Academic Integrity at the School of Computer Science

The School of Computer Science and the University of Auckland value providing the best possible learning experience to our students. Maintaining academic integrity is central to maximising this learning experience as well as to upholding the values we collectively stand for.

While we encourage you to work with each other discussing concepts and engaging in group learning activities, we require the work you do for assessed coursework to be your own. All coursework is there to enhance learning, so if you submit work that you did not complete yourself, you are cheating yourself of a learning opportunity and de-value your degree for your classmates and yourself.

When you are working on an assignment, it is acceptable to get help from our staff and our tutors. You can also discuss the assignment and methods of solution with other students.

However, you must NOT

- use all or part of another student’s solution to the assignment. Changing variable names or substituting words in a sentence does not make it your solution.
- allow someone else to complete all or part of the assignment for you
- solicit answers for the assignment on contract-cheating websites such as Chegg.com
- use code from Internet sources such as StackOverflow. You are encouraged to learn from Internet sources, but you need to come up with your own implementation of the code to show your learning. Where this is not possible, you must clearly acknowledge the source in a comment directly above the code snippet you copied.
- allow another student to copy all or part of your solution the assignment
- do all or part of an assignment for someone else
- share code that can lead to the solution of an assignment
- post the assignment anywhere online or share it with anyone else. The assignment material is copyrighted and sharing or posting them online violates our copyright.
- post your solution online on public websites. Your online solutions will encourage other students to copy your solution. Private GitHub repositories and other private online storage drives are acceptable, and you can also share your solution privately with prospective employers.
- reuse your own work unless discussed otherwise with the lecturer.

When you are working on an online quiz, test or examination, all of the above rules equally apply. However, you are not allowed to discuss the quiz, test or examination and methods of solution with other students at any time during the quiz, test or examination until after grades have been posted.