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How to read the Turnitin Originality Report

Turnitin reports can be confusing if you do not know how to interpret them, but there is a systematic way of looking at them to help you understand the information they contain.

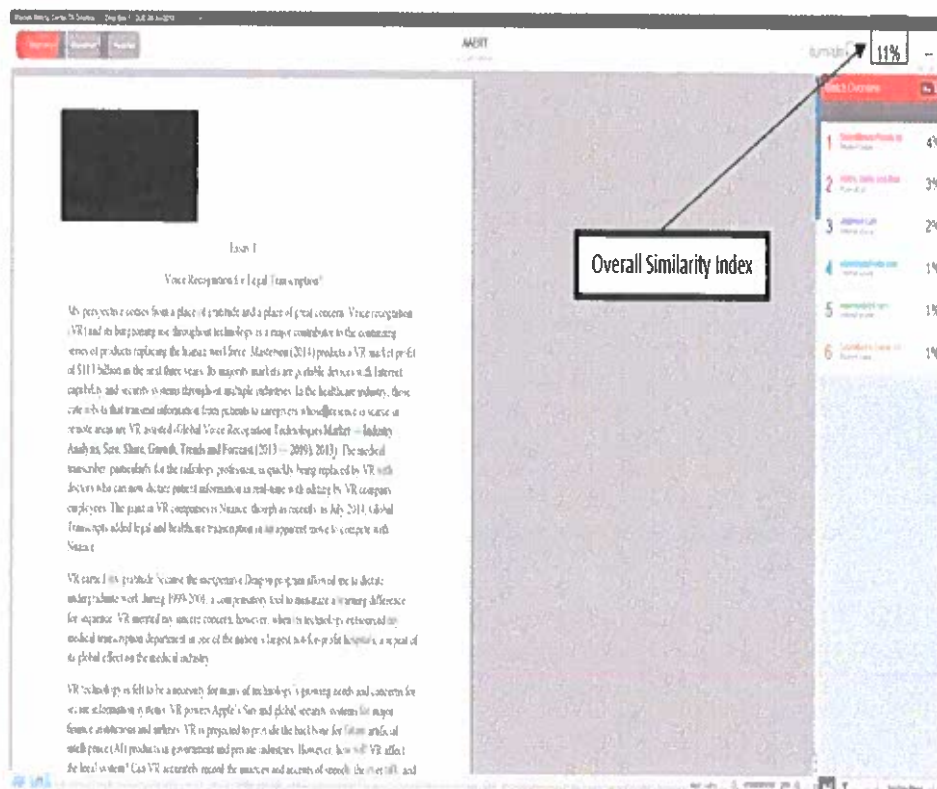
A Note on Similarity Index: The Academic Skills Center does not advise students or faculty to aim for a specific similarity index in a Turnitin (TII) report. Because TII will flag properly cited material, a *high similarity percentage does not always indicate plagiarism*. Similarly, a *paper with a low similarity index can still have strings of text that have been improperly cited or improperly paraphrased*. Instead of focusing on reaching a certain percentage, students and faculty can use the TII report as a means to discuss how to properly credit sources and paraphrase scholarly material, reviewing the results match by match.

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1. Identifying your overall similarity index

As stated in the Turnitin student user guide (2006), "papers submitted to Turnitin are compared against billions of internet documents, an archived copy of the internet, our local databases of submitted student papers, and a database of periodicals, journals, & publications" (p. 7). The percentage provided here is based on your essay's overall similarity to these documents.



2. Identifying your sources

Here you will find a percentage-based breakdown of all the sources that Turnitin has identified in your essay. However, as the program readily admits, a reading that shows a high percentage does not necessarily mean the paper has been plagiarized (Turnitin, 2006, p. 7). For example, if you or your instructor has previously submitted your paper to a course TII drop box and you made changes and then resubmitted the same paper, TII will produce a high match because your paper is similar to itself. In addition, TII will note any strings of words that match another student paper or scholarly source, including elements like a title, reference citations, or common terms used in your field of study. Remember that TII will also flag any properly cited material as well, so

even if direct quotes have the proper citation and quotation marks, TII will note these areas in the percentage.

The results here should therefore be read as a prioritized list and nothing more. The higher the percentage, the more frequently the source appears in the document, whether cited appropriately or not. These sources are also numbered and color coded so that they may be referenced with your document in the Paper Text section.

Percentage breakdown of sources identified by Turnitin

Rank	Source	Percentage
1	Equilibrium Research	4%
2	John John Journal	3%
3	Journal of Health Care	2%
4	International Journal of Health Care	1%
5	International Journal of Health Care	1%
6	University of California	1%

In most instances where you select to review a match in detail, each suspect source listing should also provide you with the opportunity to view the original document via a hyperlink.

3. Reviewing the Paper Text

As you review the Paper Text section of the report, you should notice that blocks or chunks of your draft have been quarantined from the rest of your essay. These portions of the text have been color-coded (and number-coded) to match the sources on the right. This system should help to identify specific instances of plagiarism, if, in fact, plagiarism exists in the document.

The screenshot displays the Turnitin Originality Report interface. On the left, the draft text is shown with a green box highlighting a specific paragraph. On the right, a list of sources is displayed, with the fifth source highlighted in green. A callout box points to both the highlighted text in the draft and the highlighted source in the list, indicating a match.

Identified block of text in draft (left) and matching source (right); both colored green

Match Overview

Source	Percentage
1. [Source 1]	4%
2. [Source 2]	3%
3. [Source 3]	2%
4. [Source 4]	1%
5. [Source 5]	1%
6. [Source 6]	1%

Figure 1
Voice Recognition in a Legal Case

My perspective comes from a place of gratitude and a place of great concern. Voice recognition (VR) and its accompanying use through technology is a major contributor to the continuing series of projects replacing the human need for. Masterman (2014) predicts a VR market profit of \$110 billion in the next three years. Its biggest markets are portable devices with Internet capabilities and are mostly coming from the home and office. Health care is one of the early adopters that transmit information from patients to caregivers who differ from a nurse in remote areas are VR assisted (Global Voice Recognition Technology Market - Industry Analysis, Size, Share, Growth, Trends and Forecast (2013 - 2019) 2013). The medical community provides a lot of data on the use of VR in the hospital. VR can help doctors who can now deliver patient information in real-time to its ability to VR company employees. The grant of VR companies is finance through as recently as July 2014, Global Transcripts added legal and healthcare transcription as an option to its corporate with finance.

VR entered my gratitude because the unexpected changes program will not use to dictate underpinning work during 1999-2000. A company that is to maximize a learning difference for experience. VR entered my concern, however, when its technology entered my medical transcription department in one of the nation's largest not-for-profit hospitals, a result of its global effect on the medical industry.

VR technology is felt to be a necessity for many of the hospital's growing needs and concerns for its use in education systems. VR powers Apple's Siri and global security systems for major financial institutions and others. VR is projected to provide the backbone for future medical intelligence (AI) products in government and private industries. However, how will VR affect the legal system? Can VR accurately record the nuances and accents of speech, the over talk, and

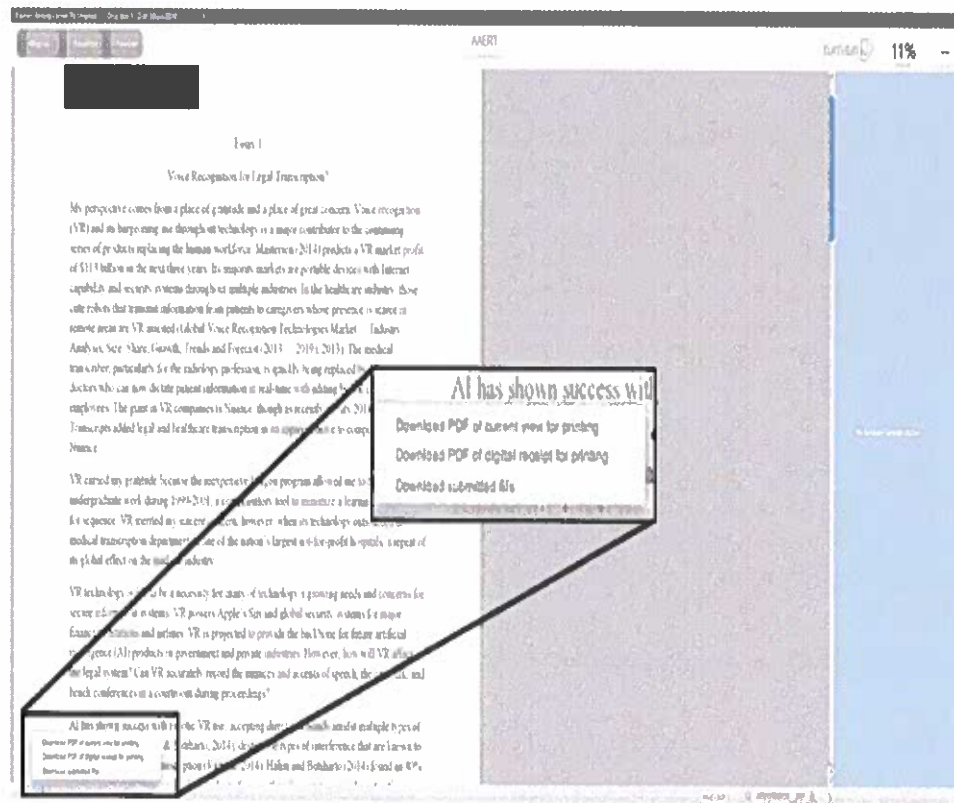
4. Taking Action

It is now your responsibility (with available help from your instructor, advisor, or the Writing Center) to examine the academic integrity of each one of these instances. You should compare your writing with the source material Turnitin has identified. Is the highlighted portion of your work cited appropriately? Is it paraphrased correctly? Is it in your own words? Have you referenced material that you've actually read? Have you cited your secondary sources appropriately?

For further reference, you may want to review the [Writing Center's guide, "Citing Sources Properly,"](#) as well as [Walden's policy on academic integrity](#). Additional information regarding in-text citations can be found on the [Writing Center's website](#).

5. Downloading a Copy of Your Report

You may wish to download a hard copy of your report to submit to your instructor or save for your records. To download the report, select the "download" printer option in the lower left corner of the report.



After ensuring that your pop-up blocker is disabled, you will be prompted with a series of messages to confirm your download. The default file to save to your computer will be in PDF format. Click on the printer icon and select the option to print to a PDF file; your document can then be saved to your desktop and attached to emails as needed.

CAEX 3100/3101

This 4-week course is intended for students who want to develop a better understanding of how to read, summarize, quote, and paraphrase texts following APA guidelines. Grad students on the quarter system should take 3100 (1.5 cr.). Grad students on the semester system should take 3101 (1 cr.). Undergrads should take 3100U (1.5 cr.).

E-mail your academic advisor for more information and to enroll!

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