CS 0060 Collaboration Policy

Introduction

Brown University has an Academic Code that all students are expected to follow in order to uphold academic integrity in the university. Code violations may be penalized by reprimands, loss of credit, or suspension/dismissal. [The Academic Code can be found here](#) if you'd like to read more information about this.

We take academic honesty seriously in this class and we expect that you will too. Please contact the HTAs or the professor if you have any questions about this, or the rest of the contents of this document.

Homeworks

You may discuss any assignment with any student in the class. However, you may not take away any written notes, diagrams, or code from joint work sessions. E-mails and text conversations constitute "notes", so make sure that any collaboration is done in person or over the phone.

If you participate in a joint work session and use a whiteboard, make sure to **erase** the whiteboard before you leave.

While discussion of assignments and materials is allowed, all code or writing that you hand in should be your own work. MOSS (our system for cheating detection) is very good at detecting plagiarism. Don't expect to be the exception that it doesn't catch.

Exams

In advance of each exam, you will be allowed to create an 8.5" x 11" cheat sheet with any material from the course that you'd like. You may use both sides of the page, and the cheat sheet must be handwritten. The cheat sheet should be entirely your own work; you may discuss the material for this cheat sheet with other students, but as with homeworks, you may not take written notes away from the discussion. If you have a specific reason for needing to type instead of handwrite, please e-mail the professor.

During exams, all collaboration is prohibited.

Final Project

The final project will be completed in groups of 3. You may collaborate freely with all of the members in your group. In fact, we expect you to fully understand all of the code handed in with your project, regardless of whether or not you wrote it.

You may not collaborate with members of other groups beyond general questions about material covered in class.

Recitations

Recitations are optional and meant to enhance your understanding of course material. While we encourage you to complete every recitation on your own, all collaboration is permitted.

Piazza

We use an online academic forum called Piazza to post clarifications, make announcements, and answer student questions. You're encouraged to ask questions and answer questions of fellow students. Just as in TA hours, you should not be sharing answers, posting code relevant to the problems, providing descriptions of how to implement something, or giving solutions. If you think your post may contain sensitive information, make your post private to the course staff.