

# Our Code of Conduct

METU Computer Club

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## Introduction

Our code of conduct reflects our key values and aims to underline some rules we deem necessary to maintain an inclusive safe space for our members of our student club. In our student club, we try to avoid enforcing a strict set of rules in an authoritarian manner; however, our past experiences have shown that a bare minimum set of rules are required for the good of our club and its members. Therefore, all members of Computer Club (cclub for short) are required to read this document thoroughly and comply with our code of conduct.

If you have any questions or recommendations regarding our code of conduct, please feel free to contact any board of directors or board of advisors member. Keep in mind that this document might (and probably will) be subject to additions to cover a wider array of topics.

## Praise Coexistence!

### Who can join cclub?

cclub welcomes any student who is fascinated by computer science and engineering, or technology, in general. Students from any department can join cclub and the members are not expected to have any knowledge of nor experience in any related topic at all. Please note that cclub is a technical community of students united by their love for computers, and you don't need to meet a certain criterion to be a part of this community.

### **Accept people as they are. Be mindful of those around you.**

Always keep in mind that we do have members from different backgrounds. Avoid making statements that may offend other members or make them feel threatened and do not discriminate against any member based on their ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, body size, or the group, class, or category to which they are perceived to belong.

We value freedom of speech only to the extent it does not cause any harm to anyone physically nor psychologically. Dark humor or other kinds of potentially offensive statements are to be made only if you are **absolutely sure** that no

member will feel discriminated against. It is always a good practice to get to know everyone before making *risky* jokes, i.e. refrain from offending members proactively. A reactive approach depending on the feedbacks from others is not that good of an idea since you would have already offended some members, and some offended members might just don't want to out themselves in such cases.

## **Respect The Rules of the Club Room.**

cclub has a club room in the department of computer engineering building. Our members can use that room to study, socialize, or have a quick rest between two classes. To keep our club room nice and tidy, and let our members fully benefit from our club room, we have some rules. Essentially, there are three rules from which the others are derived:

1. Do not disrupt or disturb other members in the room.
2. Do not disrupt or disturb other people outside the room.
3. Keep the room nice and clean.

There is a more comprehensive yet still incomplete list of club room rules available.

## **Maintain Academic Integrity.**

cclub condemns academic dishonesty and should never be a mean to a dishonest end. Therefore, we strictly forbid using cclub as a medium for cheating. If you are having problems with your homeworks and looking for someone to do your homework, this is not the place to seek for that kind of help.