

Academic Integrity
*Cryptographic Hardware for
Embedded Systems
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A Word on Academic Integrity

- Where is “the line” in doing assignments?
- DO:
 - Talk about the course concepts with your classmates
 - Discuss the homework concepts with your classmates to clarify conceptual misunderstandings
- DO NOT:
 - Work “together” to solve an assignment
 - Turn in identical papers
 - “Share” any computer code (including both C/C++ and VHDL) or other lab executable (e.g., a bitstream)
- ANY VIOLATION WILL BE REFERRED TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Plagiarism

- Merriam-Webster defines plagiarism as “the act of using another person's words or ideas without giving credit to that person”
- You may not quote any lectures word for word to answer a homework or exam question
- You may not quote a homework solution to answer an exam question (you will be allowed to bring posted homework solutions to each exam – but all answers to exam questions must be in your own words, you are not allowed to put quotes of others, including from lectures or homeworks)

GT Honor Code

- <https://osi.gatech.edu/students/honor-code/>
- Academic misconduct includes but need not be limited to the following:
 - Possessing, using or exchanging improperly acquired written or verbal information in the preparation of any essay, laboratory report, examination, or other assignment included in an academic course;
 - Substitution for, or unauthorized collaboration with, a Student in the commission of academic requirements;
 - Submission of material that is wholly or substantially identical to that created or published by another person or person, without adequate credit notations indicating authorship (plagiarism);
 - False claims of performance or work that has been submitted by the claimant;
 - Alteration or insertion of any academic grade or rating so as to obtain unearned academic credit;
 - Deliberate falsification of a written or verbal statement of fact to a member of the Faculty so as to obtain unearned academic credit;
 - Forgery, alteration or misuse of any Institute document relating to the academic status of the Student.

Code Checkers/Online Help/AI/ChatGPT

- The overall policy is that the use of automated help programs, including but not limited to Artificial Intelligence (AI) software, is not allowed in this course
- However, Prof. Mooney is willing to consider some “pilot” use cases if asked in advance, e.g., some students appear to use ChatGPT as a spell check or grammar assist
- Please discuss with Prof. Mooney in advance; if allowed, a special email for you will be generated specifying the agreement