Collaboration guidelines:

We suggest that you use the guidelines below for acceptable collaboration in 6.002x. The staff will be proactive in removing posts and replies in the discussion forum that have stepped over the line.

- Given a problem, it is ok to discuss the general approach to solving the problem.

- You can work jointly to come up the general steps for the solution.

- It is ok to get a hint, or several hints for that matter, if you get stuck while solving a problem.

- You should work out the details of the solution yourself.

- It is not ok to take someone else's solution and simply copy the answers from their solution into your checkboxes.

- It is not ok to take someone else's formula and plug in your own numbers to get the final answer.

- It is not ok to post answers to homework and lab problems before the submission deadline.

- It is not ok to look at a full step-by-step solution to a problem before the submission deadline.

- It is ok to have someone show you a few steps of a solution where you have been stuck for a while, provided of course, you have attempted to solve it yourself without success.

- After you have collaborated with others in generating a correct solution, a good test to see if you were engaged in acceptable collaboration is to make sure that you are able to do the problem on your own.