

CS314 Pledge on AI use and Understanding of Assignment Requirements

Full Name (please print clearly): _____

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CS314 is a foundational class. The use of AI on assignments, quizzes, and exams is strictly prohibited. Assignments have a low point value, but completing the assignments is where a large part of your learning shall take place. You must understand the assignment requirements and the penalties imposed if you chose to ignore them.

If you have questions about any part of this policy, please contact Professor Scott in person at help hours, via email at scottm@cs.utexas.edu or post a question to the CS314 Ed discussion site.

In the past several years cheating in CS314 has skyrocketed from 2% to 3% of the students in the course to more than 10%. The increase is due to the availability of AI tools. (e.g. ChatGPT, Copilot, Perplexity, Claude, etc.) **Therefore**, to ensure academic integrity and a fair and consistent learning environment, please read, **think about**, understand, initial, and sign this form. Your programming assignment grades will remain at zero until this form is completed and submitted directly to Professor Scott.

Acknowledgments. Initial each of the four statements below on the lines below to indicate you understand and agree to the restrictions on the use of generative AI tools in CS314.

1. _____ I understand that **AI tools such as chatbots or agentic AI shall not be used** for any portion of any programming assignment, quizzes, and exams in Professor Scott's CS314. This includes solution code, debugging, test code, experimental code, and written analysis and commentary. I understand I am not allowed to use an **AI coding assistant**, such as Copilot., in the IDE I use
2. _____ I pledge **not to use generative or agentic AI tools or AI coding assist tools in my IDE** to create, assist with, or evaluate any part of programming assignments, quizzes, and exam in Professor Scott's CS314.
3. _____ I understand that **using AI tools in violation of course policy** is academic dishonesty. If I violate this policy, a formal report will be filed with the University of Texas Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity. Suggested academic penalties will include a **zero on the assignment** and, at a minimum, a **one full letter grade reduction in the final course grade**. Additional university-level penalties may also apply.
4. _____ I understand that I **may use AI tools** to support my learning outside of programming assignments. This includes asking conceptual questions (e.g., "What is an instance variable?"), studying for exams, and analyzing my own code **after the final submission deadline** of an assignment has passed.
5. _____ **Automatic Zero on an Assignment: (Hopefully I have your attention.)** If you disregard any of the following requirements on your programming assignments the assignment grade shall be a 0. If the programming assignment you turn in has any of the following properties, the grade shall be a 0. The instructor shall have final say.
 - use of functional programming or lambdas on solution, testing, or experiment code
 - complex algorithm or technique not covered in CS312 and / or CS314 without proper explanation and / or citation
 - unnecessary methods without explanation
 - complex approach without appropriate, detailed commentary
 - disregard or violation of other requirements specific to the assignment

Signature: _____

Date: _____