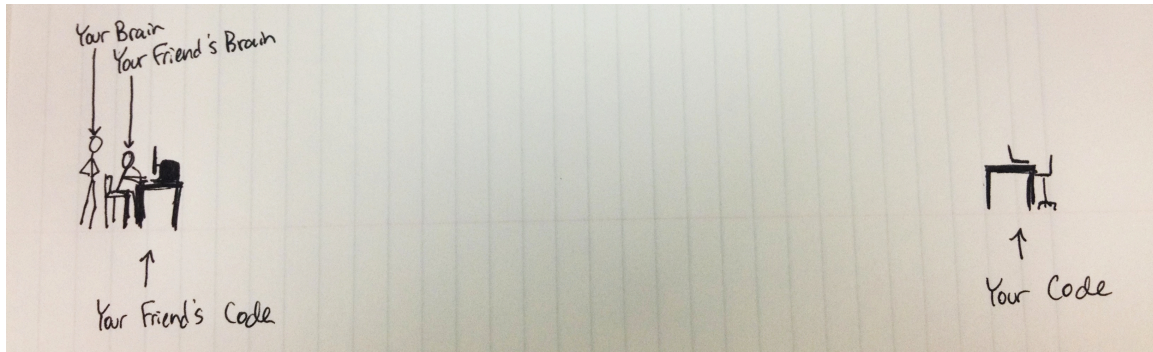


## The 50 foot Policy

You are encouraged to collaborate with other students, especially when it comes to finding and fixing bugs. But how much collaboration is too much collaboration? Here's the policy:

**When you help another student with their code, your own code should remain 50 feet away. Help them with your brain, not your own solution.**



Debugging is a useful skill; we encourage you to develop it. Feeding someone else your own solution line by line is not. You can help another student by looking at their code, but you must not reference your own code during this interaction, or show your own code to the person you are helping. Maintain the “50 feet” of separation between your code and the code of another student.

**Spirit of the policy:** Under the Honor Code students are entrusted to follow collaboration policies both in letter and spirit. This policy is intended to maximize how much students learn from assignments by requiring that they have meaningful conversations while collaboration instead of merely sharing solutions to the problem at hand. Obviously, you are not expected to break out a tape measure and leave your computer 50 feet away from other students, but you are expected to refrain from directly comparing your code with what is written on a printout or on someone else's screen. Following this policy both in letter and in spirit means that you should not try to find loopholes that allow you access to someone else's code. You shouldn't read your code out loud to another student (as opposed to actually showing it to them), project your work on a screen 50 feet away, transfer your code electronically to another student, or do anything of the like that is clearly in opposition to the spirit of this policy.

**Clarifications:** Should any part of this policy be unclear or should you have any questions about how you are allowed to collaborate, you are strongly encouraged to contact your professor. It is always the student's obligation to clarify the collaboration policy when it is unclear what is allowed.