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Portfolio Ethics Essay Assignment
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Submission of portfolio Ethics Essay via Canvas

Write an essay on ethics of reusing the same academic project/work for credit in 2 different places. For software, usually software reuse is a good thing. Think of an instance where software reuse (you are the author) may create ethical dilemmas in a realistic work environment.

I believe that reusing work done in other projects or classes should not be a violation of ethics. If you code something, you should have the freedom to use it in all your work. If this became a serious issue of work being done multiple times in the different classes, I would consider it a failure of the curriculum for not encouraging or requiring a different approach.

In a real work environment, the immediate issue that comes to mind is the legality of intellectual property. This doesn't have to deal with ethics however. Something very possible to do on accident is not giving credit to team members. If you worked on one team in a company and later switched to another, any work that was contributed by other members needs to be noted. It would not be fair to someone who assisted you in any way if you took sole credit. It is a part of the IEEE code of ethics (#7) to properly credit contributions to others.