

Plagiarism

- For all “homework” for this course, the code you turn in must be entirely your own work. Any suspicion of violation of this policy will result in:
 1. Minimally, a grade of zero on assignment for all involved (copiers & source)
 2. A *Report of Academic Dishonesty*, which is attached to the student’s permanent file in the Dean of Students Office. For more information, see:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/academic/AcademicHonestyPoliciesandProcedures.shtml>

- You may discuss with others, what the problem is, how to solve it, specific Java techniques.
- You may not print your code for someone else nor write any portion of someone else’s code. Nor, may ask someone to do either of these things. You may not possess any portion of someone else’s code either printed or electronic.
- Coding should be an individual activity.

Gray Areas

- “Working on an assignment together.” As stated previously, it is OK to discuss the analysis and design of an assignment. However, sitting side-by-side writing code together is pushing things. The problem is, once you start coding, and with the pressure of a deadline, it is hard to go back to “discussing” the problem. It is just so easy, and natural, to look at someone else’s screen and “see how they did it.” Now, that is not, necessarily, a problem, but it is all too easy to simply copy someone else’s code in that situation which is a violation. Thus, I encourage you to make coding an individual activity so that you don’t end up doing something you regret.
- “Helping someone debug their code.” If it is a compile error, help away. If it is a logic error, be careful. If you are willing to look at their code and then describe why there is an error and a solution, without writing code, then this is probably OK. If someone has many logic errors, you may help them with 1 or 2, as described above.
- “Using a bulletin board.” You may not place a homework problem, or substantial portion of, on a bulletin board soliciting solutions. You may ask a specific question about the usage of Java, though I don’t encourage this (figure it out yourself through experimentation, discuss with a fellow student, or me).