

CS 4100, Spring 2020
Plagiarism Reflection
April 15, 2020
Due by 11:59 pm on Monday, April 20

INTRODUCTION

The goal of this reflection is to understand what plagiarism is, why it is bad, why it might occur, and how to avoid it.

The first task is to read two sources:

Indiana University Plagiarism: What It is and How to Recognize and Avoid It
<https://wts.indiana.edu/writing-guides/plagiarism.html>

“A Plagiarism Case Study” by Ted Pedersen, 2001.
<http://www.d.umn.edu/~tpederse/Pubs/plag.pdf>

TASK

Answer the following questions in your own words:

1. What is plagiarism?
2. What is bad about plagiarism?
3. Why do people plagiarize?
4. More specifically, what constitutes plagiarism in computer science and why would people do it?
5. What do you need to do to avoid plagiarizing?
6. Summarize your thoughts on the readings and plagiarism.