Purpose

As TAs, our central purpose is to help students learn! To align with this goal, we will continue running **collaboration hours**: a space for students to work with one another under TA supervision. In hours, TAs will be offering both conceptual and debugging help. In addition, we also intend collaboration hours to help students further develop their communication and teamwork skills that will be essential to them in their future careers.

TAs are here to:

1. Facilitate student collaboration
2. Solidify and clarify students' conceptual understanding
3. Help students develop debugging skills

Collaboration Hours

Guidelines for Students:

- **Code Viewing:** Students <u>are</u> allowed to view each other's code and computers

- **Coding Restrictions:** Students **<u>are NOT</u>** allowed to type on each other's keyboards or implement code for other students (including on paper or whiteboard)

- **Discussion:** Students <u>are</u> allowed to (and are encouraged to) speak freely about the projects and code. Note:

  - While students are allowed to talk about their implementation, they should be **EXPLAINING** their thought process and walking through **WHY** they've written something

  - An example of an insufficient explanation: "I did x, y, and z and then it worked". Please feel free to talk to a TA to understand why something works!