

CS 201: Fundamental Structures of Computer Science I --- Fall 2009

HONOR CODE STATEMENT

In the Computer Engineering Department at Bilkent, we take the academic integrity on homework assignments very seriously and expect you to take it seriously too. The aim of this document is to make our expectations as clear as possible to prevent possible academic integrity violations.

Students naturally want to work together and get help from others when they struggle. We believe that you learn a great deal by doing so. However, you should be careful not to violate the academic integrity. In response to this, the following rules will be in force for homework assignments in CS 201:

- You are allowed to discuss with your classmates in finding strategies for problem solving and debugging, but NOT in writing your codes. In other words, you may not discuss with your classmates how to solve the problem using C++ (either actual C++ code or the pseudocode).
- All work on assignments must be done individually. You may not copy code in whole or in part from someone else. You may not share your code. You may not discuss your solution with others in detail (line-by-line or loop-by-loop).
- If you need detailed help, ask your instructor or TAs. Rather than your instructor or TAs, you may not receive detailed help on your code from individuals or a book or the Internet. Likewise, you may not hire a tutor to get your homework done.
- You may not show your code to others as a means of helping them. Sometimes, very good students provide their code (sometimes "just a peek" at their code) or detailed help to struggling students for helping them. However, such good intentions often turn into the violation of the academic integrity. If you have such struggling friends, direct them to the instructor or TAs.
- You may not leave your code in publicly accessible areas. You may not share computers in any way. If you work in a public lab, delete all files related to the assignment when you leave; do not forget to empty the recycle bin. You may not use others' storage devices (others' CDs, USBs, etc) to save your work.
- You may not leave any printouts lying around anywhere and you may not dispose them in public trash cans until your assignment has been graded.
- You may not rely on the assumptions regarding this issue (experience of your friends or your experience in other courses). If you have any questions, ask them to the instructor. Similarly, if any of these rules is not clear for you, ask what they mean to the instructor.

In this course, we use an automatic code comparison tool to help spot assignments that have been submitted in violation of these rules. It takes all assignments from all sections and compares them. By making use of its results, we check similar pairs of assignments ourselves carefully and make our own judgment. *Students caught cheating on assignments will be subject to disciplinary action.* Do not forget that it is much easier to explain a poor grade to others than to explain a cheating conviction.

As a student at Bilkent University, I have read this document and I understand my responsibilities.

Name: _____

Student id: _____

Signature: _____