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| CourseCode | 24CS002PC215 | CourseTitle | AI Assisted Coding |
| Year/Sem | II/I | Regulation | R24 |
| Date and Day of Assignment | Week4 - Thursday | Time(s) | |
| Duration | 2 Hours | Applicable to Batches | |
| AssignmentNumber: 7.4(Present assignment number)/24(Total number of assignments) | | | |
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| Q.No. | Question | Expected Time to complete | |
| 1 | Lab 7: Error Debugging with AI – Systematic Approaches to Finding and Fixing Bugs Lab Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify and correct syntax, logic, and runtime errors in Python programs using AI tools. | Week4 - Thursday | |

- 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:

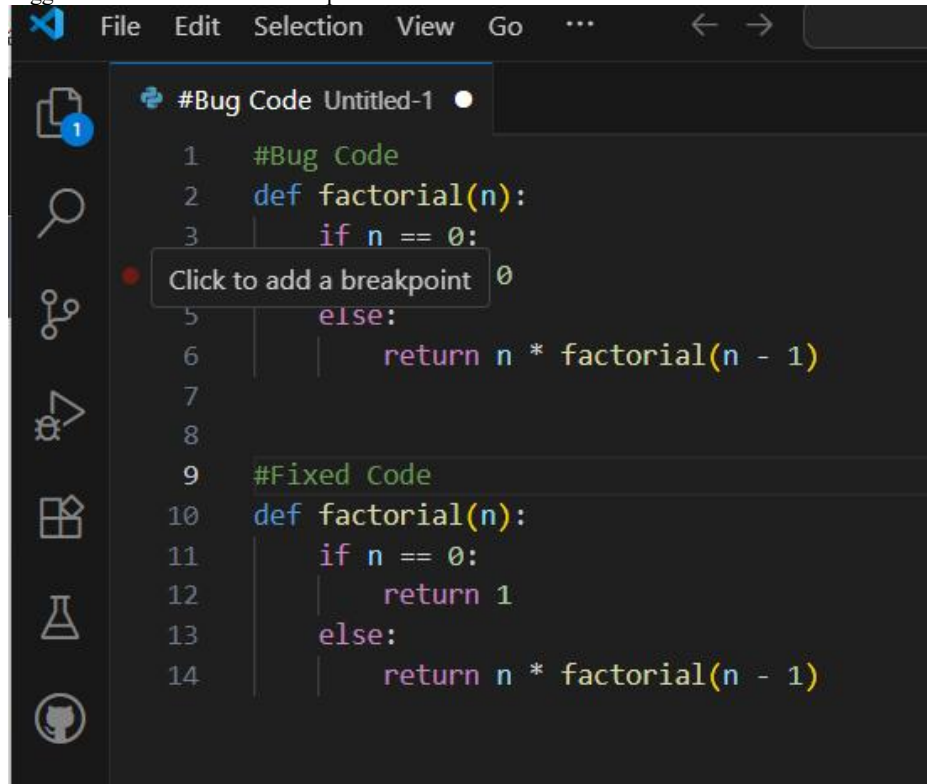
- Use AI tools to detect and correct syntax, logic, and runtime errors.
- Interpret AI-suggested bug fixes and explanations.
- Apply systematic debugging strategies supported by AI-generated insights.
- Refactor buggy code using responsible and reliable programming patterns.

Task Description #1:

- Introduce a buggy Python function that calculates the factorial of a number using recursion. Use Copilot or Cursor AI to detect and fix the logical or syntax errors.

Expected Outcome #1:

- Copilot or Cursor AI correctly identifies missing base condition or incorrect recursive call and suggests a functional factorial implementation.



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#Bug Code Untitled-1
1 #Bug Code
2 def factorial(n):
3     if n == 0:
4         0
5     else:
6         return n * factorial(n - 1)
7
8
9 #Fixed Code
10 def factorial(n):
11     if n == 0:
12         return 1
13     else:
14         return n * factorial(n - 1)

```

Task Description #2:

- Provide a list sorting function that fails due to a type error (e.g., sorting list with mixed integers and strings). Prompt AI to detect the issue and fix the code for consistent sorting.

Expected Outcome #2:

- AI detects the type inconsistency and either filters or converts list elements, ensuring successful sorting without a crash.

```
#Bug Code - Untitled-1
1 #Bug Code - Untitled-1
2 def sort_mixed_list(lst):
3     return sorted(lst)
4
5 # Example usage:
6 data = [3, "2", 1, "4"]
7 print(sort_mixed_list(data)) # Raises TypeError: '<' not supported between instances of 'str' and 'int'
8
9
10 #Fixed Code
11 def sort_mixed_list_fixed(lst):
12     # Convert all elements to integers before sorting
13     return sorted([int(x) for x in lst])
14
15 # Or, to sort as strings:
16 def sort_mixed_list_fixed_str(lst):
17     return sorted([str(x) for x in lst])
```

Task Description #3:

- Write a Python snippet for file handling that opens a file but forgets to close it. Ask Copilot or Cursor AI to improve it using the best practice (e.g., with `open()` block).

Expected Outcome #3:

- AI refactors the code to use a context manager, preventing resource leakage and runtime warnings.

Task Description #4:

- Provide a piece of code with a `ZeroDivisionError` inside a loop. Ask AI to add error handling using `try-except` and continue execution safely.

Expected Outcome #4:

- Copilot adds a `try-except` block around the risky operation, preventing crashes and printing a meaningful error message.

```
number.py X
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1  #numbers C:\Users\VAISHNAVI
2  #for n in numbers:
3      # result = 10 / n
4      # print(f"Result: {result}")
5
6
7  numbers = [5, 2, 0, 3]
8  for n in numbers:
9      try:
10         result = 10 / n
11         print(f"Result: {result}")
12     except ZeroDivisionError:
13         print("Error: Division by zero encountered.")

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
PS C:\Users\VAISHNAVI> & C:/Users/VAISHNAVI/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/P
/Users/VAISHNAVI/OneDrive/Desktop/number.py
Result: 2.0
Result: 5.0
Error: Division by zero encountered.
Result: 3.3333333333333335
PS C:\Users\VAISHNAVI>
```

OBSERVATION:

- The original code attempted to divide 100 by each number in the list, which caused a `ZeroDivisionError` when it encountered 0.
- The revised version uses a `try-except` block to catch this specific error, allowing the program to continue executing without interruption.
- Instead of crashing, the program now prints a clear message: "Cannot divide by zero. Skipping value: 0", which improves user experience and debugging.
- The loop continues smoothly after handling the error, demonstrating **robustness** and **fault tolerance** in the code design.

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