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- Students may **not “show”** their code to anyone until two days after the submission deadline. In the past, we have penalized a number of very good students who felt sorry for struggling students and provided them with “just a peak” at their code. These “peaks” often turn into extensive copying, despite prior claims of good intentions.
- 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**.
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By signing below you affirm that you have read and understood this agreement.

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