Honor Code

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

The Computer Science Honor Code can be found on our website. Since interpretation of how it might apply in individual courses might vary, we provide additional detail here.

The types of assignments given in this course are **program design**, **program implementation**, **thought questions**, **pop quizzes**, and **exams**. To be as transparent as possible as to how the honor code applies to each assignment type, we describe them below, including examples of permitted and prohibited behaviors. These examples are not exhaustive! If you have any questions about how the honor code might apply in a particular circumstance, please discuss it with your instructor.

Single-Author Programming Assignments. The successful completion of a lab assignment involves broadly three steps: Program design, program implementation, and responses to "thought questions," which typically ask you to reflect on some aspect of the lab. Each individual is responsible for producing their own work. Examples of permitted and prohibited activities for single-author labs are described here.

   Program Design. A number of labs require that each student prepare a design document which is a brief, high-level implementation plan that typically describes the intended data structures, code organization, and order of implementation. Students in the course are permitted to participate in discussions with one another about program design, but should ultimately produce their own written design document. Collaboration on program design must be explicitly noted in the design document. Students are not permitted to share their design documents or detailed descriptions of their contents with other students nor are they permitted to uses resources beyond those provided by the instructor in the creation of program designs.

   Program Implementation ("code"). The programs written by students should represent their own work. Students are permitted to ask other students in the class questions of clarification, language syntax, and error message interpretation, but are not permitted to view/share each others code or design documents. Further, students should not use any resources beyond those directly provided by their instructor; so-called outside sources. In particular, viewing descriptions of solutions similar problems from outside sources is prohibited.

   Thought Questions. Most labs include a small number of what are referred to as thought questions. Thought question responses should be the work of the individual students. Students should not discuss thought questions with anyone other than their instructor and TAs.

Group Programming Assignments. For some of the labs, students will be offered the option of working with a partner. Both a partner pair and a single student working alone are referred to as a group. Each group submits a single design document, a single set of thought question solutions, and members of the same group may discuss any aspect of the assignment with one another. Interactions between groups are subject to the constraints described above under **Single-Author Programming Assignments**.

Pop Quizzes and Exams. The mid-term exam and final exam will both be scheduled exams. They are "closed-book." No resources may be accessed while taking the exams with the sole exception of asking the instructor clarification questions.