

CS314 Acknowledgement of Proper and Improper Use of Generative AI

Full Name (please print clearly): _____

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Use of generative AI tools is strictly prohibited on all programming assignments in CS314. Violations shall result in severe academic penalties.

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.

Background and Motivation: The purpose of CS314 is for **you** to learn how to **independently** create and implement solutions in the form of computer programs to nontrivial problems using the Java programming language and canonical data structures.

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 generative 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 line _____.

1. _____ I understand that **generative AI tools may not be used** for any portion of any programming assignment in Professor Scott's CS314. This includes solution code, debugging, test code, experimental code, and written analysis or commentary—both in initial submissions and resubmissions.

2. _____ I agree **not to use generative AI tools** to create, assist with, or evaluate any part of programming assignments in Professor Scott's CS314.

3. _____ I understand that **using generative 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 generative 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, review of section problems and analyzing my own code **after the final resubmission deadline** of an assignment has passed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____