

HOW DO I ... ? VIEW AN ORIGINALITY REPORT?

View a Turnitin Originality Report | October 2011

The Turnitin Originality Report

When you submit an assignment to a **Turnitin Assignment Inbox** and depending on the settings chosen by your lecturer, you may be allowed to view the *Turnitin Originality Report*.

NOTE: The Originality Report for your first submission will be generated within 20 minutes. Subsequent submission will take more than 24 hours.

An **Originality Report** does not detect plagiarism, it provides a summary of the matching text found in a submitted paper.

When an **Originality Report** is being generated, it is represented by an icon with the text **Pending** in the **Similarity** column. When the **Originality Report** is available to view, the icon will be coloured according to the amount of text that matches to other documents in the *Turnitin* databases.

Colours are used to show how much matching text has been found:

- blue (no matching text)
- green (1 word-24% matching text)
- yellow (25-49% matching text)
- orange (50-74% matching text)
- red (75-100% matching text)

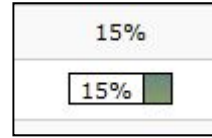
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An **Originality Report** is a tool to help you find the sources of matched text to papers in the Turnitin database. You can check that the matched text is properly referenced.

Your lecturer can also see any **Originality Report** that is generated by the *Turnitin* service and can monitor any additional submissions during the period that the **Assignment** is open.

Viewing an Originality Report

In the example, 15% of text matches the text in the *Turnitin* databases and because of this, the icon is coloured green.



You can view the **Originality Report** for your submission by selecting this coloured icon in the **Similarity** column. This takes you to the Turnitin Originality Report screen.

Elements of the Originality Report

Header

Similarity Index	Similarity by Source
15%	Internet Sources: 15%
What's this?	Publications: 6%
	Student Papers: 10%

The left hand third of the header in the Originality Report shows you the date that it was processed, the Turnitin Paper ID, the number of words and the number of submissions.

The middle of the header shows the title of the assignment and the name of the author. The boxes on the right of the header show the Similarity Index (the percentage of text that has been matched) and the sources of the matched text.

Exclusions and Options Bar

Using the hyperlinks on the left-hand side of this bar, you can exclude quoted text, bibliography and small matches from the **Similarity Index**. Using the 'exclude' features effects only a temporary change to the **Originality Report**. Once the window is closed, the report reverts to its original state and **Similarity Index**.

The **mode** drop down menu allows you to view the report in different ways. **show highest matches together** displays the assignment on the left with the matching sources on the right of the screen. This is known as **Cumulative Mode**.

Sometimes sources with high percentage matches will cover up smaller source matches. **show matches one at a time** will display all of the sources found for a paper. This is often referred to as **Single Source Mode**.

The **quickview (classic) report** changes the display of the report and presents the matches at the top of the screen.

Next to the **mode** feature are the **print** and **download** icons.

Matched Text Frames

In the left-hand frame, you will see the text of your assignment with coloured highlighted sections accompanied by a number. This corresponds to a number and coloured text (usually a hyperlink) in the right hand frame. This hyperlink indicates the source of any matching text and the text above it gives the percentage match and the type of source (Internet, publication) and the date.



You can compare the matching text in your assignment with the source text by clicking on the number above the highlighted text in your assignment in the left-hand frame. A new window will open displaying the source and the matched text.

