

Programming with AI - Github Copilot in action

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GitHub Copilot

- AI-powered code completion tool.
- Developed by GitHub and OpenAI.
- Provides suggestions for lines or blocks of code as you type.
- Works directly inside Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)
- Learns from the code you write to provide more accurate suggestions.
- Helps increase coding efficiency and reduce errors.
- Can generate new code for a variety of tasks, including comments and tests.
- Supports many programming languages.

Practices for using Copilot

1. Convert Comments to Code
2. Autofill Repetitive Code
3. Create code to test
4. Helps coding with unfamiliar languages, libraries, or frameworks
5. Creating an Application Entirely With Copilot:
<https://blog.logrocket.com/building-github-copilot-app/>

More advanced practices(by ChatGPT)

- 1.Be Specific:** The more specific your comments and function names, the better Copilot can assist. For example, a function name like `calculate_average_from_list` is clearer than `process_data`.
- 2.Double-Check the Code:** GitHub Copilot can generate code that is close to what you need, but it's essential to review and understand the code it suggests.
- 3.Use Comments:** Copilot responds to the comments in your code. You can guide its suggestions by providing detailed comments that clarify your coding intentions.
- 4.Be Patient and Iterative:** Sometimes, Copilot may not get it right the first time. However, by iterating and refining your inputs, you can guide Copilot to produce the code you need.
- 5.Check for Security:** Copilot might suggest code that has security vulnerabilities or that is not compliant with best practices. Always review its suggestions with security in mind.
- 6.Remember Copyright Laws:** The code generated by Copilot may be based on publicly available code. While Copilot's training data consists of public repositories, it's always essential to ensure the code you use does not infringe on copyright laws.
- 7.Use as a Learning Tool:** Copilot can be an excellent tool for learning new languages, libraries, and frameworks. By observing the code it suggests, you can learn best practices and pick up new techniques.

Demo https://github.com/miksa007/Inforte_AI

- Phonebook
 - Person class
 - Phonebook class
 - UI class

Exercises

- Helloworld
 - Extensions
 - Function
 - Ask user name
 - Testing functions
- CalculatorStub
 - Functions
 - Input - output

Exercise 2 – Phonebook

- Create phonebook or similar application

Demo 2 – Android studio and Kotlin

- Create simple UI-calculator

How students utilize AI in programming course?

60 %	Use regularly
32 %	Tried
8 %	Not used

51% mention "learning"

- Speed up learning,
- clarify things,
- clarify code syntax

40% use as a Google

37% use to program the exercises

15% debugging

Note: 11% mention negative aspects when using AI

Discussion - What's next?

