

# **CS19003: Programming and Data Structures Laboratory**

## **Autumn semester 2021-22, Section 16**

### **Guidelines to Students on Malpractice**

Any student is expected to write his/her code for assignments and tests completely by himself/herself, and not indulge in any malpractice or adopt any unfair means. You are also required to not share your code with anyone else, either directly or indirectly through other means such as sharing passwords of accounts containing your code. It is strongly emphasized that cheating in any form in assignments and tests is a serious offence and will be dealt with very strongly if detected.

**Every student is requested to fully read and understand the following carefully. No excuses will be tolerated later.**

1. A program submitted for an assignment/test will be considered as plagiarized (copied) if any of the following occurs:
  - Substantial similarity with submission of another student
  - Substantial similarity with any other external resource (copy from internet, book etc.)
  - If the student is not able to reasonably explain the code written by him or her if asked by the teacher

The teacher will decide the similarity level based on the specific assignment/test and other factors, and the decision of the teacher will be final.

2. If a plagiarism is detected and confirmed, there will be a minimum penalty of assigning 0 to the submissions involved without distinguishing the role of a student involved in the event (whether the student copied or whether the student shared his/her code with another student). The teacher can impose any additional penalty as deemed fit by him/her depending on the nature of the offence, including referring to the Institute disciplinary committee. The policy will be announced by your section teacher at the beginning of the course.

**We will be very strict in case of any plagiarism and code copying. Take extreme precaution for protecting your account information, and for not sharing your programs that you would be submitting for evaluation.**

3. If plagiarism is detected, no distinction will be made as to who copied from who. Note that if you allow someone to copy from you, you will be considered equally guilty as the person copying. No excuses will be tolerated in this regard.
4. You are requested to protect your code and not share it with anyone. You are also requested to protect passwords of your accounts in moodle etc. so that your code cannot be accessed by anyone else. If a copy is detected from your code, no excuses will be considered (Some common excuses we hear are “I have given him/her my code to see, I

didn't know he/she will copy", "I have given him/her my moodle password, I didn't know he/she will copy my code", "I do not know how he/she copied my code, maybe they found my moodle password" etc.).

Sometimes the teacher will allow the use of some resources explicitly; as an example, while doing assignments, you are usually allowed to look up your textbook for help with C language syntax etc. **However, do not assume anything unless the teacher announces it explicitly. If you have any confusion as to what you can and cannot do, always ask your teacher or TA first**, they are always there to help you. The most important thing in the class is for you to learn and help will always be available.