

Turnitin: Viewing originality reports

For staff

For Blackboard Vista 4.x

When papers have been analysed by **Turnitin** you can view individual originality reports. This document describes how **Turnitin** grades the papers and how to use the reports that are produced.

Accessing the assignment Inbox

1. Access the **MyLO** unit containing the **Turnitin** assignment
2. Select the **Teach** tab
3. Click on the relevant **Turnitin** assignment



author	title	report	gm	file	paper id	date
Anonymous	copyright_1969.doc	96% 	--	 .doc	18561914	07-07-05
Student, A	an_essay	12% 	--	 .doc	18667485	07-27-05
Anonymous	e-Matters_2005_v1.doc	9% 	--	 .doc	18561915	07-07-05

- The colour of the originality report icon indicates the extent of text matching identified by **Turnitin**. Blue indicates no matches; green up to 24%; yellow 25 to 49%; orange 50 to 74% and red 75 to 100% of text in the paper matching text within documents in **Turnitin's** databases.
- Normally it takes about 10 minutes for an originality report to be produced after a paper is submitted. This can vary due to load on the **Turnitin** servers.
- If students are able to submit more than once to a **Turnitin** assignment, the first report will be produced within the normal 10 minute timeframe. Reports for second and subsequent submissions will be produced at most once every 24 hours.
- **Note:** If there is a grey icon under the report heading, the **Turnitin** originality report isn't yet available.

Customising the Inbox display

Turnitin can sort the papers on a number of criteria, including the originality report rating. To sort the reports by the extent of text matching, click the column heading **report**.

Alternatively the coloured boxes at the top right of the screen can be used to display reports with that level of text matching. For example by checking the red and orange boxes and then clicking the small red arrow to the right, only assignments with this level of text matching are displayed.

Which papers to investigate?

For consistency, and to limit the staff time involved per class to approximately 30 minutes, two models have been suggested for viewing the reports. Either:

- investigating reports with 50% or greater text matching, i.e. those with red or orange icons.
- or
- investigating a set number of reports based on a random sampling.

Viewing the originality report

To view an individual originality report, click the appropriate report icon.

The screenshot shows a Turnitin originality report for an assignment titled "111110 My first assignment" by Training Guest. The report indicates a similarity score of 18%. On the right side, three matches are listed:

- 1% (match) (publications) [International Journal of Educational Management, Volume 21, Issue 3 \(2007-03-18\)](#)
- 1% (match) (Internet from 06/21/06) <http://cms.steo.govt.nz>
- 1% (match) (internet) <http://ascilite.org.au>

The left pane shows the document text with matching segments highlighted in color and numbered according to the matches on the right.

The report shows information about the submission of the assignment and the extent of text matching identified by **Turnitin**, in this case 18%. On the right, the sources identified as matching the document (in this case a journal and web sites) are listed. On the left the document's text is displayed. Text matching other sources is highlighted in colour and numbered according to the matching reference on the right. Text that hasn't been matched with other sources is displayed in black.

Finding out about matching text

Click on the numbered text blocks in the left document pane to view a matched source in the right pane.

This screenshot shows a zoomed-in view of a matched text block. The left pane displays the document text with a highlighted segment: "top-down, bottom-up and inside-out approaches" (numbered 1). The right pane shows the corresponding source: "International Journal of Educational Management, Volume 21, Issue 3 (2007-03-18)". Below the source title, the text "top-down, bottom-up and inside-out approaches to" is visible, along with a "next match:" button and a "close" button.

Use the **next match** up and down arrows, to move through sections of matched text within the displayed source document and the submitted paper. To return to the original view click **close** in the right pane.

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Web pages are displayed in the right pane without graphics, but with the matching text highlighted. To view the complete web page, click its URL in the right pane.

The links at the top of the left pane, **exclude quoted** and **exclude bibliography** will disregard matches to these in the source document. This should significantly reduce the number of matches to correctly attributed text within the document.

By changing the **mode**, located above the right pane from **show highest matches together** to **show matches one at a time**, all sources that match any of the text in the source document are displayed, including multiple matches for the same piece of text.

Printing or downloading a report



The printer  or download  icons located above the right pane can be used at any time to print or download a representation of what is being displayed in both panes.

When viewing the list of sources in the right pane, matching text in the submitted document is highlighted. If the **mode** is set to **show highest matches together**, the colour of the matching text is keyed to the numbered sources in the right pane.

When viewing the text of a source in the right pane, matching text in both the submitted and source document is highlighted so it can be clearly seen when printed on a black and white printer.

Both reports would be useful if an allegation of plagiarism is to be made.

University policies regarding academic dishonesty

Ordinance 9: Student Discipline outlines the procedures for dealing with accusations of academic/general misconduct. See

<http://www.utas.edu.au/universitycouncil/legislation/ord9.pdf>.

More information

- See **About Turnitin: For Staff'** and **Turnitin: getting started – for staff**.
- Information on academic integrity is available at <http://www.utas.edu.au/tl/supporting/academicintegrity>.
- Tutorials and other support materials are available on the **Turnitin** website at www.turnitin.com/static/training.html.
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