

What does Collaboration mean in a Computer Science class?

Welcome to this CS class! You will be turning in source code for many of your homework assignments. In this class you will be asked to work individually on some assignments, and in pairs or groups for others. Even when you are working individually, you can seek assistance from your peers, but you must follow some simple steps to avoid academic dishonesty. ***In general, if you do your own work, you have nothing to worry about!*** You are allowed to get assistance from others in the class and use documents on the Internet as long as you document your collaboration. This document outlines some examples of what is allowed as “collaboration”, and what is not allowed, and is considered copying, or cheating!

Please read each item and initial at the end after you understand it. If you have any questions, please ask your instructor before initialing.

Non-Coding Assignments:

Unless specifically identified as group work; quizzes, tests, take-home-tests, individual homeworks, etc. are to be completed alone. ____

Collaboration on Individual Homework Assignments:

You are allowed to work on the assignment alone without outside help. ____

You are allowed to ask your classmates questions about how they did the assignment, as long as you list the students you collaborated with in your collaboration statement at the top of your program. ____

You may tell your classmates how to solve the problem, using pictures and diagrams, or words, but *do not show them more than a line or two of your code or dictate your code out loud.* ____

You are allowed to look up how to solve the problem using the Internet, as long as you list the URL of each resource you used in your collaboration statement at the top of your assignment. Any code that was copied from the Internet must be documented in your homework assignment with comments. ____

You are allowed to show parts of your code that are not working to other students, for the purpose of receiving help in fixing your code. If you suspect somebody wants to see your code so that they can copy the code line for line, don't show them your code! Instead, tell them how to solve the problem using pictures, diagrams, or words that don't include source code. ____

You are allowed (and encouraged) to sit with other students while solving the problems, *as long as they can **not** see your screen, and you can **not** see their screen, all the time.* We suggest sitting facing each other, so you can't see each other's screens. (An inadvertent glance as you walk by to get a drink of water isn't typically a problem.) ____

DO NOT give a copy of your code, or a portion of your code to another student. Do not email your code, IM your code, or share your code. If they turn in the same code as you, you both will be held responsible for violating the honor code. ____

DO NOT allow another student to look at your code for the purpose of copying it into their assignment. (You may show your code to another student solely for the purpose of getting help from them in debugging your code.) ____

DO NOT allow another student to know your t-square password. In addition to being a violation of the O.I.T. Computer & Network Usage and Security Policy (CNUSP), this would allow the other student to download YOUR homework, and re-submit it as their own! ____

Group/Pair Assignments

When you are assigned to work as a pair with a partner, or in a group with three or more members, each group is considered an "individual" with respect to the "Individual Assignments" guidelines above. You may freely work together with your partner/group, but must follow standard collaboration rules with members of other pairs/groups.

When working in a pair/group, you may write one piece of identical code that all members turn into t-square. Include the names of all group members at the top of the code. ____

All group members may see and work on the code simultaneously, and you may discuss the code freely with each other. ____

If your group can not figure out how to solve a problem, you may ask members of other groups for help, *but you may not look at more than a small section of their code.* ____

If you are helping a member of another group, you may tell your classmates how to solve the problem, using pictures and diagrams, or words without showing them your source code. ____

DO NOT give a copy of your groups' code, or a portion of your code to another student. Do not email your code, IM your code, or share your code. If another group turns in the same code as you, *all members of both groups* will be held responsible for violating the honor code. ____

By signing below, I commit to uphold the ideals of honor and integrity by refusing to betray the trust bestowed upon me as a member of the Georgia Tech community.

Name: _____ **GT ID:** _____

Signature: _____

More Resources:

You may find more information about the Georgia Tech Honor Code at the following URLs:

GaTech Honor Advisory Council - <http://honor.gatech.edu/>

Office of Student Integrity - <http://www.osi.gatech.edu/>