

## Academic Integrity Agreement

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- Students may **not share code** or **copy code** from **anyone**. This policy extends up to two days after the submission deadline.
- Students may **not “show”** the work (code or theory) to anyone until two days after the submission deadline.
- Students **may not look** at anyone’s work (code or theory) in preparation for or while doing an assignment.
- Students may not leave their work (electronic or printed versions) in publically accessible areas.
- Students **may not share personal computers** or computer accounts in any way when there is an assignment pending.
- Students **may discuss** solutions to theory problems, unless the problem explicitly states that discussion is not allowed. Such discussion is allowed **up to 2 days before** the due deadline. **No records** may be taken away from any discussion.
- Any written work handed in **cannot be copied** from anywhere other than the text book or class notes. This includes the WWW. All solutions handed in **must be written by you**.
- If either in the theory or in the coding, some collaboration occurred, you **MUST**, at the end of your assignment (for theory parts) and in the README file (for coding parts), state who you discussed with and what the nature of the discussion was.
- A violation of Academic Integrity will almost certainly result in an **F** for students who do not own up. For students who do own up, a zero on that assignment and a 5% decrease in the overall grade will be enforced, the first time. The second time will result in an **F**. All such incidents are also reported to the Dean of Students and will become part of your permanent record.

By signing below you affirm that you have read and understood this agreement.

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## For Your Information

Code is compared within sections, across sections, and across years. We use sophisticated automatic code comparison tools to help spot assignments that have been submitted in violation of the rules. I then follow up by looking at the code carefully. Last semester *20* students were penalized (mostly with an **F**) in the class.

If you did violate the rules, the first time you will be given a chance to own up. In this unfortunate circumstance, I strongly urge you to own up. When the message goes out that some people have violated the rules, assume that you have been caught. The result of not owning up is an **F** at the minimum.

Some of the work in this class is tough and designed so that it can confuse you at the beginning. The odds are that other students are also confused, so when you bang your head on a problem a little and find you are getting nowhere, I suggest you first seek help from the TA's (or myself) to set you on the right path conceptually. Note however, that the TA's are not there to debug your programs and I have explicitly instructed them that debugging is not their task, it is your task.