# cs1120: Course Pledge

This pledge applies to all of cs1120. Please read it carefully before signing. Cross out and remark on any statements you are not willing to agree to. We assume students are honorable without you saying so, but also recognize that explicit reminders are sometimes useful for reducing temptation to behave dishonorably. To reinforce this, all written assignments should be signed "with honor" or "honorificabilitudinitas".

Turn in a printed, signed pledge in class on **Friday, 26 August**.

**I will not lie, cheat or steal.**

**If I am unsure** whether something would be considered lying, cheating or stealing, **I will ask before doing it**. Looking at solutions to assignments from previous cs1120, cs150, and cs200 courses *is* considered cheating, and I will not do it without getting permission first.

**I will do what I can to help my fellow classmates *learn***. Except when specifically instructed not to, this means when other students ask me for help, I will attempt to provide it. I will look at their answers and discuss what I think is good or bad about their answers. I will help others improve their work, but will not give them my answers directly. I will try to teach them what they need to know to discover solutions themselves. I grant the course staff permission to reproduce and distribute excerpts from my submissions for teaching purposes.

**I will ask for help**. I will make a *reasonable effort to do things on my own first* (or with my partners for group assignment), but will ask my classmates or the course staff for help *before* getting overly frustrated.

**I will provide useful feedback.** I realize that cs1120 is an evolving course and it is important that I let the course staff know what they need to improve the course. I will not wait until the end of the course to make the course staff aware of any problems. I will provide feedback either anonymously or by contacting the course staff directly. I will fill out all course evaluation surveys honestly and thoroughly.

If I like the course, **I will help promote it** by telling my friends about it. If I really like the course, I may even tell professors and deans about it. **If I don't like the course, I will make sure the course staff know why.**


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Signature                                                          Date


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Name                                                               Email Id (BIG BLOCK LETTERS)


**Book Pledge**

This part of the pledge is optional, and only applies to students who receive a free printed copy of the course book. Initial up to one of the options below.

_____ I already received a free book. I agree not to resell the book at a profit. I am free to keep the book after the course is over. In the unfortunate event that I decide I don't want to keep the book after the course, I will either give the book to someone who may find it useful, or will return it to the author.

_____ I have not yet received a free book, but I would like one. If I receive a free printed book, I agree not to resell it. I will also provide some useful feedback or publicity to the author. This could be done by posting a review at amazon.com, posting or commenting at Hacker News or some other site, or by sending email with comments or suggestions to the author.