

The Department of Computer Science takes the Honor Code seriously. Violations are easy to identify and will be dealt with promptly.

Course work is to be the sole work of each student unless the assignment explicitly states otherwise. Students may discuss problems with each other as long as everyone contributing to the discussion is given explicit credit for their contributions.

I hope that you will help each other in learning the mechanics of how to write and compile programs in new languages, but please be aware that all solutions must be written up independently. When in doubt as to what is appropriate, ask me. Uncredited collaborations will be considered a violation of the honor code and will be handled using the College's Honor Committee. Please be aware that the most likely outcome of an Honor Committee hearing is a failing grade in the course.

Finally, note that the CS department uses automated plagiarism detection software.

Guidelines for Programming Assignments

When a programming problem is assigned, your instructor will identify it as a "self-check," "programming," or "pair programming" problem. The Honor Code applies differently for each category when collaboration or assistance from anyone other than the TAs or instructors are concerned.

"Self Check" Problems. These are provided to help you gain an understanding of a topic, and are not graded. Guideline: Help on these programs is unrestricted.

Regular "Programming" Problems. These programs are expected to be the work of the individual student, coded by him or her alone. Asking another student to help locating errors is allowed as long as students only discuss code at a high level; looking at another student's code is strictly prohibited. Guideline: Assistance from anyone other than the TAs or instructors in the coding of program logic will be considered a violation of the honor code.

"Pair Programming" Problems. Pair programming problems are programs to be worked on in teams of two or more students. You are allowed to discuss pair programming programs with your partners, but work with others is otherwise restricted by the appropriate rules above. Guideline: Any work that is not the work of your team is considered a violation of the honor code.

If you do not understand how the honor code applies in a given situation, consult your instructor.

See the Student Handbook for see how the Honor Code applies to non-programming assignments.

Computer Ethics

Students should be aware of the Code of Computer Ethics outlined in the Student Handbook. Violations, including uninvited access to private information and malicious tampering or theft of computer equipment or software, are subject to disciplinary action.

GitHub and Other Version Control Repositories

Sharing course related code in any version control repository not expressly authorized by the instructor will be considered an Honor Code violation.