

Question 1: AI as a Programming Partner (7 minutes)

Part 1: Two Ways to Use AI in "Understand" and "Identify Input/Output"

1. During the "Understand" phase:

"I need to build a temperature converter that handles user errors. Can you help me understand the key features and logic I should consider before coding?"

Answer: Absolutely! Building a temperature converter that handles user input errors requires both functionality and robustness. Here are the key features and logic to consider:

◆ 1. User Input for Temperature Value

- **Expected Input:** A numeric value (e.g., 100, -40, 36.6)
- **Possible Errors to Handle:**
 - User enters a word or symbol (e.g., "hot", "***")
 - User leaves the input blank
- **Solution:** Use a try block with float() conversion and a loop to re-prompt if input is invalid.

◆ 2. Input for Original Unit

- **Expected Input:** 'C' for Celsius or 'F' for Fahrenheit
- **Possible Errors:**
 - User enters lowercase, wrong letters (e.g., celsius, Z, Cel)
- **Solution:** Use .strip().upper() to normalize input and validate against allowed values ('C' or 'F')

◆ 3. Input for Target Unit

- **Expected Input:** Same as above ('C' or 'F')
- **Logic Needed:**
 - Prevent conversion from 'C' to 'C' (same-unit)
 - Alert user and ask for a different target

◆ 4. Conversion Formulas

- $F = C \times 9/5 + 32$

- $C = (F - 32) \times 5/9$

◆ 5. Output Formatting

- Display result clearly (e.g., $100^{\circ}\text{C} = 212^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- Round to 2 decimal places
- Include units in output

◆ 6. Edge Cases

- Large numbers (e.g., 1e6)
- Negative temperatures (valid, especially for Celsius)
- Same unit entered twice

2. During the “Identify Input/Output” phase:

“For a quiz program that asks multiple-choice questions, what should the input and output look like from a user and code perspective?”

Answer: **AI Response (what a good assistant would say):**

Let’s break this down into **user-level** and **code-level** inputs and outputs:

USER PERSPECTIVE

◆ User Inputs:

1. Select an answer choice for each question (e.g., A, B, C, or D)
2. Possibly input their name or start the quiz manually

◆ User Outputs:

1. See each question with options
2. Immediate feedback (optional): “Correct!” / “Wrong, the right answer is B.”
3. Final score: percentage (e.g., You got 3 out of 4 correct. Score: 75%)
4. Optional: Retry prompt or review correct answers

CODE PERSPECTIVE

◆ Code Inputs:

- A **data structure** containing questions, options, and correct answers

Example:

```
questions = [  
    {  
        "question": "What data type is '42' in Python?",  
        "options": {"A": "int", "B": "str", "C": "float", "D": "bool"},  
        "answer": "B"  
    },  
    ...  
]
```

- **User response** for each question (validated: only A, B, C, or D allowed)

◆ Code Outputs:

- Printed/displayed question and answer options
- Track whether user answer was correct
- Tally total score
- Output final result, such as:

Question 1: Correct!

Question 2: Incorrect. Correct answer: C

Final Score: 2/3 (66.67%)

Error Handling to Consider:

- What if the user types e, 1, or a blank input?
- Solution: Re-prompt user until valid option (A-D) is entered

Question: Why Use AI Early On & Potential Pitfalls

1. Why It's Beneficial:

- Clarifies problem requirements
- Helps uncover edge cases early
- Saves time by avoiding confusion later
- Encourages planning before coding

2. Potential Pitfalls:

- Accepting AI answers without understanding
- Over-relying on AI to "think" for you
- Getting generic advice if prompts are vague

Question2

Part1:

a.) This function works fine unless the input list is empty. The problem arises here: `average = total / len(numbers)`

Reason: If `numbers` is an empty list (`[]`), then `len(numbers)` is 0, and you'll get a `ZeroDivisionError` when the code tries to divide by zero.

b.) What Will Happen When It Runs:

- The first list `[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]` will print an average correctly.
- The second list `[]` will cause the program to crash with:

`ZeroDivisionError: division by zero`

- **Because of the crash, the remaining test cases ([0] and [-5, 5, -10, 10]) will not be executed.**

Part2: AI Debugging Prompt

I have a Python function that calculates the average of a list of numbers. It works for non-empty lists, but crashes when the list is empty. Can you help me understand why it crashes and how I can improve the code to handle empty lists carefully? Also, is there a way to return something meaningful like None or a message if the list has no values?

Part3: Fixed code

```
def calculate_average(numbers):  
    if not numbers:  
        return "Cannot calculate average of an empty list."  
  
    total = 0  
  
    for number in numbers:  
        total += number  
  
    average = total / len(numbers)  
  
    return average  
  
# Test cases  
test_data = [  
    [10, 20, 30, 40, 50],  
    [], # Empty list  
    [0],  
    [-5, 5, -10, 10]
```

```
]
```

```
for data in test_data:
```

```
    result = calculate_average(data)
```

```
    print(f"Average of {data}: {result}")
```