ProjektIT Honor Code

The purpose of an honor code in this course is to make it clear how you may use other people’s work in this course. This is important because unlike most courses you have taken, this course explicitly involves finding and using the right tools for the job. The basic principle is that you are allowed to use whatever tools and frameworks you like as long as you give appropriate credit, but you should use them to build your own solution, and not as a pre-packaged turnkey solution. The reason for this is that using a pre-packaged turnkey solution will teach you very little and does not allow you to demonstrate technical competence. If you have any questions about this please contact the teaching staff.

Failure to meet up to the honor code, whether as a result of an intentional violation or not, will be dealt with through the appropriate University channels and may directly impact your grade. The teaching staff is committed to taking the honor code seriously and will follow up on any inappropriate activity.

Here are a few more points that you should abide by.

- **Students may not copy, use, or consult work from previous iterations or projects in this course.** This means that if you are searching for something online and you come across another year’s project you must not use, copy, or even consult that material. We want you to develop your own insights and solutions to problems.

- **Students must give full credit for the use of other people’s work.** This includes, but is not limited to, libraries, source code, algorithms, descriptions, images, and research results. To give credit you must clearly mark the portion which is not your own (whether it is verbatim copied code or an algorithm you did not develop) with the reference. This should be done in source code, presentations, and written documents. Please use common sense here. We do not need you citing an algorithms textbook every time you do a sort, but if you find and use something interesting then you should cite it. If in doubt cite too much.

- **Students must respect the management structure and decisions of the group, and not work against them.** By taking this course you are agreeing to try out a variety of group management structures and we expect that you will do your best to work with them regardless of whether you agree with the final decision.

This list is undoubtedly incomplete and we expect the students to hold themselves to both the spirit and the letter of this document. If you have any doubts about the applicability of this honor code we strongly encourage you to contact us before taking a step that might put you in breach of it.