

AI ASSISTED CODING

LAB 4: ADVANCED PROMPT TECHNIQUE

ZERO-SHOT

ONE-SHOT

FEW-SHOT

Task Description#1

- Zero-shot: Prompt AI to write a function that checks whether a given year is a leap year.

The image shows a VS Code editor window with a Python file named `lab3.1.py`. The code defines a function `is_leap_year` that checks if a year is a leap year. The function is as follows:

```
1 #write a python function to check if a year is a leap year
2 def is_leap_year(year):
3     return (year % 4 == 0 and year % 100 != 0) or (year % 400 == 0)
```

The chat sidebar on the right shows a conversation with an AI model. The user's prompt is:

the command i have given is zero shot command but answer provided is few shot

The AI's response is:

> Used 1 reference

You're correct!

A **zero-shot command** is just the direct function, without examples or extra explanation.

Here's the pure zero-shot response:

```
def is_leap_year(year):
    return (year % 4 == 0
```

The terminal at the bottom shows the command to run the Python file:

```
PS C:\Users\Prath\Downloads\html> & C:/Users/Prath/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe "c:/Users/Prath/Downloads/html/ai coding/lab3.1.py"
PS C:\Users\Prath\Downloads\html>
```

Task Description#2

One-shot: Give one input-output example to guide AI in writing a function that converts centimeters to inches.

The image shows a VS Code editor with a Python file named `ass4.2.py`. The code defines a function `cm_to_inches` and uses it to convert 10 centimeters to inches.

```
2 def cm_to_inches(cm):
3     return cm / 2.54
4
5 # Example usage
6 print(cm_to_inches(10))
```

Example usage
`print(cm_to_inches(10))` explanation

Used 1 reference

This code defines a function to convert centimeters to inches:

- `def cm_to_inches(cm):`
Creates a function that takes a value in centimeters.
- `return cm / 2.54`
Converts centimeters to inches by dividing by 2.54 (since 1 inch = 2.54 cm).
- `print(cm_to_inches(10))`
Calls the function with 10 centimeters and prints the result (which is the equivalent in inches).

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```
PS C:\Aiassisted coding> & 'c:\Users\Poojasree\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe' 'c:\Users\Poojasree\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.10.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '53183' '--' 'C:\Aiassisted coding\ass4.2.py'
3.937007874015748
PS C:\Aiassisted coding>
```

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Task Description#3

- Few-shot: Provide 2–3 examples to generate a function that formats full names as “Last, First”.

```
1 #Provide 2-3 examples to generate a function that formats full names as "Last, First"
2 def format_name(full_name):
3     first, last = full_name.split(" ")
4     return f"{last}, {first}"
5
6 # Example usage
7 print(format_name("John Doe")) #Output: "Doe, John"
8 print(format_name("Jane Smith")) # Output: "Smith, Jane"#
9
```

```
print(format_name("Jane Smith")) # Output:
"Smith, Jane"#
print(format_name("Alice Johnson")) # Output:
"Johnson, Alice" explain the code
```

ass4.3.py:2-9

> Used 1 reference

This code formats a full name as "Last, First":

- `def format_name(full_name):`
Defines a function that takes a full name string.
- `first, last = full_name.split(" ")`
Splits the input into first and last names using the space character.
- `return f"{last}, {first}"`
Returns the name in the format "Last, First".
- The example usage prints the formatted names for "John Doe", "Jane Smith", and "Alice Johnson" as "Doe, John", "Smith, Jane", and "Johnson, Alice".

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```
PS C:\Aiassisted coding> & 'c:\Users\Poojasree\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe' 'c:\Users\Poojasree\.vscode\extensions\ms-python.debugpy-2025.10.0-win32-x64\bundled\libs\debugpy\launcher' '53230' '--' 'C:\Aiassisted coding\ass4.3.py'
```

```
Doe, John
```

```
Smith, Jane
```

```
PS C:\Aiassisted coding>
```

Task Description#4

- Compare zero-shot and few-shot prompts for writing a function that counts the number of vowels in a string.

```
def count_vowels(text):  
    """Counts the number of vowels in a string.  
  
    Args:  
        text: The input string.  
  
    Returns:  
        The number of vowels in the string.  
    """  
    vowels = "aeiouAEIOU"  
    vowel_count = 0  
    for char in text:  
        if char in vowels:  
            vowel_count += 1  
    return vowel_count  
  
# Example usage  
input_string = "Hello World"  
num_vowels = count_vowels(input_string)  
print(f"The number of vowels in '{input_string}' is: {num_vowels}")
```

→ The number of vowels in 'Hello World' is: 3

- Use few-shot prompting to generate a function that reads a .txt file and returns the number of lines.

```
PS C:\Users\Prath\Downloads\html> & C:/Users/Prath/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python313/python.exe "c:/Users/Prath/Downloads/html/ai coding/lab3.1.py"
The number of lines in 'sample.txt' is: 4
PS C:\Users\Prath\Downloads\html>
```

Explanation

1. `def count_lines_in_file(file_path):`: This line defines a function named `count_lines_in_file` that takes one argument, `file_path`. This function is designed to perform the task of counting lines in the file specified by `file_path`.
2. `with open(file_path, 'r') as file:`: This line opens the file specified by the `file_path` variable.
 - `open()` is a built-in Python function for opening files.
 - `file_path` is the name or path of the file to open.
 - `'r'` is the mode for opening the file, indicating that the file should be opened for reading.
 - `with ... as file:` is a context manager. It ensures that the file is automatically closed even if errors occur. The opened file object is assigned to the variable `file`.
3. `return sum(1 for line in file)`: This is the core of the line-counting logic.
 - `for line in file:` iterates through each line in the opened file.
 - `(1 for line in file)` is a generator expression that yields the value `1` for every line it reads from the file.
 - `sum(...)` calculates the sum of all the values yielded by the generator expression. Since the generator yields `1` for each line, the sum will be equal to the total number of lines in the file.
 - `return` sends the calculated sum back as the output of the `count_lines_in_file` function.
4. `with open("sample.txt", "w") as f:`: This block creates a sample text file named `sample.txt` for demonstration purposes.
 - `"w"` mode opens the file for writing. If the file already exists, its content will be truncated (deleted). If it doesn't exist, a new file is created.
 - The `with` statement ensures the file is closed after the block.
5. `f.write("Line 1\n")`, `f.write("Line 2\n")`, etc.: These lines write the specified strings to the `sample.txt` file. The `\n` at the end of each string represents a newline character, which separates the lines in the file.
6. `file_path = "sample.txt"`: This line sets the `file_path` variable to the name of the sample file we just created.
7. `line_count = count_lines_in_file(file_path)`: This line calls the `count_lines_in_file` function with the path to the sample file and stores the returned line count in the `line_count` variable.