

Originality Reports by Similarity Index Range - the number of Originality Reports generated for active classes within the selected time range separated out by the number of Originality Reports with Overall Similarity Indexes within the standard ranges—i.e. the number of papers in the blue range (0%), green range (1-24%), yellow range (25-49%), orange range (50-74%) and red range (75-100%).

Originality Report - the Originality Report or Originality Check Report is a flexible document that allows students and instructors to review matches between a submitted work and the databases scanned by Turnitin. Citations, quotations, and bibliographic material are all scanned against Turnitin's databases to determine an overall similarity percentage as well as specific matches to similar text.

The "Originality" section of the paper information pop-up contains the overall percentage and the percentage of matching content from each of the three Turnitin repositories: Internet Sources, Publications, and Student Papers (refers to papers stored in the standard paper repository and the institution's paper repository)

Note: Sometimes the overall similarity index may be a smaller percentage than the repository percentages combined. This would be due to overlapping text within the repositories. The overall similarity index combines all the best matches from the overlapping sources.

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What does my similarity Index mean?

It is important to know how Turnitin displays its results in order to understand what the percentage of matches (the Similarity Index) means.

The most vital thing to remember is that a high Similarity Index does not necessarily indicate a high incidence of plagiarism. Turnitin can only identify similarities between submitted work and other sources. It cannot classify those matches, nor judge whether they constitute plagiarism. That decision can only be made by your tutor or course-leader, based on their knowledge and experience.

As you will see from the sample [Originality Report](#), Turnitin identifies several kinds of matches, not all of which imply any kind of academic wrong-doing, or even careless referencing.

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