - Why the new version is better (readability, performance, maintainability).

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. The left sidebar has 'EXPLORER' open, showing a folder named 'HPC' containing 'lab1.py'. The main editor area has a file named 'task1.py' with the following code:

```

1 # Task 2: Optimized Factorial
2 num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
3 factorial = 1
4 for i in range(1, num + 1):
5     factorial *= i
6 print("Factorial: ", factorial)

```

The bottom terminal window shows the output of running the script:

```

PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC> & 'c:\Users\hp\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.13.exe' 'c:\Users\hp\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python.debug-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundle\libs\debug\launcher' '56820' '<-' 'C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC\task1.py'
Enter a number: 5
Factorial: 120
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC>

```

The right side of the interface features the 'CHAT' panel, which is currently active. It shows a message from 'python code' asking for clarification on Python code requests. Below this, there's a list of options for interacting with the code, such as 'View existing code', 'Write new code', and 'Fix/debug code'. A message at the bottom encourages the user to let them know what they're trying to accomplish.

Task 3: Modular Design Using AI Assistance (Factorial with Functions)

❖ Scenario

The same logic now needs to be reused in multiple scripts.

❖ Task Description

Use GitHub Copilot to generate a modular version of the program by:

- Creating a user-defined function
- Calling the function from the main block

❖ Constraints

- Use meaningful function and variable names
- Include inline comments (preferably suggested by Copilot)

❖ Expected Deliverables

- AI-assisted function-based program

➤ Screenshots showing:

- Prompt evolution
- Copilot-generated function logic

➤ Sample inputs/outputs

➤ Short note:

○ How modularity improves reusability.

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```
C:\> Users > hp > OneDrive > Desktop > ai > task1.py > ...
1 def calculate_factorial(n):
2     """Calculates the factorial of a given number iteratively."""
3     result = 1
4     for i in range(1, n + 1):
5         result *= i
6     return result
7
8 if __name__ == "__main__":
9     user_input = int(input("Enter number: "))
10    print(f"Result: {calculate_factorial(user_input)}")
```

The terminal at the bottom shows the command line output:

```
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC>
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC>
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC> c; cd 'c:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC'; & 'c:\Users\hp\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.13.exe' 'c:\Users\hp\vscode\extensions\ms-python.python\debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '65497' '--' 'c:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\ai\task1.py'
Enter number: 5
Result: 120
PS C:\Users\hp\OneDrive\Desktop\HPC>
```

The status bar at the bottom right indicates the system is at 28°C, sunny, and shows the date and time as 07-01-2026.

Task 4: Comparative Analysis:-

Comparative Analysis – Procedural vs Modular AI Code (With vs

Without Functions)

❖ Scenario

As part of a code review meeting, you are asked to justify design choices.

❖ Task Description

Compare the non-function and function-based Copilot-generated programs on the following criteria:

- > Logic clarity**
- > Reusability**
- > Debugging ease**
- > Suitability for large projects**
- > AI dependency risk**

❖ Expected Deliverables

Choose one:

- > A comparison table**

OR

- > A short technical report (300–400 words).**

| Criteria | Procedural (Task 1 & 2) | Modular (Task 3) |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Logic Clarity | Linear and straightforward for very small tasks but becomes "spaghetti code" as complexity grows. | High clarity; the mathematical logic is isolated from the input/output logic. |
| Reusability | None. To use the logic elsewhere, the code must be manually copied and pasted. | High. The function can be imported into other Python files or called multiple times in one script. |
| Debugging Ease | Difficult. Errors in logic are mixed with errors in user input handling. | Simple. You can test the function with specific values (Unit Testing) to ensure the math is correct. |

| Criteria | Procedural (Task 1 & 2) | Modular (Task 3) |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Project Suitability | Suitable only for small, one-off scripts or prototypes. | Essential for enterprise-level, large-scale software development. |
| AI Dependency Risk | High. AI might generate redundant variables or inefficient loops in long scripts. | Low. AI is highly specialized and accurate when asked to write specific, single-purpose functions. |

Task 5: Iterative vs Recursive Thinking:-

: AI-Generated Iterative vs Recursive Thinking

❖ Scenario

Your mentor wants to test how well AI understands different computational paradigms.

❖ Task Description

Prompt Copilot to generate:

An iterative version of the logic

A recursive version of the same logic

❖ Constraints

Both implementations must produce identical outputs

Students must not manually write the code first

❖ Expected Deliverables

Two AI-generated implementations

Execution flow explanation (in your own words)

Comparison covering:

➤ Readability

➤ Stack usage

➤ Performance implications

➤ When recursion is not recommended.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface. The top navigation bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Help, and a search bar. The left sidebar has sections for Explorer, HPC, and a pinned file named 'lab1.py'. The main editor area displays two Python files: 'factorial_iterative.py' and 'factorial_recursive.py'. The code for 'factorial_iterative' is:

```
1 def factorial_iterative(n):
2     res = 1
3     for i in range(2, n + 1):
4         res *= i
5     return res
6
7 def factorial_recursive(n):
8     if n == 0 or n == 1:
9         return 1
10    return n * factorial_recursive(n - 1)
```

The code for 'factorial_recursive' is:

```
1 def factorial_recursive(n):
2     if n == 0 or n == 1:
3         return 1
4     return n * factorial_recursive(n - 1)
```

The terminal tab shows the following command-line session:

```
Enter number: 5
Result: 120
```

The bottom status bar indicates the file is indexed, the weather is 28°C and sunny, and the system information shows 1540 RAM, ENG IN, and the date 07-01-2026.