

Turnitin – a help or a hindrance

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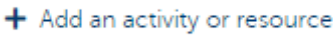

- Students submit their reports into Turnitin
- They have a similarity match of 20%
- They have plagiarised
- No question about it
- **or is there?**

Why is there a similarity match?

- Copy and paste from a website
- Copied from a book – that is on the web
- Recycled assignment from previous trimester
- Intentional submission of another students assignment
- **These causes need to be investigated**
- **Turnitin – can only check from the Internet and what is in their repository database**

- Other causes
 - Included the questions
 - Included a common coversheet/declaration
 - Submitted an assessment into 2 different drop boxes
 - 2 group members have uploaded the assessment
- These causes can be easily **excluded** in Turnitin
- *It should be noted that assignments can never be deleted from Turnitin.*
 - *They may be deleted from the drop box BUT they will still be in the Turnitin repository database.*

Creating a Turnitin Drop box (will not be covered)















































- Turn editing on 
- Got to the section where you want the drop box
- Add an activity or resource 
- From the list select Turnitin Assignment 2 
- Add – then enter the details – don't forget to **SAVE** nb: not all options are listed here
 - Assignment Name
 - Submission Type – *suggest File Upload*
 - No of parts – *suggest 1*
 - Any file type – *suggest NO*
 - Display Originality Reports – *suggest YES*
 - Assignment Part 1 – *Name, Dates*
 - Originality Report Options – *After Due Date – YES; Report Generation – Immediately can re-sub; Store Papers – repository; check against stored papers- yes; check against internet – yes; check journals – yes; exclude bibliography – yes; exclude quotes - yes*

Types of Plagiarism/Academic Misconduct

- **Sham Paraphrasing** Material has been copied exactly from the source and has been acknowledged with an in-text citation but has not been quoted; There is a reference list.
- **Illicit Paraphrasing** Material has been paraphrased from the source without any in-text citation; There is a reference list.
- **Exact Copying** Material has been copied exactly from the source without any in-text citation; There is a reference list.
- **No Referencing** There is no in-text citations nor a reference list.
- **Collusion** Material has been copied from another student's work.
- **Recycling** The same assignment submitted in more than subject unit.
- **Contract Cheating** The assignment has been written by a third party and the students is claiming it as their own work.

Source: Walker J., (1998) Student Plagiarism in Universities: What are we Doing About it?, Higher Education Research & Development , 17:1, 89-106

















































- Open the Turnitin drop box

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<input type="checkbox"/>		3037694530377270	1246460824	26/01/20, 23:05	98% 	-/100 	- .	   
<input type="checkbox"/>		excel Assignment	1246456347	26/01/20, 22:16	87% 	-/100 	- 	   
<input type="checkbox"/>		Group Assignment	1246197050	27/01/20, 12:31	45% 	-/100 	- .	   
<input type="checkbox"/>		BUACC group assinment	1247074698	27/01/20, 23:08	43% 	-/100 	- .	   
<input type="checkbox"/>		Assignment	1246473500	27/01/20, 01:09	41% 	-/100 	- 	   
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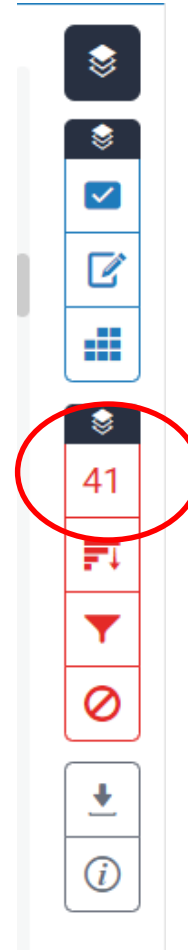
- Click on the submission title or similarity percentage you wish to check https://ev.turnitin.com/app/carta/en_us/?o=1247064535&lang=en_us&u=28744986

- It is a good idea to refresh submission before you start investigating any similarities

SHOWING 1 TO 10 OF 11 ENTRIES.

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- The file will open
- To see the similarity matches click on the percentage on the right
- Should any of these be checked?



Match Overview		
41%		
<	>	
1	www.aspecthuntley.co... Internet Source	5% >
2	www.asx.com.au Internet Source	4% >
3	Submitted to Anglia Ru... Student Paper	2% >
4	Submitted to Curtin Uni... Student Paper	2% >
5	finacialsrilanka.blogspot... Internet Source	2% >
6	Submitted to Australia... Student Paper	2% >
7	Submitted to University... Student Paper	2% >
8	www.thebalancesmb.c... Internet Source	2% >
9	Submitted to Billy Blue ... Student Paper	2% >
10	Submitted to University... Student Paper	1% >
11	www.fool.com.au Internet Source	1% >
12	docshare.tips Internet Source	1% >

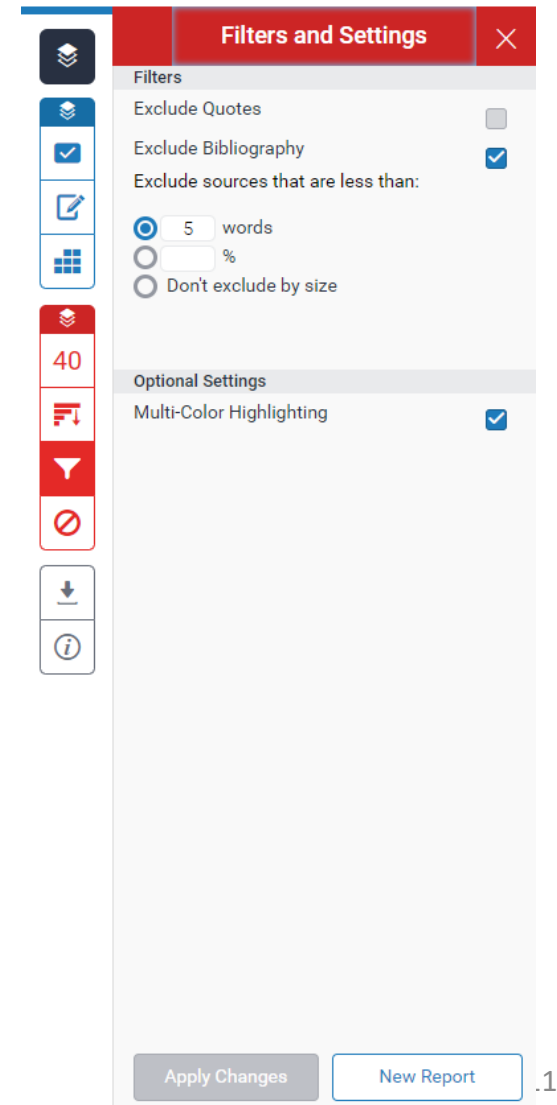
What is the problem here?

Question No. 1

Telstra Corporation Ltd ²⁵ is one of the leading telecommunication³⁴ and technology company of Australia whose technology and content solutions are very easy to use. The company offers the whole range of communication services including 18.3 million retail mobile services, 3.7 million retail fixed bundles and standalone data services and 1.4 million retail fixed standalone voice services in Australia. The purpose of the company is to build a connected future by offering not only digital connection but also digital content.

- Should this be referenced?
- Is it a quote or a paraphrase?
- What should happen?

- You can exclude
 - Quotes
 - Bibliography
 - Sources with less than
 - A certain number of words (try 5 words as suggested by Turnitin)
 - A certain %
 - Apply changes – will not change the actual report
 - New report – will refresh the report



Filters and Settings

Filters

Exclude Quotes

Exclude Bibliography

Exclude sources that are less than:

5 words

%

Don't exclude by size

Optional Settings

Multi-Color Highlighting

Apply Changes New Report

Hi madam, i am a federation uni student. i am studying 3 semester now. actually i want to check my assignment similarity so that why i upload my assignment under 1103 (DBMS) subject that I already did in semester one but now i am not able to remove that file because its due date of submission already expired.

Now i upload that file in my actual subject 7406(real-time analytics) there showing 100% similarity. please try to sort out my matter because I can make a new assignment in one day.

I added the screenshot as well for your reference.

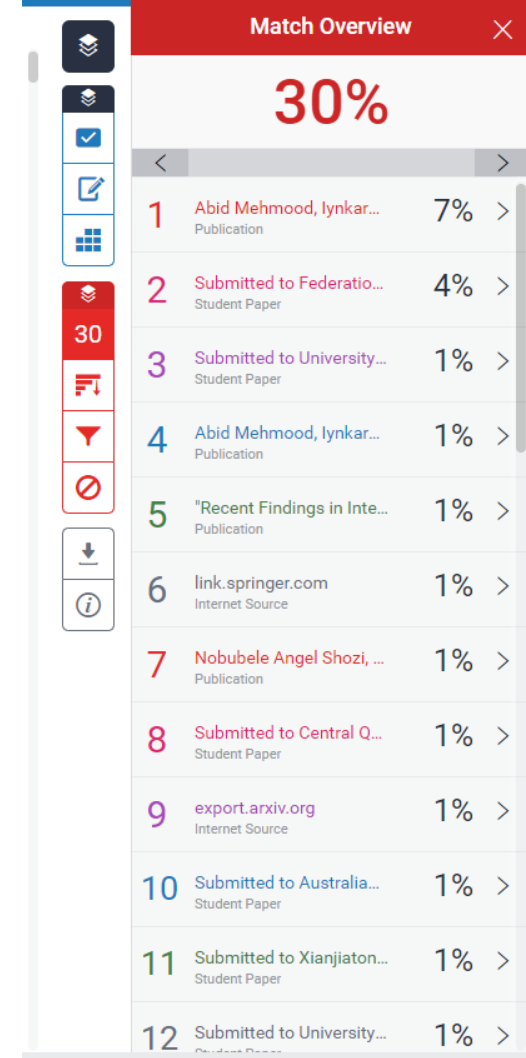
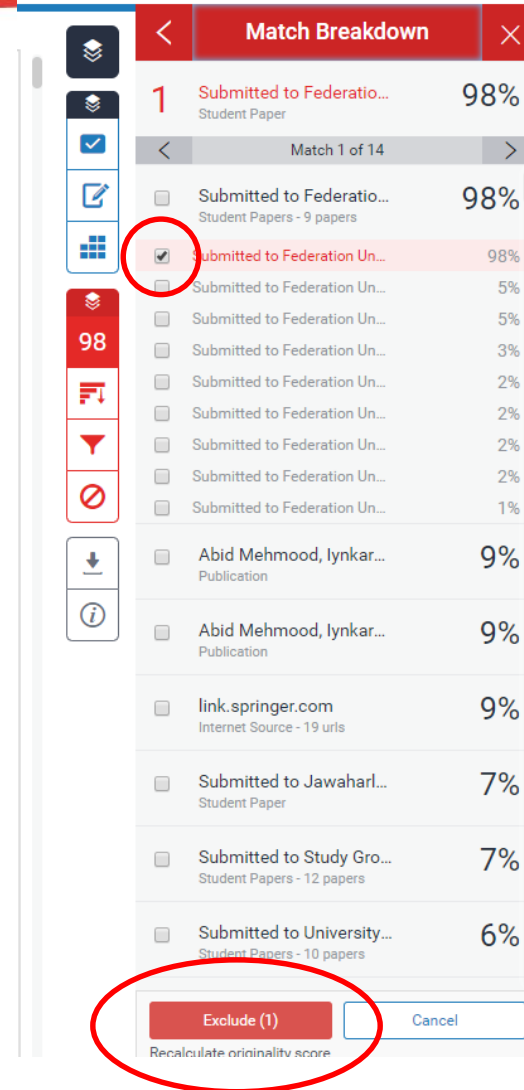
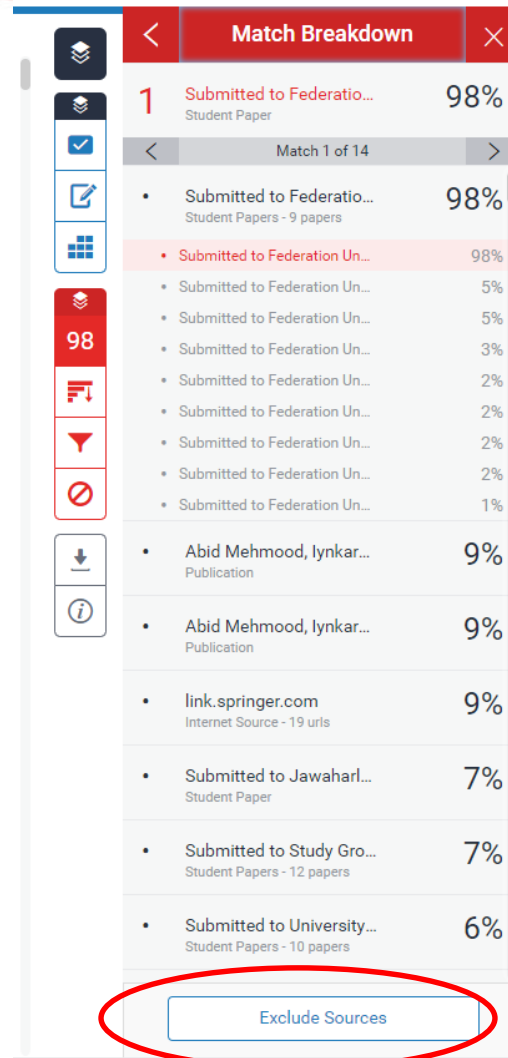
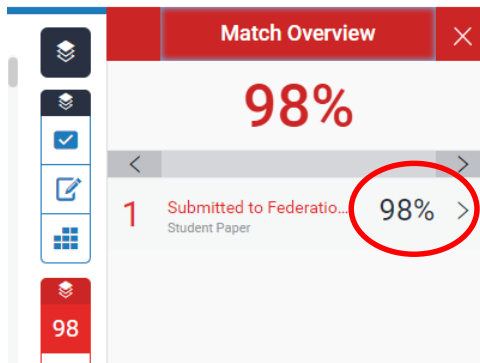
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Hi, ma'am.

There has been some misunderstanding between our team members. Two of our team members have uploaded the same file in Turnitin so the plagiarism is extremely high so please kindly suggest the appropriate solution for this problem. And during our last date of submission, ZZZZ, one of my team members has uploaded the wrong file instead of the right file. So the whole format of the document is inaccurate. Later on Friday, XXX has uploaded the right documents for our assignment. Please consider this one for marking purposes, not the earlier one.

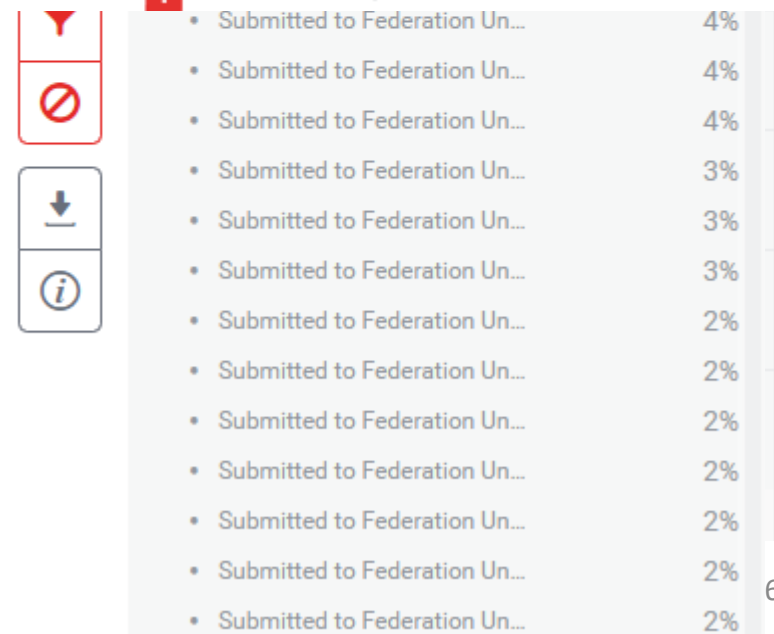
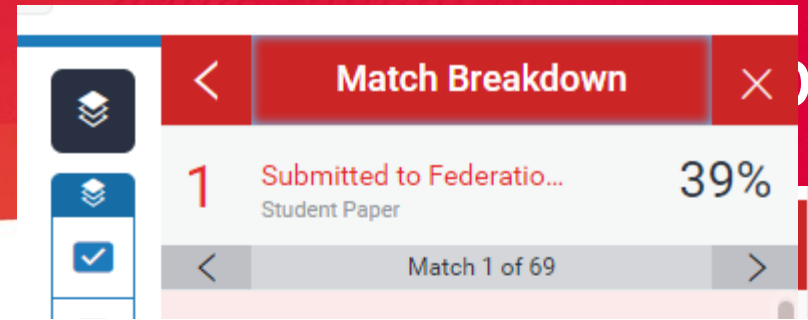
There has been a major misunderstanding and a lack of coordination between our team members. We apologize for our mistake. Please kindly consider our mistake and give us an excuse to fix this mistake.



1. Click on arrow next to %
2. Click on Exclude Sources
3. Select Source to exclude
4. Click on Exclude
5. Note the similarity has changed

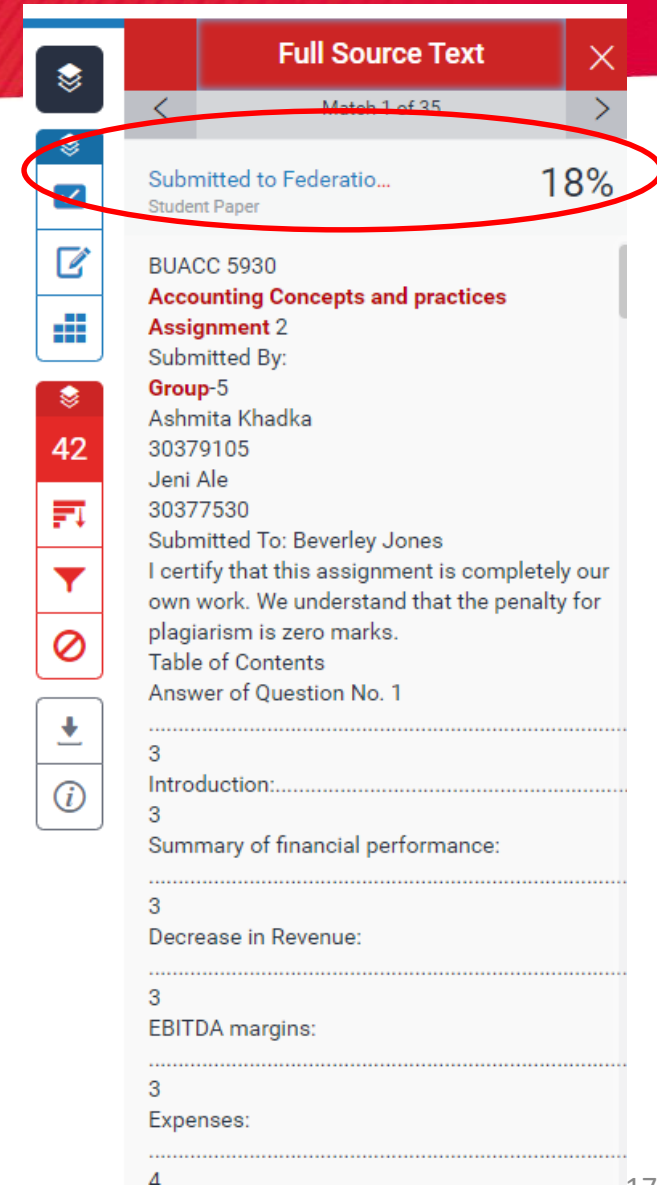
- What makes up that 20%
 - Is it 30 similarities that are less than 1% each
 - this is probably OK
 - Is it 2 blocks that each make up 10% each
 - This is probably not OK
 - This needs to be investigated

- Excluded everything that is reasonable and still have a high similarity?
- You will need to investigate the matches.
- Click on the arrow
- Select a match to open
- Open the match and investigate
- Click on the book



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- The full source text opens
 - Click on “Submitted to Federation” etc
 - And it will open in the main window
- https://ev.turnitin.com/app/carta/en_us/?o=1246473500&lang=en_us&s=1&u=28744986



The screenshot shows a Turnitin interface with a document titled "Submitted to Federatio..." and a match percentage of 18%. The document is identified as a "Student Paper" for "BUACC 5930 Accounting Concepts and practices Assignment 2". The student is "Ashmita Khadka" (ID: 30379105) from "Group-5". The document was submitted to "Beverley Jones". The content includes a certification statement, a table of contents, and the beginning of an answer to a question. The table of contents lists sections like "Introduction" (3 pages), "Summary of financial performance" (3 pages), "Decrease in Revenue" (3 pages), "EBITDA margins" (3 pages), and "Expenses" (4 pages). A red circle highlights the document title and the 18% match percentage.

So how do you report?

- You have gathered the evidence
- Complete the Plagiarism report
- Print/Save the Turnitin reports – in colour
- Get the assignment specs
- Any other evidence?
- Send it all to your CUP Liaison Officer
- **Inform the students that you have made a report**



Plagiarism Report

Name		Student ID	
Course		Location	
		Semester	
Summary of Plagiarism Case			

Have you attached the following documents to support the Plagiarism Charge?

Assessment Task Specification
 Turnitin Report with highlighted sections
 Other evidence highlighting plagiarism

Academic Submitting Plagiarism Charge

Name Signature Date

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Prior Reports of Plagiarism (Check with Central Records)	<input type="checkbox"/> First (Loss of marks or zero for assessment/assignment) <input type="checkbox"/> Second (Loss of marks or zero for course) <input type="checkbox"/> Third (Report of plagiarism sent to the Federation University Disciplinary Committee)						
Letters	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial letter advising student of plagiarism charge sent						
Request for Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for hearing received <input type="checkbox"/> Student given at least 7 working days' notice of hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing held – Date _____						
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Central Records Information

Please record plagiarism as:

First incident of plagiarism.
 Second incident of plagiarism.
 Third incident of plagiarism.

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Recent conversations I have had with lecturers

(not verbatim)

- I have told the students that next time they should reference correctly
- Referencing had a mark – so I deducted marks. Why do I need to report it, they have been penalized
- It was only 20% so I don't need to report it
- Half of the assignment is numbers so it will not work – every student will have a match.

- For all the partners to be consistent EVERY assignment that has a report component should have Turnitin drop boxes.
- Students are copying amongst partners

- Turnitin is not infallible
- It is important to set it up properly
- If your Moodle shell has been copied from a previous trimester – **you need to check the dates**
- NO zip files – generally only Word files should be accepted
- Once a file has been loaded into Turnitin – it cannot be deleted from the repository
- Report **ALL** suspected cases of plagiarism
- If you need help ASK

Have I forgotten anything?