

Turnitin: Viewing the originality report

Step-by-step guide for students

For Blackboard Vista 4.x

The **Turnitin** originality report is only available to students if this has been organised by the unit coordinator.

Accessing the originality report

1. After submitting a paper, click the assignment's title on an **Organiser page** or in a **Learning Module**, or click **assignment inbox** if viewing the **Turnitin Digital Receipt**.
2. In the **assignment inbox** click the coloured report icon under **contents**.

#	assignment	submit	title	submitted	contents
32	First assignment 08-03-07 08-10-07	↑ [icon]	111110 My first assignment	08-10-07	18% [green bar] [doc icon]

- The colour of the report icon indicates the extent of text matching identified by **Turnitin**. Blue indicates less than 20 matching words; green more than 20 words 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 you are able to submit more than one file 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.
- If there is a grey icon under the **contents** heading, the **Turnitin** originality report isn't yet available.

A grey report icon indicates that the report is not yet available

#	assignment	submit	title	submitted	contents
32	First assignment 08-03-07 08-10-07	↑ [icon]	111110 My first assignment	08-10-07	-- [doc icon]

Viewing the report

Percentage of text matching identified by Turnitin

Turnitin Originality Report
 an_essay by A Student
 Processed on 07-26-05 ID: 18667485 Word Count: 669

Overall Similarity Index: 12% [exclude quoted](#) [exclude bibliography](#) mode: show highest matches together

Academic Integrity
 Achieving excellence in scholarship
 Our University environment

The University is committed to high standards of professional conduct in all activities. 1

Likewise, it holds expectations about the responsibilities 1

1 6% match (internet)
<http://student.admin.utas.edu.au>

2 5% match (internet)
<http://www.utas.edu.au>

- The report shows information about the submission of the paper and the extent of text matching identified by **Turnitin**, in this case 12%.
 - On the right pane, the sources identified as matching the paper (in this case two websites) are listed.
 - On the left pane the paper'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.
 - It would be very unusual for a paper not to have any matching text identified by **Turnitin**. The usual source of matching text includes quotes, references and standard phrases used in the discipline.
3. Use the links at the top of the left pane, **exclude quoted** and **exclude bibliography** to remove matches to these in your paper. This should significantly reduce the number of matches to correctly attributed text.

Finding out about matching text

1. Click on the numbered text blocks in your paper to view the matched source in the right pane.

Overall Similarity Index: 12% [exclude quoted](#) [exclude bibliography](#) mode: show highest matches together

Academic Integrity
 Achieving excellence in scholarship
 Our University environment

The University is committed to high standards of professional conduct in all activities. 1

Likewise, it holds expectations about the responsibilities students have as they pursue their studies within the special environment the University offers. 1

What is academic integrity? 2

1 6% match (internet)
<http://student.admin.utas.edu.au> [close](#)

next match: ▲ ▼

supervision -- an environment in which students will be stimulated to reach a high level of intellectual attainment. To achieve this, the University will strive to provide appropriate resources (including libraries and computer facilities), teaching and study facilities.

The University is committed to high standards of professional conduct in all activities,

and holds its commitment and responsibilities to its students as being of paramount importance.

Likewise, it holds expectations about the

Turnitin : Viewing the originality report

- Use the next match up and down arrows, to move through sections of matched text within your paper to this document. To return to the original view click the close link in the right pane.

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.

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 your paper are displayed, including multiple matches for the same piece of text.

Printing the report

- Set the mode to show highest matches together with the list of matches in the right panel. Change mode or close the display of an individual matched document to achieve this.
 - When viewing the list of sources in the right pane, matching text in your document is highlighted. If the mode is set to show highest matches together, 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 your paper and the source document is highlighted so it can be clearly seen when printed on a black and white printer.
- Click **print report** located above the right pane.

This displays the report with information about the paper submitted at the top, followed by information about matching sources and then the text of the paper with matches highlighted.
- Click **print** located at the top centre of the document.
- Select an appropriate printer and proceed as for other documents.

More information

- See **About Turnitin: For Students** and **Turnitin: Submitting a paper**.
- Information for students 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.

References:

Designer and Instructor Reference: Application Pack 2 for Blackboard Learning System – Vista Enterprise License (Release 4) 2006 Blackboard Inc

Vista 4.2 Online Help (Blackboard Inc.)

Blackboard Vista and other product names are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Blackboard Inc.