Plagiarism Scope

In general, taking code or work that you did not come up with on your own and using it as if it were your own original work is considered **plagiarism**.

So, **any high similarity detected** between your work and any other source **will not be tolerated** in this course, and **you will not get any grades** for your work in this case even if you understand every part of this work.

<u>**The following are some examples of cases that are NOT acceptable:**</u>

➢ Using **chatbots** (like ChatGPT, Copilot, etc.) to generate the entire code or parts of it, then **taking the generated code as it is (or with minor changes)** to be your solution to the assignment (even if you read and understood the generated code).

➢ Watching a **video** to understand the code, and following it step by step by **writing the same code** in the video, then **submitting it as your own** work.

➢ **Copying code or parts** of the code from **any source** (GitHub, a tutorial, another team, and so on).

➢ Having your **code** be **very similar** (or even identical) **to another team's code**, and arguing that you do not know the reason for the high similarity.

➢ **Sharing your code** online or with other teams (before the assignment's deadline) to help them understand or get some ideas from your code. *This almost always ends with a problem.*

➢ **Submitting code that is not yours by accident**.

➢ Working as a member in a certain team for a while and then **deciding to join a different team** a few days before the assignment's deadline. *This would really imply that you did not work on the assignment.*

➢ **Failing to answer questions** or explain why certain parts of the code have been written that way during the discussion.

Please note that plagiarism ("cheating") is decided based upon the results of a cheating detection tool or by the TA, therefore no arguments are allowed regarding the cheating cases.

It is important to remember that it is always acceptable to read from a source to understand, watch a video or ask a chatbot or a friend to help clarify something, and so on, as long as you go and write the code yourself with your own style and interpretation based on what you understand.