

Foundations of Computing

Academic Honesty

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Academic Honesty I

- In accordance with the University's Academic Honesty and Plagiarism Policy (which you should familiarize yourself with!):
<https://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au/>
All examinable work (Grok worksheet answers and all project work) that you submit for COMP10001 must be **your own**

Academic Honesty II

- The only possible exception to this for COMP10001 is where you have been provided with “skeleton” code as part of a project, in which case you should clearly attribute the code in comments, e.g.:

```
#####  
# The following block of code was taken from the skeleton  
# code provided by Kat Vylomova  
:  
:  
# End of provided skeleton code  
#####
```

Academic Honesty III

- Common causes of breaches in the past have been:
 - friends asking to look over your code to “get hints” for their own project
 - flatmates accessing your code via a shared computer with saved login details
 - study groups where the facilitator has overstepped the line and provided sample code to help people along
 - students posting coding online for feedback from others
 - students posting questions to programming forums to source answers directly

Academic Honesty IV

- Common attempts to escape undetected are:
 - changing the comments but not the code
 - changing variable names
 - rearranging blocks of code (sometimes breaking the logic in the process!)
- It is all too easy to automatically pick up on all of these, and many, many more, approaches using software plagiarism detection software ... and we **do** check

Sobering Statistics

- In 2018, meetings were held with 162 students relating to concerns over Academic Honesty
- Attempts at plagiarism get caught, and lead to un-fun academic honesty hearings
- Don't fall into any traps, and don't let your friends make a mistake
- Never share any **examinable** code with your fellow students (not on the forums, not via email, not via shared machines, ...)

So What *is* Appropriate?

- You are encouraged to share/collaborate directly on code for any non-examinable items (notably the tutesheet questions and the practice project) ... and you will learn a lot from reading the code of others (including the sample solutions in the worksheets)
- You are very welcome to discuss with fellow classmates your *approach* to worksheet questions and the projects, in conceptual terms, or in terms of key data types or programming constructs used (just **not** with the aid of raw code)

More References

- For further information, please see the university's **Academic Integrity** website
- Check **CIS Academic Honesty Training on the LMS**