Academic integrity can be a problem on programming assignments. Students naturally want to work together, and it is clear they can learn a great deal by doing so. Getting help is often the best way to interpret error messages and find bugs, even for experienced programmers. In response to this, the following rules will be enforced for programming assignments:

1. Students are allowed to work together in designing algorithms, in interpreting error messages, in discussing strategies for finding bugs, but NOT in writing code.

2. Students may not share, copy, or discuss code in any detail while it is being written or afterwards. This extends up to two days after the submission deadline.

3. Students may not show their code to other students as a means of helping them.

4. Students may not leave their code (either the electronic versions or the printed copies) in publicly accessible areas or on publicly accessible network drives.

Code submitted in violation of these rules is easy to spot manually and is easily detected using a variety of software tools. Students who violate any of these rules will be subject to the following penalties: The standard punishment for the first offense is a 0 on the assignment and a 5 percentage point penalty on the semester average. Students whose violations are more flagrant will receive a higher penalty. Students caught a second time will receive a 0 on the assignment and a reduction of one letter in the final course grade. Students caught a third time will receive an immediate F, regardless of circumstances. Each student will be reported to the Dean of Students office.

In addition, the Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities defines various forms of Academic Dishonesty and you should make yourself familiar with these.

In this class, all assignments that are turned in for a grade must represent the student’s own work. By signing below, you are acknowledging that you have read these rules and understand them. If you have any questions or concerns either now or at any time during the semester, you should contact the instructor or TA immediately.

Print your name:

Signature:

Date: