

CompSci 516  
Data Intensive Computing Systems

Honor Code  
and  
Policy for Assignments

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# From Lecture 1 and the course webpage

- Read the honor code from <http://integrity.duke.edu> and guidelines for handling academic misconduct [https://gradschool.duke.edu/sites/default/files/documents/dgs\\_manual\\_ch13.pdf](https://gradschool.duke.edu/sites/default/files/documents/dgs_manual_ch13.pdf)
- Any suspected case of violation of honor code will be pursued aggressively by the course staff and will be handled through official university channels
- You **MUST** submit your own solutions for homeworks and exams
  - You are encouraged to discuss course material with other students
  - If you have confusions regarding a homework question, ask on Piazza (as a public question if possible)
- **If you are not sure whether something is allowed, ASK!**

# Collaboration is not allowed

- No collaboration is allowed for any problem in any homework (and exam)
- Any coding or other type of problems must be solved by each student individually
- From HW2 onward, you will submit a statement with each HW certifying that you have solved the problems on your own
  - The form will be posted on Sakai (under HomeworkResources)
  - In accordance with the guidance of maintaining honor code by the university
  - To prevent any confusion and violation of course policy in the future

# What is allowed/not allowed

- Can I discuss the course material (lecture slides, book chapters, any concept) with other students to understand the material better?
- YES, you are encouraged to do so

# What is allowed/not allowed

- Can I ask/discuss with other students what a question in a homework asks for?
- YES
- but you must be careful not to discuss the solutions
- Better to ask the course staff on piazza, where students are welcome to participate

# What is allowed/not allowed

- Can I show my solution to homework/exam question to other students in the class in order to help them?
- **NO**
- **If another student has the same/a very similar answer both of you will be responsible**
  - We are aware that some questions will have a unique/similar solutions even if you solve it individually, they are fine
  - Change in variable names does not count as a new solution

# What is allowed/not allowed

- Can I see the solution of homework/exam questions from another students in the class?
- Can I discuss my solution to a homework question with another student?
- **NO**, not before the homeworks have been submitted by both of you (and won't be changed further)
- You can discuss your solutions after the final submission of the homeworks (i.e. after the deadline is past), and also after they have been graded to understand different ways of solving a problem

# What is allowed/not allowed

- Can we solve one or more homework questions in a group and figure out the solution together?
- NO
- Every student has to solve the problems individually on his/her own



# What is allowed/not allowed

- Can I search for solutions on the Internet or other sources of a Homework problem?
- **NO**
- You can look at similar lecture notes from different universities/MOOC in order to understand the material better
  - but never search for or copy solutions from the Internet for a homework problem

# How will be a violation handled

- **\*\*Any\*\*** suspected case of violation of honor code will be pursued aggressively by the course staff and **handled through official university channel**
- Strict measures will be taken according to the guidelines for student conduct
- You can read this document:
- [https://gradschool.duke.edu/sites/default/files/documents/dgs\\_manual\\_ch13.pdf](https://gradschool.duke.edu/sites/default/files/documents/dgs_manual_ch13.pdf)

# What if it is not clear whether something is allowed?

- Ask the instructor
- **DO NOT** assume anything

# What if I need help?

- The course staff will be more than happy to help you in all possible ways for the course
  - as fast as possible
  - to help you understand the material
  - to help you understand the problems asked in homework
  - any other help you need (e.g. accommodate special requests for extensions in special circumstances)
  - however, we will also ensure that fairness is preserved and no one is getting any undue advantage
- You only need to ask on Piazza (public/private question), or contact the course staff in office hours or other one-one meetings as scheduled by appointments
- But you are responsible to make every effort to learn the material to the best of your ability, and answer the homework/exam questions following the policy of this course