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HW01

Problem 1:

Students are allowed to work together because it allows students to gain different approaches to difficult problems. Working together is not academically dishonest because sometimes solutions can only be obtained through the meshing of different ideas.

Problem 2:

It's important to struggle with a problem I can't solve quickly because it happens all the time. Being able to be patient and really use all the resources available to me is a necessary skill that will be useful, not just in CS, but in other classes as well.

Problem 3:

It's plagiarism to copy write-ups because it's not your own work. You're stealing someone else's work and claiming as though you understood the material. It's also wrong to share your work because of the risk of the receiver to steal your work. A collaboration that is academically honest would be discussing the different ways of implementing an algorithm using Java with other students and then using the extra insight you gained from the discussion to code the algorithm. A collaboration that is dishonest would be one person writing all the code and then everyone else copies it and submits it as their own.

Problem 4:

It's academically dishonest to share your solution with another student because you're giving another student the opportunity to cheat and you can even get backstabbed by the receiving student, since he/she can claim that you were the one who plagiarized.

Problem 5:

Copying solutions from the web or another source is plagiarism even if you cite the source because it's no different from copying the write-up of another student and giving credit to his/her name.

Problem 6:

It is better to leave a question blank, rather than search for answers on the web because if that were the case, then you really didn't understand the question or the concepts required to do the problem. Sure, you may get credit for the homework question, but it discourages you to actually understand how to do the question, so when the final comes around, you're screwed since it's worth a large chunk of your grade.

Problem 7:

It's an incredible risk because you will get fired, humiliate the company by branding them as plagiarizers, and risk the company getting sued. You may also have a hard time finding a job, since the act of plagiarism would go on your record.

Problem 8:

There is a problem set on academic honesty because there are many grey areas that may not be clear to a student of what academic honesty is and you wouldn't want a student to plagiarize and then come up with the lame excuse of "I didn't know it was plagiarism." Also, it would be a nice starting point to get us familiar with LaTeX.

Problem 9:

This took around two hours because I spent the first hour poking around your honesty.tex file to figure out what certain things did and the next hour answering the questions. I was also distracted by the demon that told me to check my Facebook.