Academic integrity contract

ECE 36400 Software Engineering Tools Lab - Fall 2018

Cheating hurts everyone.

- Cheating destroys fairness for others.
- Cheating once makes it easier to cheat again… and again… and again.
- Cheating makes others begin to view cheating as normal, and even necessary for success.
- Cheating causes the student's transcript to contain false information about their achievements.
- Cheating erodes the value of all Purdue credentials to employers and grad school admission committees.
- Cheating brings strict penalties to those who assist (e.g., share code)—as well as the person who cheats.
- Cheating undermines the value of a college education.

I will not cheat.

- I will not collaborate[1] with anyone on *writing* my code.
  - [1] Discussing high-level "strategies" using natural conversation is a "gray area". (See the syllabus.)
- I will not copy[2] any amount of code—even a single line—from another student's code, the web, a book, an unauthorized network location or any other unauthorized source[3] (as defined in the syllabus).
  - [2] Copying and then modifying—e.g., to "personalize" or "adapt"—is still copying, and is strictly prohibited.
  - [3] Copying code that *you wrote* in the past is allowed. This only applies to the portion that you wrote. You may not use any portion that includes was derived from class starter code, snippets from the web, or any other student's code.
- I will not ask for or receive assistance from others on exams.
- I will not access or—attempt to access—solutions, other students' code, test cases, or exams by unauthorized means.
- I will not alter or affect—or attempt to alter or affect—to grades, submission timestamps, submission contents, or anything else that might affect grades.

I will not help others cheat.

- I will not support any other student's attempts to cheat (as defined above), whether through direct assistance (helping them) or willful negligence (deliberately exposing my code).
- I will not share my code with anybody (except ECE 36400 course staff), directly or indirectly, during or after the semester.
- I will not allow any other student to copy my code (by looking at it, copy-paste, copying files, or by any other method).
- I will not leave code unattended in any form (e.g., computer screen, printouts, etc.).
- I will not post my code online (e.g., home page, GitHub, etc.), during or after the semester.

I understand how this will enforced.

- I understand that full penalties will be applied for the first offense—no warnings. (Think of this contract as your warning.)
- I understand that penalties may be applied at any time cheating is discovered.
- I understand that cheating will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and penalized by…
  - … reducing the score to zero for very minor instances (e.g., copying 1-3 lines of code from the web for a prelab).
  - … reducing the course grade to "F" for all other instances.
- I understand that my code may be analyzed using detection software[4], manual analysis, and/or other methods.
  - [4] We do not penalize chance similarity. Each suspected case is examined by hand, with additional evidence, if needed.
- I understand that *attempts* to cheat will be penalized the same as successful cheating.
- I understand that helping another student cheat will be penalized the same as cheating myself.

Name

Signature

Date

Purdue login

ECE 364 login