Avoiding Academic Dishonesty in Computer Science & Engineering

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What is Academic Dishonesty?

- Failure to abide by the University Senate Policy on Academic Honesty

- Resources:
  - Department of Computer Science & Engineering Academic Honesty Guidelines
    http://www.cse.yorku.ca/admin/coscOnAcadHonesty.html
  - Senate Policy on Academic Honesty
    http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69

Copying

- Copying another person's answer to an examination question
  For example:
  - Looking at another person's paper test
  - Looking at another person's computer screen

Consulting

- Consulting an unauthorized source during an examination
  For example:
  - Reading your notes or textbook during a closed-book test or exam
  - Browsing the Internet during a test or exam
  - Listening to music (e.g., MP3 player) during a test or exam
  - Using your cell phone during a test or exam

Disrupting

- Disruption of an academic evaluation by any means
  For example:
  - Letting your cell phone ring during a test or exam
  - Talking during a test or exam
  - Issuing threats or pulling the fire alarm
  - Hindering the operation of workstations during a labtest

Collaborating

- Submitting work prepared in whole or in part by another person and representing that work as one's own
  For example:
  - Communicating **in any way** with another student during a test or exam
  - Submitting code obtained from the Internet or from someone who previously took the course
  - **Sharing code for a programming assignment**

Enabling

- Taking any action which can reasonably be interpreted as intending to encourage or enable others to commit an offence of academic honesty
  For example:
  – Revealing the content of a test to a student before he/she writes the test
  – Positioning your monitor so that another student can see it during a labtest
  – **Showing your code to another person**

Why do it?

- I only need good grades to succeed
    - Employers test *knowledge and skills* in interviews
- I won't get caught
    - Copied code is easy to spot, especially by a good TA
- I don't have enough time
    - YorkU Learning Skills Services for time management
      http://www.yorku.ca/cds/lss/skillbuilding.html

Sources: http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/acad_int/why.html
         http://www.examiner.com/article/5-reasons-why-students-cheat-school

Why do it?

- I don't know the answer
  - Instructors, TAs, and other course resources are there to help – use them!

- I didn't know it was cheating
  - This presentation solves that ☺

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DOs and DON'Ts in CSE

- DO feel free to learn, study, and discuss course topics in a study group or with other individuals
- DON'T communicate with other students during a test or exam

- DO cite references used in your assignments (other than the course text and lecture notes)
- DON'T share code your with other students

Assigned Work

- Read the following documents:
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- Complete the "Academic Honesty" agreement
- Return the form to your instructor

Thank You