Code/Model Plagiarism (1 of 2)

- What is NOT ok?
  - Copying a previous student's models and changing the filename (to avoid detection)
  - Copying a previous student's code and
    - doing find/replace so the variable/ function names are different
    - Just adding more comments to the original code
    - Minor reordering of code blocks to try to avoid detection
- Detection
  - Turnitin on code submissions is easy to get around
  - However, I have several Matlab scripts, Excel macros and other tools to compare files and to find big patches of code similarity
  - Also, I have run the subject from inception, and the tutors Jonathan and Sheila have been involved from the start too
  - The combination of identical files and code which overlaps (without any fundamental IP addition) plus a difficulty explaining pieces of code, makes plagiarism detection and misconduct proceedings straightforward (but emotionally draining for everyone)
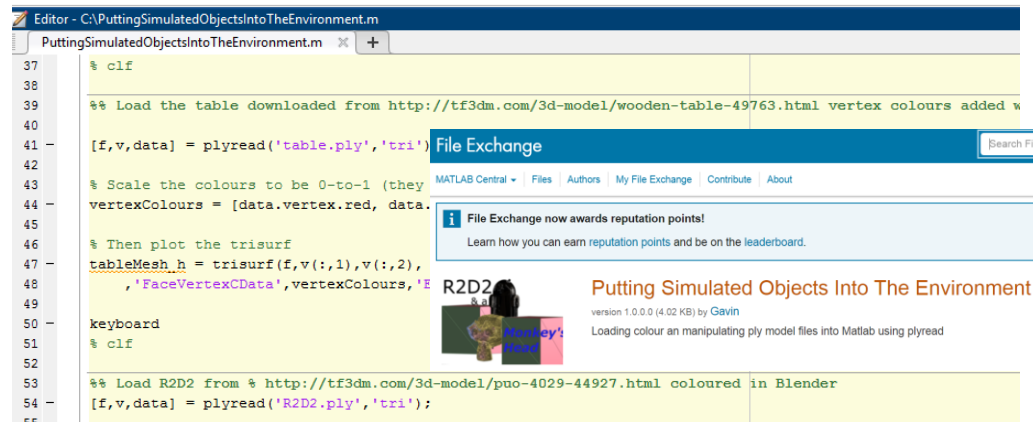- We care about the subject integrity and learning outcomes!!
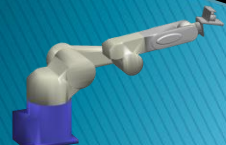
Code/Model Plagiarism (2 of 2)

- What is ok?
  - Write your own code from scratch
  - Tell us clearly in the demo that you got someone else's model/code and don't want to be marked on it, but you included it for some reason (e.g. safety)
  - Use our subject's, toolbox's (or an internet source's) code/models with clear reference to it

Let's do better in future!