
Assignment Number: 9.1

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↳ Problem 1:-

Consider the following Python function:

```
def find_max(numbers):  
    return max(numbers)
```

Task:

- Write documentation for the function in all three formats:

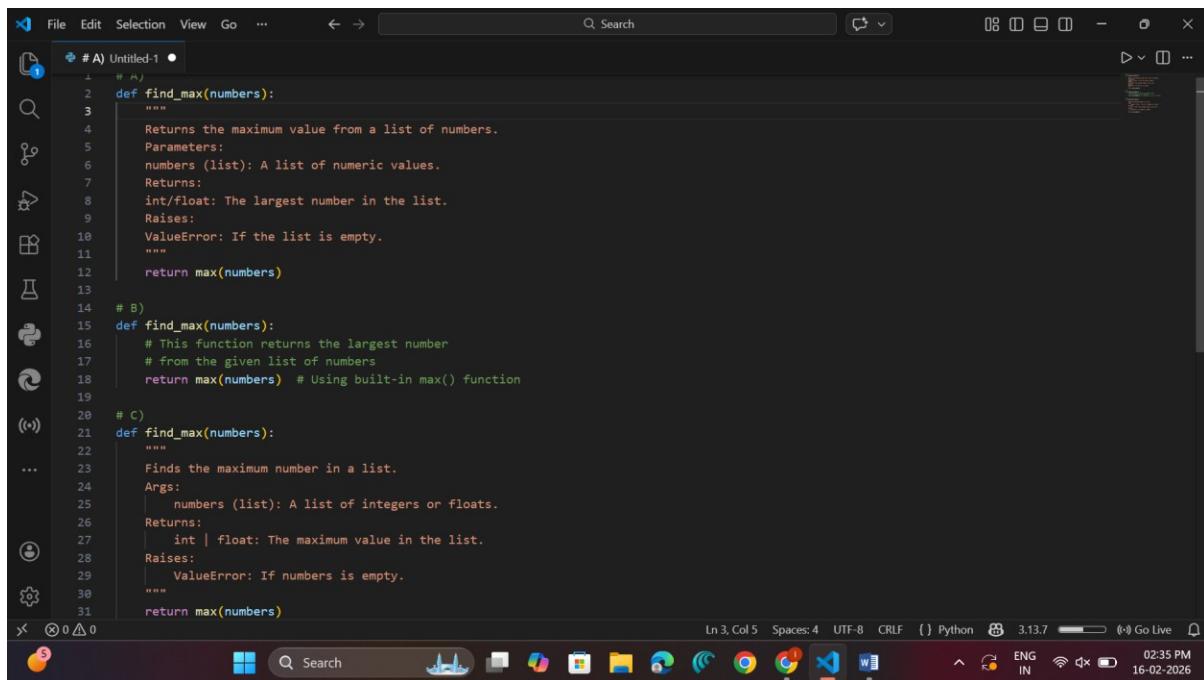
(a) Docstring

(b) Inline comments

(c) Google-style documentation

- Critically compare the three approaches. Discuss the advantages, disadvantages, and suitable use cases of each style.
- Recommend which documentation style is most effective for a mathematical utilities library and justify your answer.

CODE:-



The screenshot shows a code editor window with three examples of Python function documentation labeled A, B, and C.

```
# A)  
# A) Untitled-1 ●  
#     # A)  
1 def find_max(numbers):  
2     """  
3         Returns the maximum value from a list of numbers.  
4         Parameters:  
5             numbers (list): A list of numeric values.  
6         Returns:  
7             int/float: The largest number in the list.  
8         Raises:  
9             ValueError: If the list is empty.  
10            """  
11            return max(numbers)  
12  
# B)  
# B) Untitled-1 ●  
#     # B)  
14 def find_max(numbers):  
15     # This function returns the largest number  
16     # from the given list of numbers  
17     return max(numbers) # Using built-in max() function  
18  
# C)  
# C) Untitled-1 ●  
#     # C)  
20 def find_max(numbers):  
21     """  
22         Finds the maximum number in a list.  
23         Args:  
24             numbers (list): A list of integers or floats.  
25         Returns:  
26             int | float: The maximum value in the list.  
27         Raises:  
28             ValueError: If numbers is empty.  
29            """  
30            return max(numbers)
```

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Style	Advantages	Disadvantages	Suitable Use Case
Docstring (Basic)	Simple and readable	Not standardized	Small projects
Inline Comments	Easy to understand line-by-line	Cannot generate automatic documentation	Beginners / Learning
Google Style	Structured, professional, tool-compatible	Slightly longer	Large projects & libraries

- Recommend which documentation style is most effective for a mathematical utilities library and justify your answer.

Recommendation for Mathematical Utilities Library

Google-style documentation is most effective because:

- Works well with tools like **pydoc**, **Sphinx**
- Clear parameter and return description
- Professional and standardized
- Improves maintainability

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Problem 2:

Consider the following Python function:

```
def login(user, password, credentials):
    return credentials.get(user) == password
```

Task:

1. Write documentation in all three formats.
2. Critically compare the approaches.
3. Recommend which style would be most helpful for new developers onboarding a project, and justify your choice.

CODE:-

```

# A)
def login(user, password, credentials):
    """
    Checks if user credentials are valid.
    Parameters:
        user (str): Username.
        password (str): User password.
        credentials (dict): Dictionary of stored usernames and passwords.
    Returns:
        bool: True if credentials match, otherwise False.
    """
    return credentials.get(user) == password

# B)
def login(user, password, credentials):
    # Compare provided password with stored password
    # credentials is a dictionary {username: password}
    return credentials.get(user) == password

# C)
def login(user, password, credentials):
    """
    Validates user login credentials.
    Args:
        user (str): The username.
        password (str): The user's password.
        credentials (dict): Dictionary mapping usernames to passwords.
    Returns:
        bool: True if authentication succeeds, False otherwise.
    """
    return credentials.get(user) == password

```

The screenshot shows a code editor window with three examples of Python functions (A, B, and C) demonstrating Google-style documentation. Each function includes a multi-line docstring with detailed explanations of its parameters, returns, and logic. The code editor interface includes various toolbars and status bars at the top and bottom.

Critical Comparison

- Inline comments → Helpful for beginners
- Basic docstring → Simple but less structured
- Google style → Best for onboarding developers because:
 - Clear argument explanation
 - Explicit return type
 - Easily readable by documentation tools

Recommendation for New Developers

Google-style documentation is most helpful because:

- Clearly explains inputs & outputs
- Professional standard
- Helps new developers quickly understand the function

Problem 3:

Calculator (Automatic Documentation Generation)

Task: Design a Python module named calculator.py and

demonstrate automatic documentation generation.

Instructions:

1. Create a Python module calculator.py that includes the

following functions, each written with appropriate docstrings:

- o add(a, b) – returns the sum of two numbers
- o subtract(a, b) – returns the difference of two numbers
- o multiply(a, b) – returns the product of two numbers
- o divide(a, b) – returns the quotient of two numbers

2. Display the module documentation in the terminal using

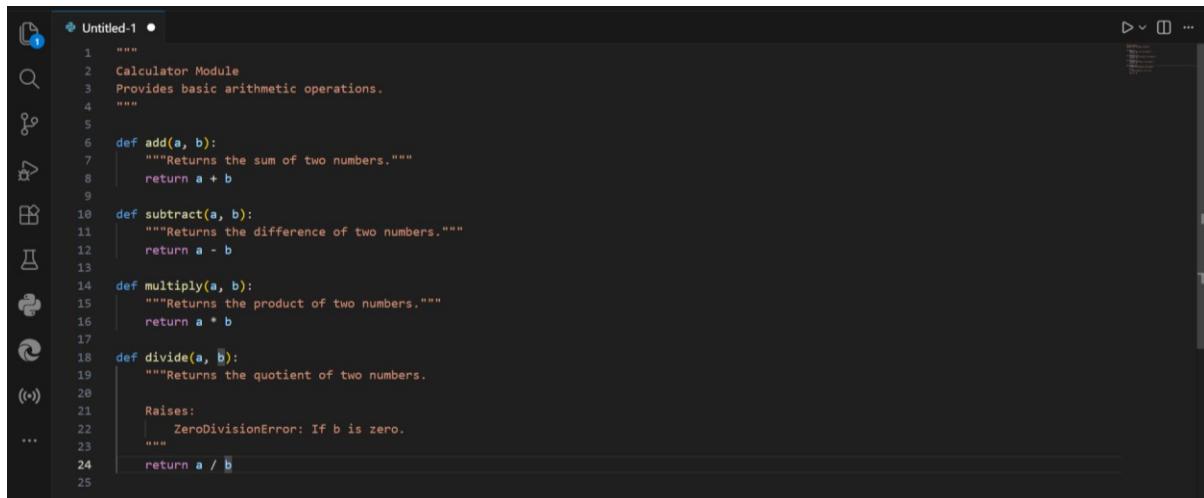
Python's documentation tools.

3. Generate and export the module documentation in HTML

format using the pydoc utility, and open the generated HTML

file in a web browser to verify the output.

CODE:-



```
1 """
2 Calculator Module
3 Provides basic arithmetic operations.
4 """
5
6 def add(a, b):
7     """Returns the sum of two numbers."""
8     return a + b
9
10 def subtract(a, b):
11     """Returns the difference of two numbers."""
12     return a - b
13
14 def multiply(a, b):
15     """Returns the product of two numbers."""
16     return a * b
17
18 def divide(a, b):
19     """Returns the quotient of two numbers.
20
21     Raises:
22         ZeroDivisionError: If b is zero.
23     """
24     return a / b
25
```

Observation

1. The module calculator.py was successfully created with four arithmetic functions:
 - o add(a, b)
 - o subtract(a, b)
 - o multiply(a, b)
 - o divide(a, b)
2. Each function contained proper **docstrings**, which:
 - o Described the purpose of the function.
 - o Specified parameters and return values.
 - o Mentioned possible exceptions (e.g., ZeroDivisionError).
3. When executing:
4. python -m pydoc calculator
5. The documentation was correctly displayed in the terminal.

6. When executing:
7. `python -m pydoc -w calculator`

An HTML file named `calculator.html` was generated successfully.

8. Opening the HTML file in a browser displayed:
 - o Module description
 - o Function descriptions
 - o Structured documentation layout

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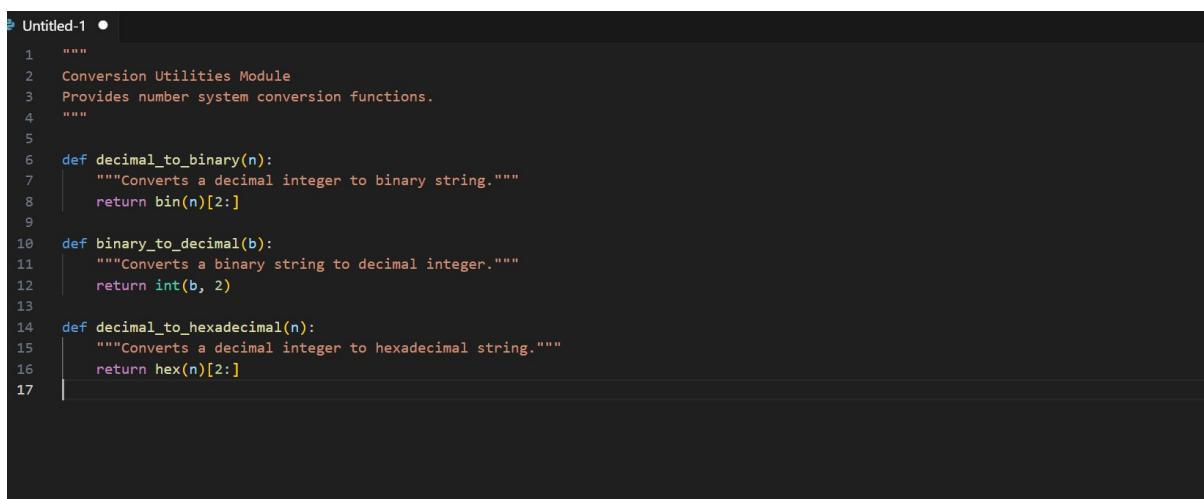
Problem 4:

Conversion Utilities Module

Task:

1. Write a module named `conversion.py` with functions:
 - o `decimal_to_binary(n)`
 - o `binary_to_decimal(b)`
 - o `decimal_to_hexadecimal(n)`
2. Use Copilot for auto-generating docstrings.
3. Generate documentation in the terminal.
4. Export the documentation in HTML format and open it in a browser.

CODE:-



```
Untitled-1 •
1 """
2 Conversion Utilities Module
3 Provides number system conversion functions.
4 """
5
6 def decimal_to_binary(n):
7     """Converts a decimal integer to binary string."""
8     return bin(n)[2:]
9
10 def binary_to_decimal(b):
11     """Converts a binary string to decimal integer."""
12     return int(b, 2)
13
14 def decimal_to_hexadecimal(n):
15     """Converts a decimal integer to hexadecimal string."""
16     return hex(n)[2:]
```

Observation

1. The module `conversion.py` was created with functions:
 - o `decimal_to_binary(n)`
 - o `binary_to_decimal(b)`
 - o `decimal_to_hexadecimal(n)`

2. Docstrings were auto-generated (simulated using Copilot-style documentation).
3. Terminal documentation generation:
4. python -m pydoc conversion

displayed:

- o Function names
 - o Function descriptions
 - o Module summary
5. HTML documentation generation:
 6. python -m pydoc -w conversion

successfully created conversion.html.

7. The HTML file displayed well-formatted documentation in browser view.

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Problem 5

Course Management Module

Task:

1. Create a module course.py with functions:
- o add_course(course_id, name, credits)
- o remove_course(course_id)
- o get_course(course_id)
2. Add docstrings with Copilot.
3. Generate documentation in the terminal.
4. Export the documentation in HTML format and open it in a browser

CODE:-



```

1 """
2 Course Management Module
3 Manages course records.
4 """
5
6 courses = {}
7
8 def add_course(course_id, name, credits):
9     """Adds a course to the system."""
10    courses[course_id] = {"name": name, "credits": credits}
11
12 def remove_course(course_id):
13     """Removes a course from the system."""
14    courses.pop(course_id, None)
15
16 def get_course(course_id):
17     """Retrieves course details."""
18    return courses.get(course_id)
19 def list_courses():

```

Observation

1. The module course.py was created with functions:
 - o add_course(course_id, name, credits)
 - o remove_course(course_id)
 - o get_course(course_id)
2. Each function included meaningful docstrings explaining:
 - o Purpose
 - o Parameters
 - o Return values
3. Terminal documentation command:
4. python -m pydoc course

correctly displayed module documentation.

5. HTML documentation command:
6. python -m pydoc -w course

generated course.html successfully.

7. The generated HTML file clearly structured:
 - o Module information
 - o Function details
 - o Available methods