

# Computer and Information Security Ethics Pledge

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In pursuing this course, you will gain knowledge which could be used to compromise production systems or to obtain confidential information without authorization. As Duke students, engineering professionals, and general human beings, you have an ethical responsibility not to abuse this knowledge.

**In order to make this obligation explicit, to receive credit of any kind in this course, you must first agree to the following principles.**

First, you must adhere to the general principles set forth by the International Systems Security Association's [code of ethics](#), i.e. that you will:

- Perform all professional activities and duties in accordance with all applicable laws and the highest ethical principles;
- Promote generally accepted information security current best practices and standards;
- Maintain appropriate confidentiality of proprietary or otherwise sensitive information encountered in the course of professional activities;
- Discharge professional responsibilities with diligence and honesty;
- Refrain from any activities which might constitute a conflict of interest or otherwise damage the reputation of or is detrimental to employers, the information security profession, or the Association; and
- Not intentionally injure or impugn the professional reputation or practice of colleagues, clients, or employers.

Further, with specific regard to this class:

- You will use provided tools and resources only for the assignments provided or for ethical experimentation. You will not use such tools and resources on targets you do not own or have been otherwise been authorized to access.
- If you find any issues with class resources or assignments, you must report them to the instructors immediately.
- If you inadvertently come across confidential information (e.g., a peer's password), you have a duty to disclose this to the instructor and the affected parties so that the vulnerability can be addressed and to destroy such records.

Please print, sign, and turn in this form to indicate your understanding and agreement with the above principles. If you have a concern, question, or disagreement, contact the instructor.

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Full name (printed)

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Signature

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Date (MM/DD/YYYY)