Turnitin for Students
Viewing and Interpreting Originality Reports

Accessing Your Originality Report

If your instructor has enabled you to see the originality report:

1. Go to the specific Turnitin Assignment in your Blackboard course and click the “View/Complete” link.

   ![Assignment 6 for example]

2. Click on “Show Details”

3. Click on the “originality report” icon
4. A new browser window will open containing the requested originality report. In the left hand panel of the originality report you will see your submitted work; any matched text will be highlighted. In the right hand panel you will see listed the source document of any matched text, you can click on the matched text to view the original source.

**How an Originality Report is Made Up**
The originality report is split into three sections:

1. The top section gives you information about your submitted work. The “overall similarity index” shows how much matching text as a percentage of the whole document has been found. In this case, 42% of this document exactly matches sources found by Turnitin.

2. The large body of text on the left of the screen is the text of your work.

3. The right section of the screen shows potentials sources of matching text.

Checking Text Matched in Your Work

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