It’s not my fault I cheated ! How Technology Fails Students

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The Questions…

Pair & Share

A Dismal Project

- Economics
- Large
  - 25 tabs
- Lumpy
  - Due at end of semester – graded all at once
- 51 / 91
- The New, Improved Project…
  - 18 assignments, graded early and often

Cheating Technology

- Wireless ear implants
- iPod not just for music
- Phones
- M&Ms
- Keystroke loggers (IBD 4/15/04)
- Google while testing
- Email…

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Class Day 1: No Homework

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Class Day 2: Homework

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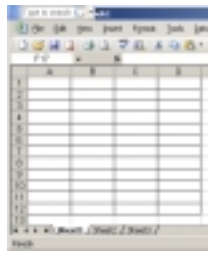

Class Day 3: Copy

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Class Day 4: Grading

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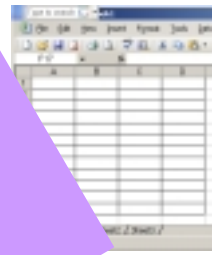

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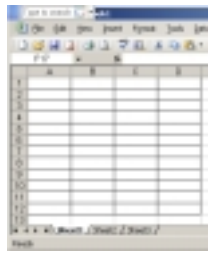

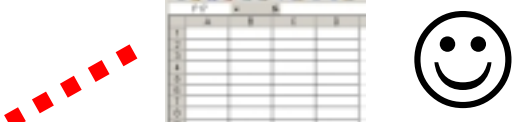

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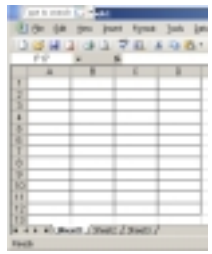

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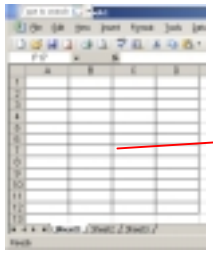

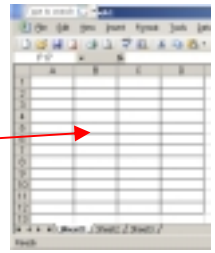

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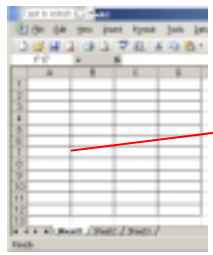

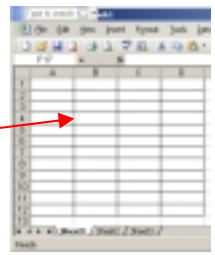

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Class Day 3: Detecting Copying II

One Anti-Cheating Technology

- Self tracking documents have
  - Unique assignment files for each student
  - Embedded macros

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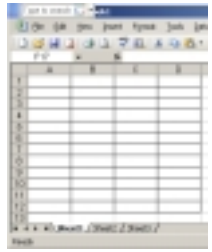

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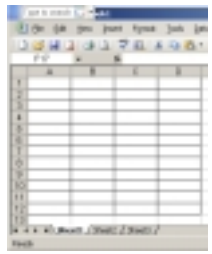

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Creating Unique Assignment Files

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If event,
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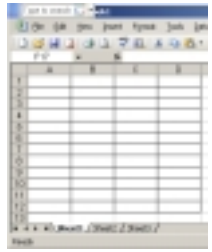

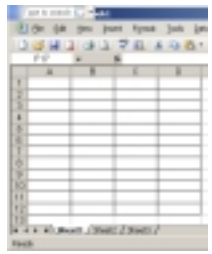

Embedding macros

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Cross-reference
Interaction history
Automatic grading

Receiving and Grading Assignments

Anti-Cheating Technology

- anti cheating technology ➔ 5,860,000 hits
- “-games” ➔ only 1,790,000 hits
- Categories
  - Desktop
  - Web
  - Web + databases + periodicals
  - Common: “similarity check”

Anti-Cheating Philosophy

- Unique Assignments
  - Syntactic
    - E.g. different test versions, keys
  - Semantic
    - Unique numbers for each student
- Challenges
    - How to generate, distribute, collect, grade

Teacher Responsibility

- Follow through with the given academic integrity policy
  - In our b-school, we noticed wide discrepancy in interpretation as well as enforcement
- Accept electronic assignments and keep them
- Check
- No, really, check. Meet Google.

Hopes

- What makes for a perfect Homework Assignment ?

So...

- Is it possible to create an environment in which cheating is just impossible?
- Have you met the Man who corrupted Hadleyburg?
- “…honesty shielded, from the very cradle, against every possible temptation, and so it`s ARTIFICIAL honesty, and weak as water when temptation comes, …”