

AI ASSISTED CODING

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ASSIGNMENT – 1.1

Lab 1: Environment Setup – GitHub Copilot and VS Code Integration + Understanding AI-assisted Coding Workflow

Lab Objectives:

- ✓ To install and configure GitHub Copilot in Visual Studio Code.
- ✓ To explore AI-assisted code generation using GitHub Copilot.
- ✓ To analyze the accuracy and effectiveness of Copilot's code suggestions.
- ✓ To understand prompt-based programming using comments and code context.

Lab Outcomes (LOs):

After completing this lab, students will be able to:

- ✓ Set up GitHub Copilot in VS Code successfully.
- ✓ Use inline comments and context to generate code with Copilot.
- ✓ Evaluate AI-generated code for correctness and readability.
- ✓ Compare code suggestions based on different prompts and programming styles.

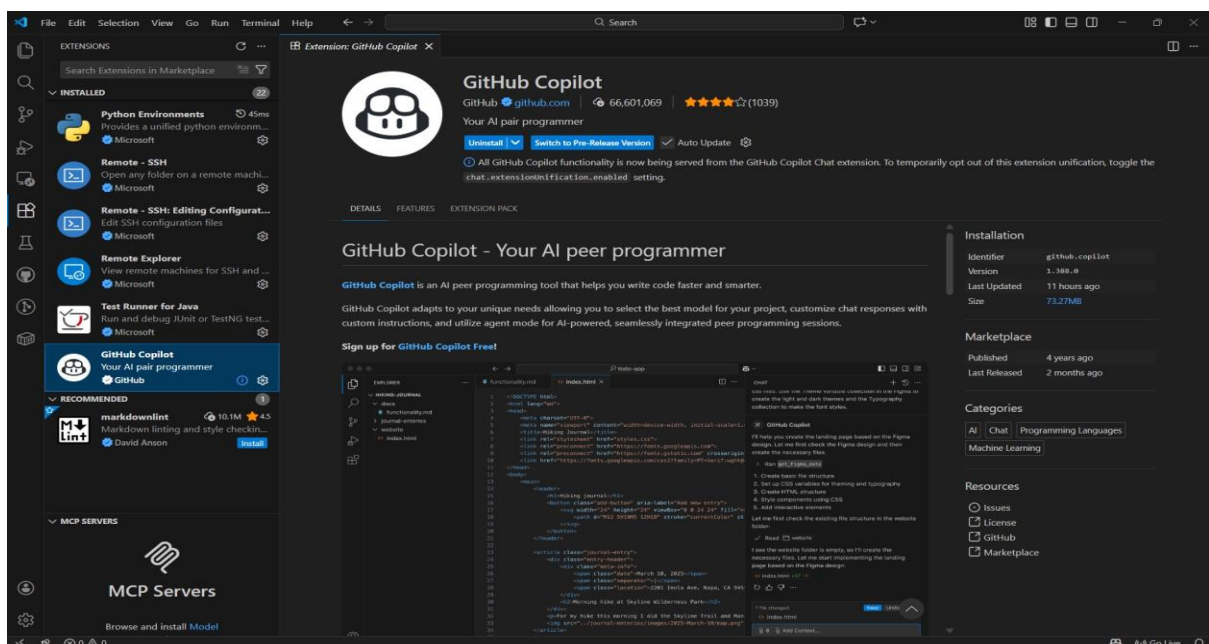
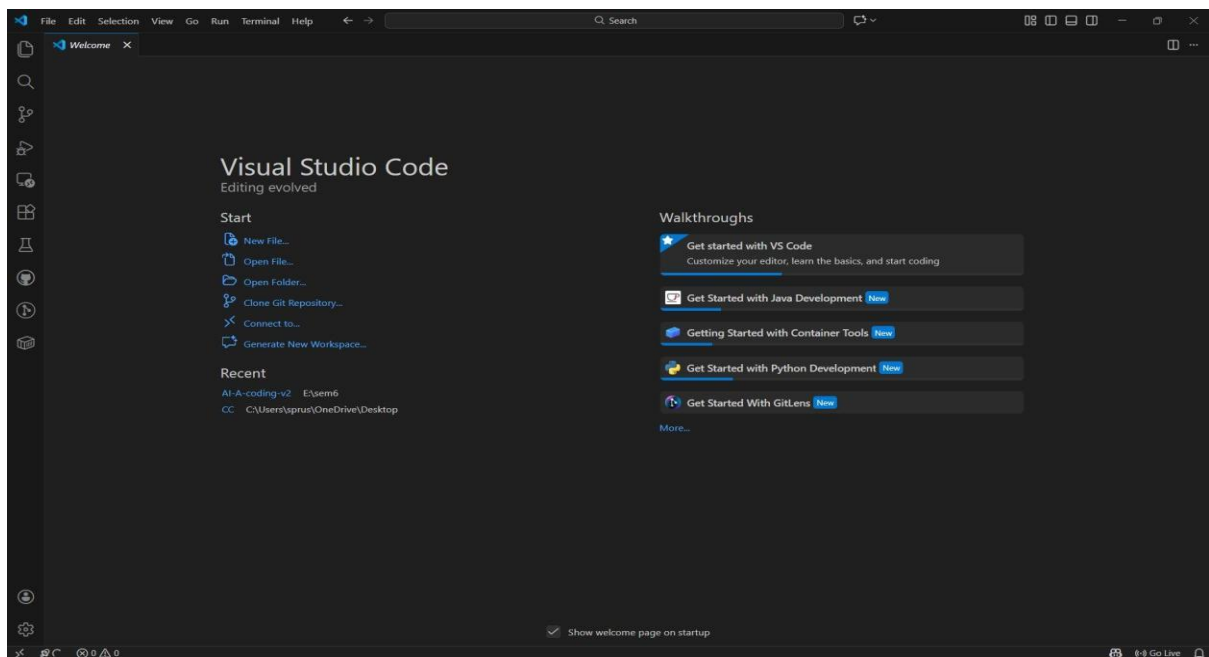
Task 0

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Expected Output

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Task 0: Environment Setup:-



Task 1: AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization (Factorial without Functions)

• Scenario

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• 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?

**Task 1: AI-Generated Logic Without Modularization
(Factorial without
Functions)**

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code editor with a file named `day1.py` open. The code is a Python script that calculates the factorial of a number `n`. It includes a docstring, imports `sys`, and uses `sys.argv` to get command-line arguments. It features a `try-except` block for handling `ValueError` and a `for` loop to calculate the product. The terminal at the bottom shows the command `PS E:\sem6\AI-A-coding-v2>` and the output `Welcome to the team, hi!`.

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2 # Use GitHub Copilot to generate a Python program that computes a mathematical product-based value (factorial-like logic) directly
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4 if __name__ == "__main__":
5     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
6         print("Usage: python day1.py <non-negative integer>")
7         sys.exit(1)
8
9     try:
10         n = int(sys.argv[1])
11         if n < 0:
12             raise ValueError
13     except ValueError:
14         print("Please provide a valid non-negative integer.")
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20
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The screenshot shows the same Visual Studio Code editor with the `day1.py` file. The code is now being executed, and the terminal shows the output. The command `python day1.py 5` has been run, and the output is `The product-based value for 5 is: 120`. The terminal also shows the command `python day1.py` and the output `Usage: python day1.py <non-negative integer>`.

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Python Debug Console

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Usage: python day1.py <non-negative integer>

PS E:\sem6\AI-A-coding-v2> python day1.py 5

The product-based value for 5 is: 120

PS E:\sem6\AI-A-coding-v2>

Task 2: 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:

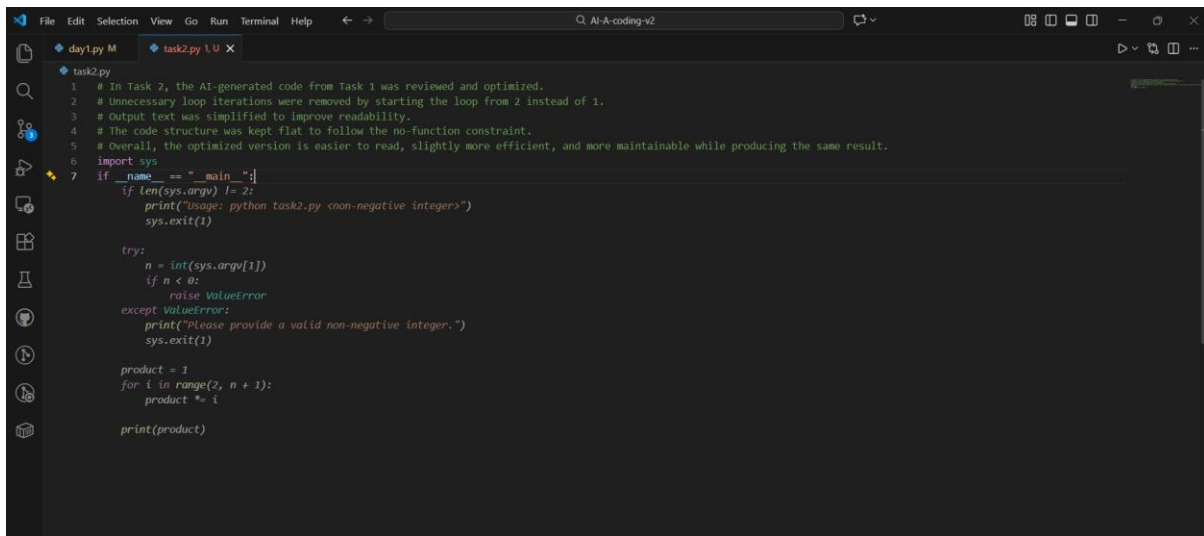
Prompt Copilot with phrases like

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

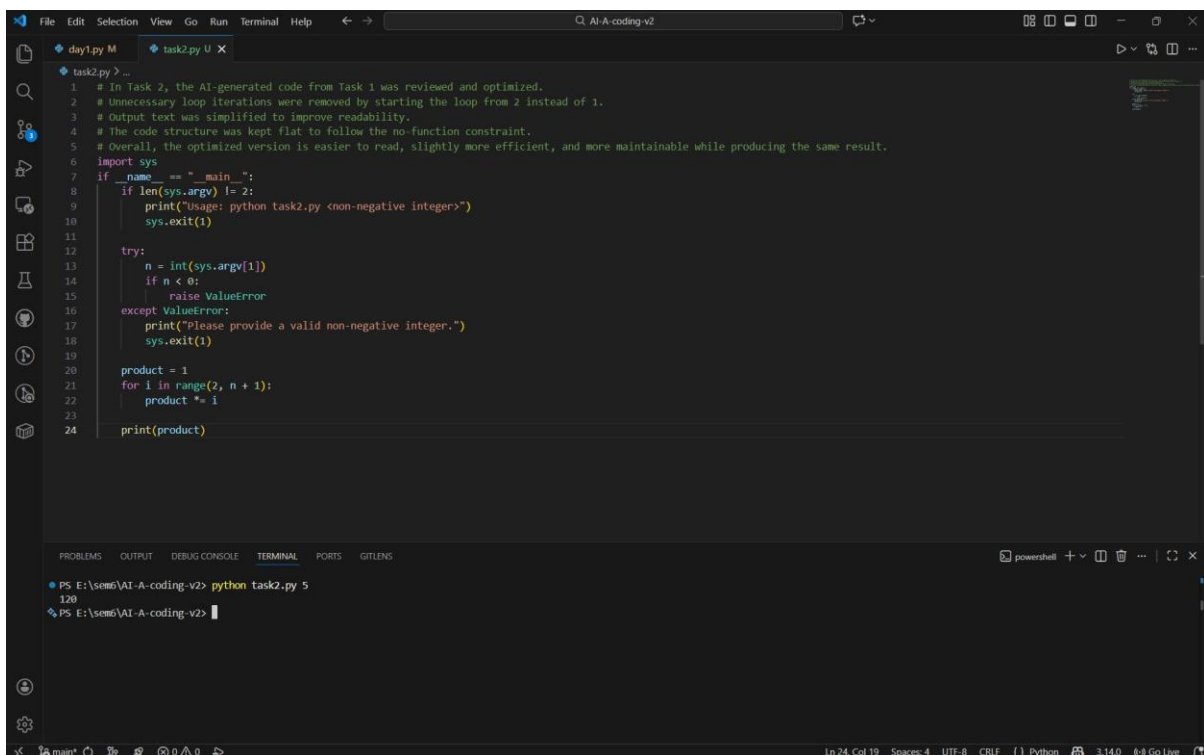
❖ Expected Deliverables

- 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).

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(Improving Efficiency)



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5 # Overall, the optimized version is easier to read, slightly more efficient, and more maintainable while producing the same result.
6 import sys
7 if __name__ == "__main__":
8     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
9         print("Usage: python task2.py <non-negative integer>")
10        sys.exit(1)
11
12    try:
13        n = int(sys.argv[1])
14        if n < 0:
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PS E:\sem6\AI-A-coding-v2> python task2.py 5
120
PS E:\sem6\AI-A-coding-v2> |

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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

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

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

❖ Expected Deliverables

- AI-assisted function-based program
- Screenshots showing:

o Prompt

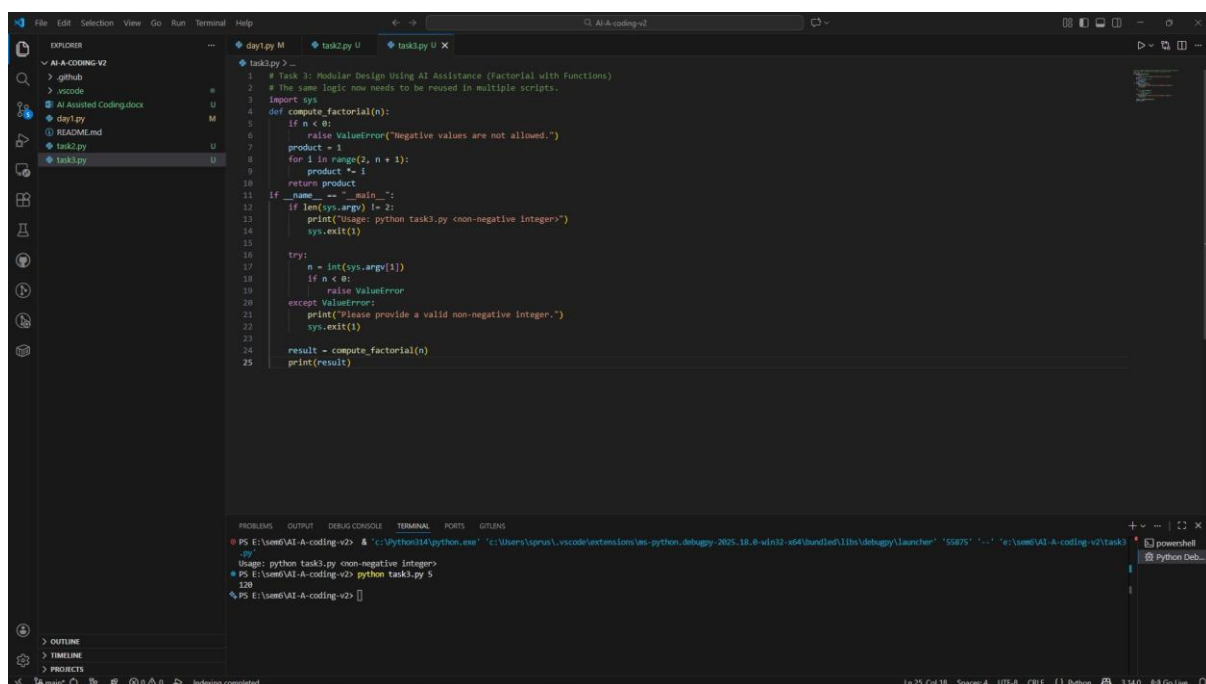
evolution o

Copilot-generated

function logic

- Sample inputs/outputs
- Short note: o How modularity

improves reusability.



```
1 # Task 3: Modular Design Using AI Assistance (Factorial with Functions)
2 # The same logic now needs to be reused in multiple scripts.
3 import sys
4 def compute_factorial(n):
5     if n < 0:
6         raise ValueError("Negative values are not allowed.")
7     product = 1
8     for i in range(2, n + 1):
9         product *= i
10    return product
11 if __name__ == "__main__":
12     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
13         print("Usage: python task3.py non-negative integers")
14         sys.exit(1)
15     try:
16         n = int(sys.argv[1])
17         if n < 0:
18             raise ValueError
19     except ValueError:
20         print("Please provide a valid non-negative integer.")
21         sys.exit(1)
22     result = compute_factorial(n)
23     print(result)
```

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```
PS E:\used\AI-A-coding-v2> & "c:\python14\python.exe" "c:\users\ignus\vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.18.0-win32-x64\bin\debugpy_launcher" "5025" -... "e:\used\AI-A-coding-v2\task3.py"
Usage: python task3.py non-negative integers
PS E:\used\AI-A-coding-v2> python task3.py 5
120
PS E:\used\AI-A-coding-v2>
```

Short Note: How Modularity Improves Reusability

Modularity helps in reusability by helping separate logic in terms of different functions which may be reused in multiple programs. The factorial computation is put in a function which makes the code easier to

maintain and test. If the logic has to be changed, changes can be made at one place without having any impact on the whole program. Modular code is also more readable and easier to work on in a team environment.

Task 4: 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).

Task 4: Comparative Analysis – Procedural vs Modular AI Code (With vs Without Functions)

Criteria	Procedural Code (Without Functions)	Modular Code (With Functions)
Logic Clarity	Logic is written in one continuous flow, which is easy to follow for very small programs but becomes cluttered as code grows.	Logic is clearly separated into functions, making the purpose of each part easier to understand.
Reusability	Code cannot be reused easily because the logic is tightly coupled to the main execution block.	Function-based logic can be reused across multiple scripts by importing or calling the function.
Debugging Ease	Debugging is harder since all logic exists in one block, making it difficult to isolate issues.	Debugging is easier because errors can be traced to specific functions.
Suitability for Large Projects	Not suitable for large projects as it leads to poor organization and low maintainability.	Well suited for large projects due to better structure, scalability, and teamwork support.
AI Dependency Risk	High risk, as beginners may copy AI-generated code without understanding the full flow.	Lower risk, as modular structure encourages understanding of individual components.

Task 5: 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

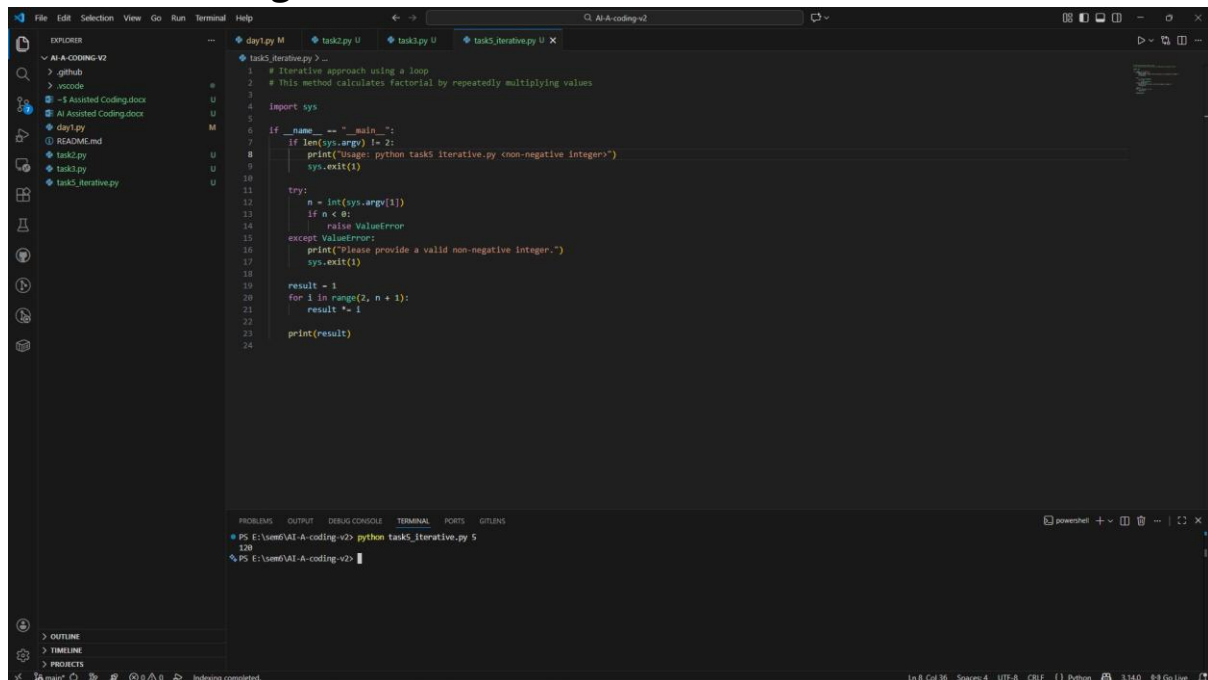
Execution flow explanation (in your own words)

Comparison covering:

- Readability
- Stack usage
- Performance implications
- When recursion is not recommended.

Task 5: AI-Generated Iterative vs Recursive Thinking

Iterative Thinking –



```
task5_iterative.py > ...
1 # Iterative approach using a loop
2 # This method calculates factorial by repeatedly multiplying values
3
4 import sys
5
6 if __name__ == "__main__":
7     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
8         print("Usage: python task5_iterative.py <non-negative integer>")
9         sys.exit(1)
10
11     try:
12         n = int(sys.argv[1])
13         if n < 0:
14             raise ValueError
15     except ValueError:
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18
19     result = 1
20     for i in range(2, n + 1):
21         result *= i
22
23     print(result)
24
```

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```
# PS E:\sum0\AI-A-coding-v2> python task5_iterative.py 5
120
~ PS E:\sum0\AI-A-coding-v2>
```

Recursive thinking –

```
1 # Recursive approach using function calls
2 # The function calls itself until it reaches the base case
3
4 import sys
5
6 def factorial(n):
7     if n == 0 or n == 1:
8         return 1
9     return n * factorial(n - 1)
10
11 if __name__ == "__main__":
12     if len(sys.argv) != 2:
13         print("Usage: python task5_recursive.py <non-negative integer>")
14         sys.exit(1)
15
16     try:
17         n = int(sys.argv[1])
18         if n < 0:
19             raise ValueError
20     except ValueError:
21         print("Please provide a valid non-negative integer.")
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23
24     print(factorial(n))
25
```

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PS E:\sem6\AI-A-coding-v2> python task5_recursive.py 5

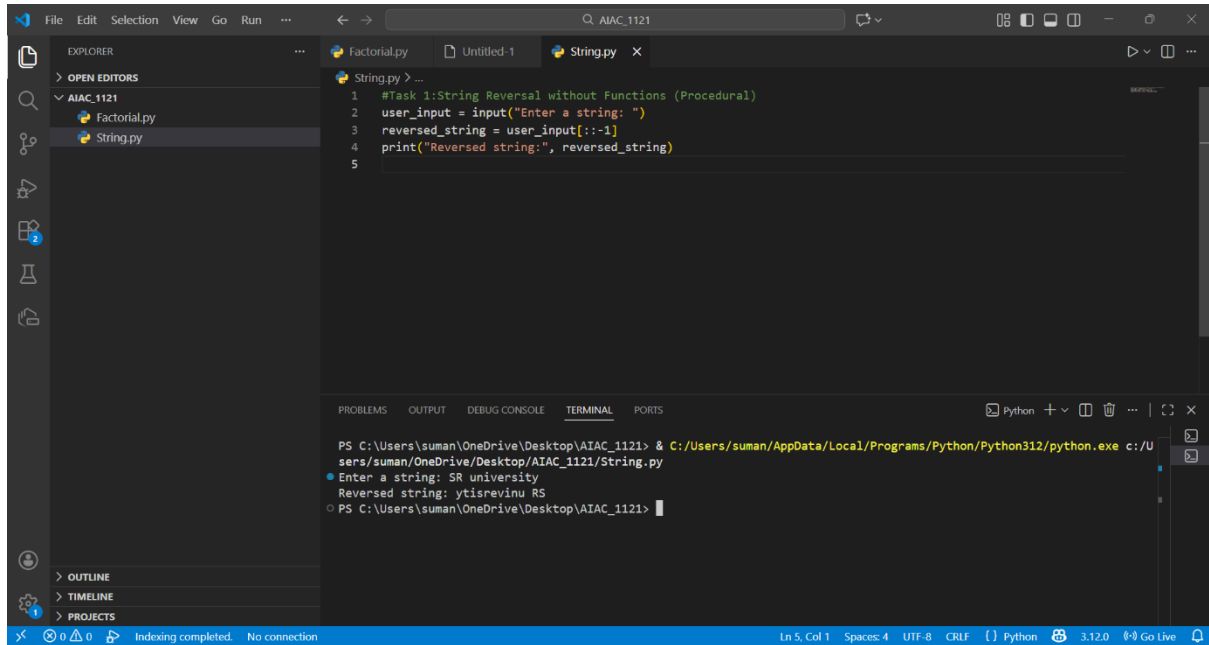
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Aspect	Iterative Approach	Recursive Approach
Readability	Easy to understand for beginners	More mathematical and elegant
Stack Usage	Uses constant memory	Uses additional stack memory
Performance	Faster and memory efficient	Slower for large inputs
Error Risk	Low	Risk of stack overflow
When Not Recommended	—	Not recommended for large input values

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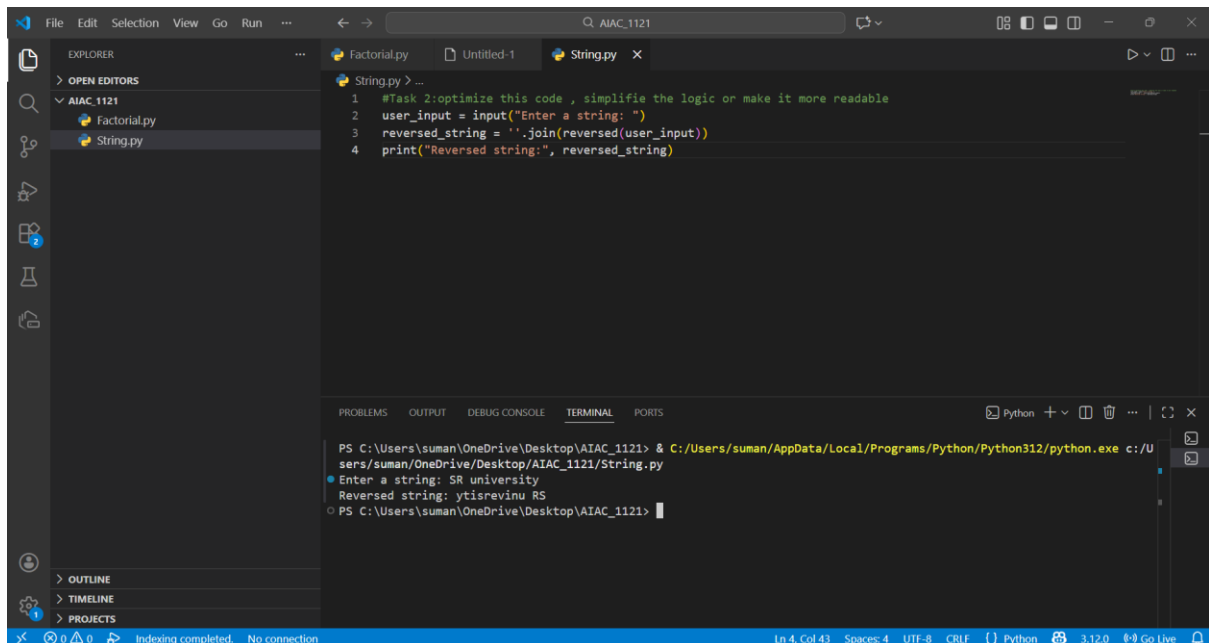
TASK 1: String Reversal without Functions (Procedural)



```
1 #Task 1:String Reversal without Functions (Procedural)
2 user_input = input("Enter a string: ")
3 reversed_string = user_input[::-1]
4 print("Reversed string:", reversed_string)
5
```

```
PS C:\Users\suman\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC_1121> C:/Users/suman/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python312/python.exe c:/Users/suman/OneDrive/Desktop/AIAC_1121/String.py
Enter a string: SR university
Reversed string: ytisrevinu RS
PS C:\Users\suman\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC_1121>
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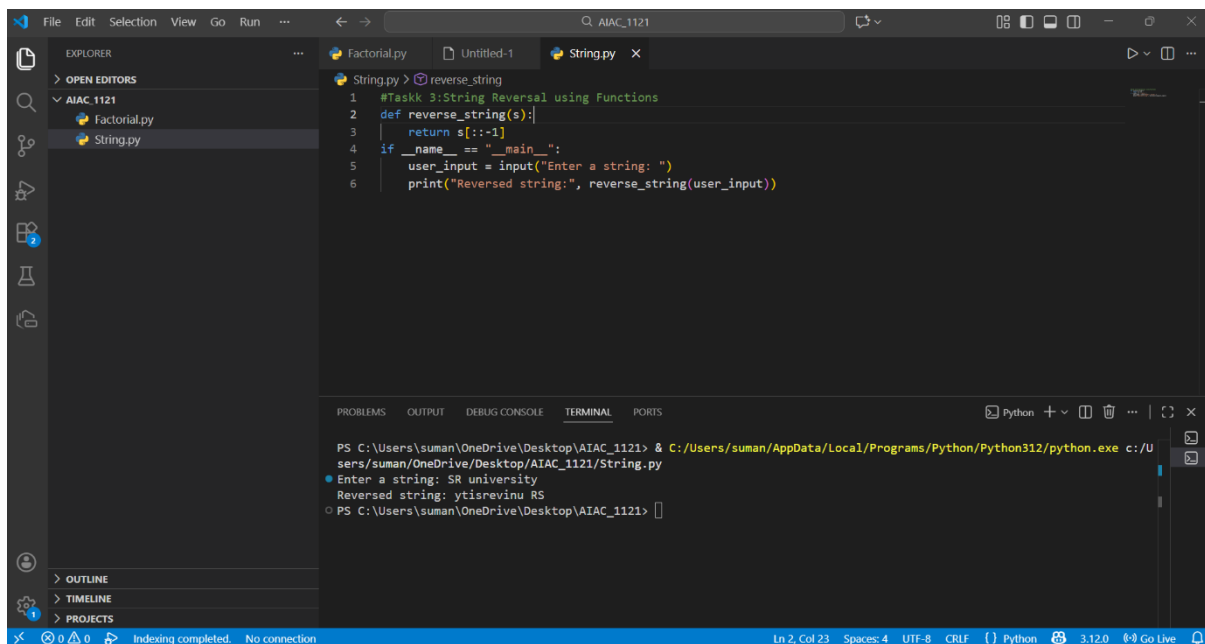
TASK 2: Optimize this code , simplify the logic or make it more readable.



```
1 #Task 2:optimize this code , simplify the logic or make it more readable
2 user_input = input("Enter a string: ")
3 reversed_string = ''.join(reversed(user_input))
4 print("Reversed string:", reversed_string)
```

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```

TASK 3: String Reversal using Functions.



```
1 #Taskk 3:String Reversal using Functions
2 def reverse_string(s):
3     return s[::-1]
4 if __name__ == '__main__':
5     user_input = input("Enter a string: ")
6     print("Reversed string:", reverse_string(user_input))
```

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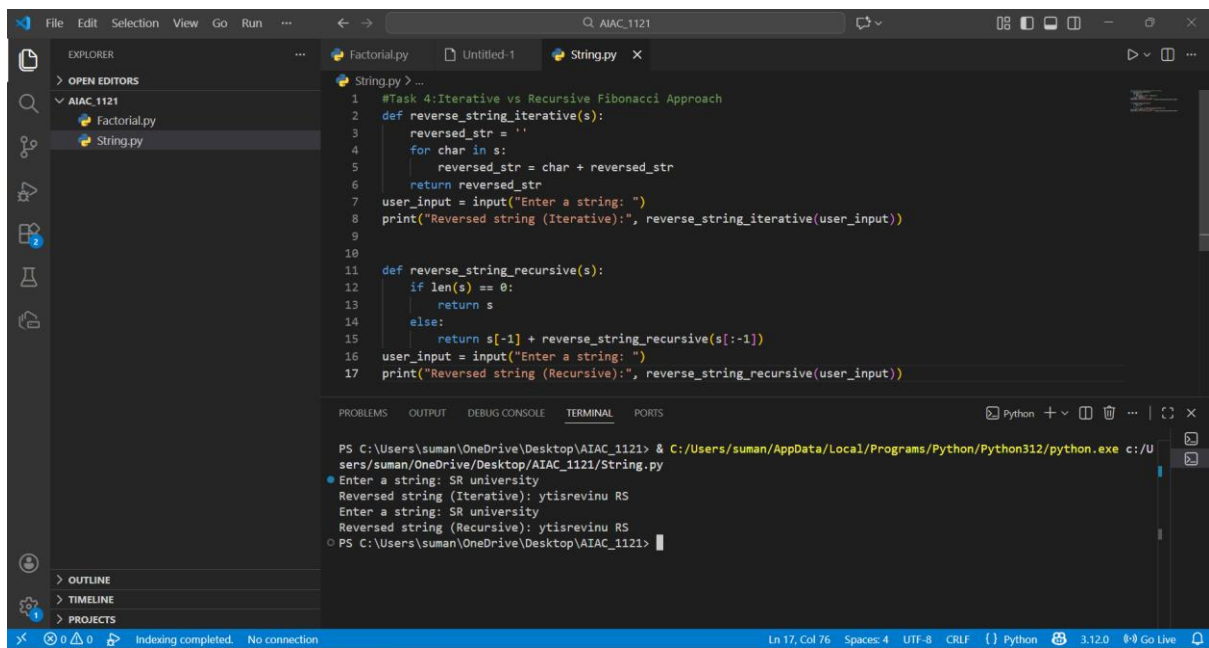
Procedural Approach (Without Functions):

The string reversal logic is implemented directly in the main code. While this approach is simple and easy to understand for small programs, it lacks reusability and scalability. Debugging becomes difficult as the program grows because all logic is tightly coupled.

Modular Approach (With Functions):

The function-based implementation separates logic from execution, improving code readability and structure. The function can be reused in multiple parts of an application, making it suitable for large-scale systems. Debugging and maintenance are easier due to isolated logic.

TASK 5: Iterative vs Recursive Fibonacci Approach.



The screenshot shows a Python IDE with a file explorer on the left, a code editor in the center, and a terminal at the bottom. The code in the editor implements two functions to reverse a string: `reverse_string_iterative` and `reverse_string_recursive`. The terminal shows the execution of the program, where the input string "SR university" is reversed to "ytisrevinu RS" using both methods.

```
1 #Task 4: Iterative vs Recursive Fibonacci Approach
2 def reverse_string_iterative(s):
3     reversed_str = ''
4     for char in s:
5         reversed_str = char + reversed_str
6     return reversed_str
7 user_input = input("Enter a string: ")
8 print("Reversed string (Iterative):", reverse_string_iterative(user_input))
9
10
11 def reverse_string_recursive(s):
12     if len(s) == 0:
13         return s
14     else:
15         return s[-1] + reverse_string_recursive(s[:-1])
16 user_input = input("Enter a string: ")
17 print("Reversed string (Recursive):", reverse_string_recursive(user_input))
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Terminal Output:

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THANK YOU!!