

The Automated Acceptor and the Honor Code

Each assignment you submit to the Automated Acceptor is subject to the Virginia Tech Honor Code, just as if you had given the assignment to a human for evaluation.

Your Instructor will specify precisely what sources of help are allowed and how much, if any, collaboration with other students is allowed. Be certain you understand and follow the rules set by your Instructor. Ignorance of those rules is not an effective defense before the Virginia Tech Honor Court.

Regardless of the rules set by your Instructor, each of the following is considered a flagrant violation of the Honor Code and will result in a formal charge:

- submitting an assignment written by another student as your own, individual work
- submitting an assignment designed to alter the operation of the Acceptor's archiving mechanism
- submitting an assignment designed to crash or otherwise damage the operation of the Acceptor software or the machine on which it is installed
- editing computer generated output, such as an e-mail message sent by the Acceptor, and presenting that altered version when raising a question relating to your submission
- attempting to access or alter files on the machine on which the Acceptor is installed, whether physically or via a network connection; the sole exceptions would be normal use of *Submit* and if the Acceptor machine is also used as an FTP repository for course-related files

This list is not intended to be comprehensive; resolve any questions you have about these policies with the Instructor of your course.

All submissions to the Automated Acceptor are archived. The assignments submitted to the Acceptor are automatically analyzed for suspicious similarities. When such similarities are found, the assignments involved are compared (by humans) and charges are filed with the Honor Count if the similarities warrant action.

<p>The Honor Code will be strictly enforced by the Instructors and GTAs who use and administer the Automated Acceptor. All assignments submitted shall be considered pledged graded work, unless otherwise noted. All aspects of your work will be covered by the Honor System. Honesty in your academic work will develop into professional integrity. The faculty and students of Virginia Tech will not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty.</p>
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