External Code Policy

You are permitted and encouraged to seek out additional sources of information for this class. However, for your assignments you may only use external code so long as you follow the policies outlined here and the following subsections.

1. Definition: External Code

Code is considered external if you did not write it specifically for the current assignment in this class.

**Code Examples:**

- **Non-External Code Example**
  - If you wrote the code for this class for Project 1, and you’re working on Project 1, it’s not external.

- **External Code Examples**
  - If you use code that the instructor provided as an example, it’s external.
  - If you use code that was provided for a lab, it’s external.
  - If you use code that you wrote for Project 1 for Project 2, it’s external.
  - If you wrote the code, but for another class, it’s external.

2. External Code Requirements

- **All code must be your own work** unless the assignment explicitly states you may use external code.

- You may use external code as a reference (code is not copied) when writing your own code.

  You do not need to cite code that you used a reference.

- **You are not permitted to import entire libraries of code** unless permitted by the assignment.

  You may not use jQuery or Bootstrap unless the assignment explicitly states you may.

- If explicitly stated in the assignment, you may use external code provided that you meet these requirements:
  1. **Do not copy and paste the code.** Manually type out the external code yourself.
  2. You must understand how the code works.

    Use this as a learning opportunity to understand how the external code works.
  3. Adapt the code to the best practices and standards of this class.
  4. Cite the source in a comment near the external code.

    If the original code includes instructions for public citation, you should cite it publicly as instructed.