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TURNITIN
A PLAGIARISM CHECK SOFTWARE

TURNITIN: AN OVERVIEW

- Introduction to plagiarism
- What is Turnitin software
- Interpreting originality reports from Turnitin

What is Plagiarism?

- **Plagiarism defined**

- Copying or closely imitating the work of another writer, composer, etc., without permission and with the intention of passing the results off as original work.' *Dictionary of information science, Joan M. Reitz, C 2004*

- Plagiarism involves: cutting and pasting from one electronic source to another without attribution,

- Downloading papers from online paper repositories ('paper mills')

- Only the copyright holder may authorize reproduction of copyrighted works

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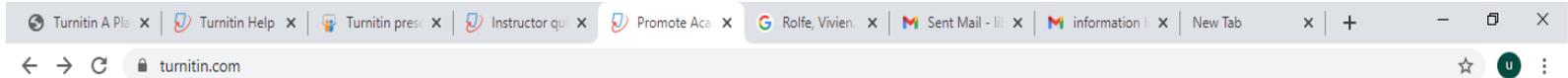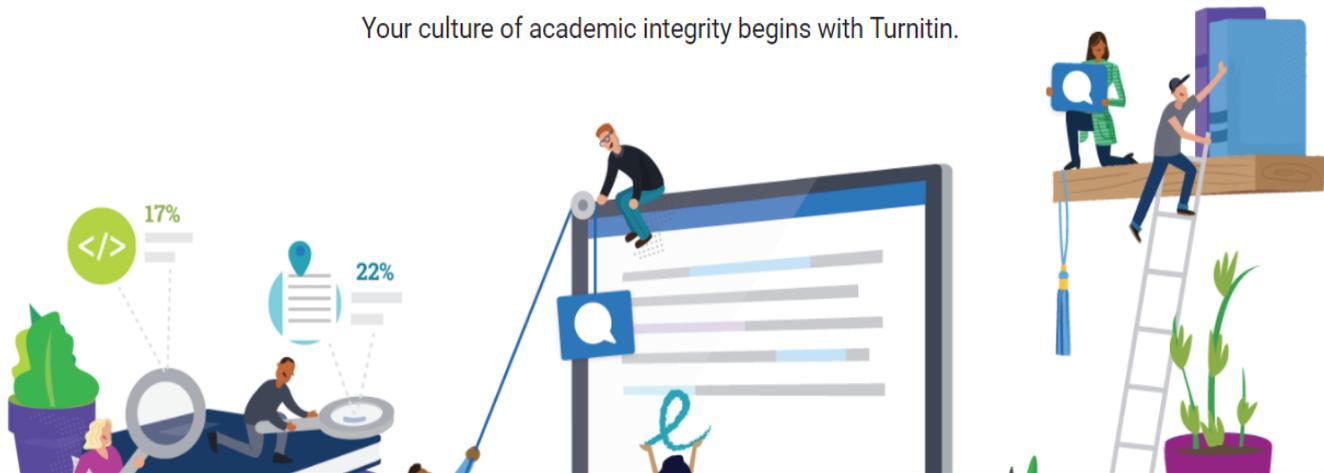
TURNITIN SOFTWARE

- It is online service for educational institutions used to determine the originality of a written report.
- Turnitin compares submitted papers to its extensive online database of public Web content and to previous submissions.
- Searches for text taken from these sources.
- Provides a report of sources of text found and percentage index indicator.

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Turnitin has three levels and each level has specific roles and responsibilities:

- Administrator
- Instructor
- Student

Administrator

Roles of Administrator

➢ Setup the system/service

➢ Customize the system

➢ Introduce the Instructors

➢ Responsible for the service and liaise with the providers.

Instructor

Roles of Instructor

➢ Defines the class.

➢ Introduces all the students (Using email, first name and surname)

➢ Access to documents submitted and their respective originality reports.

➢ Can make comments/discuss with the student.

➢ Makes the interpretation / judgment.

Student

Role of Student

➤ Logins in to the system and enters a class (Previous set by the instructor).

➤ Submit a paper: Browse the paper, upload, confirm then submit.

➤ Confirmation for successful submission is given.

➤ View /Study originality report. Report generation may take a few minutes depending with the size of document.

➤ Resubmission is possible.

File Formats

Turnitin allows a variety of file formats, these include:

- ➢ Microsoft Word™ (doc, docx)
- ➢ Corel WordPerfect®(wp, wpd, wri, doc)
- ➢ HTML (htm, html)
- ➢ Adobe PostScript®
- ➢ Text file (txt)
- ➢ Rich Text Format (rtf)
- ➢ Portable Document Format (pdf)

Maximum size allowed for submission is 20MB

Originality Reports

The color of the report icon indicates the similarity score of the paper, based on the amount of matching or similar text that was uncovered. The percentage range is 0% to 100%. The possible similarity ranges are:

- **Blue:** No matching text
- **Green:** One word to 24% matching text
- **Yellow:** 25-49% matching text
- **Orange:** 50-74% matching text
- **Red:** 75-100% matching text