

Turnitin

You may have some assignments that will be submitted in Blackboard via Turnitin. This document will explain a little about it, and more information can be found by going to <http://www.turnitin.com>.

What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is a software program that checks submissions for originality. It provides a report to the reader indicating if the content is likely to be original and if any may not be.

How does it do this?

It checks submitted papers against the World Wide Web, other submitted papers, and online databases.

Why use it?

Turnitin is a very useful educational tool. At this level in our studies, we should know how to paraphrase, use quotes, properly cite sources, and express our own thoughts and opinions. Yet, it is very easy to have unintentional errors, to think that we've paraphrased only to realize that it's very close to the original author's statements.

Hopefully, in your class it is used as an educational tool. If so, you will be able to submit your papers, and often within minutes, receive and read an originality report. If you are not happy with the results, you will be able to revise and resubmit the assignment as often as you'd like up until the final due date/time. Your instructor will view your final reports after the due date.

(**NOTE:** The first time you submit a paper, you may receive your report within minutes. When you submit a revision, *it will take at least 24 hours to receive a new report*. You will have to plan accordingly if you want to take advantage of this feature!)

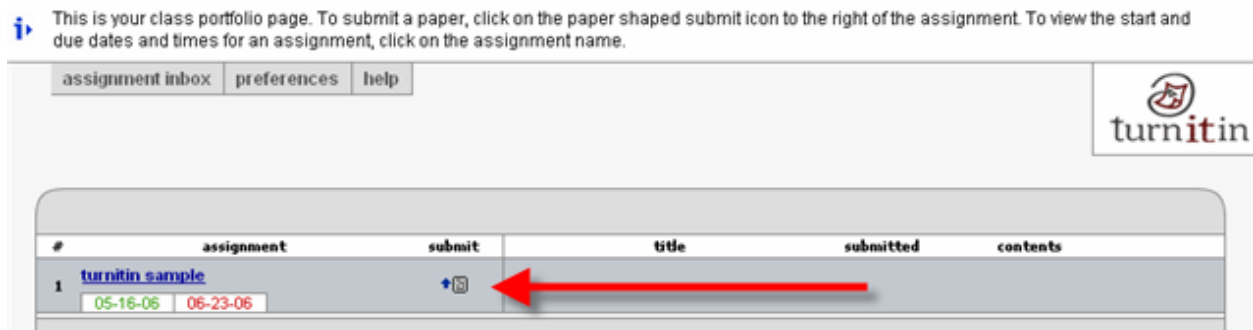
Some instructors may choose to not allow students to view the originality report, or to only submit once without the ability to revise and resubmit.

How do I submit a paper using Turnitin?

In Blackboard, your instructor will tell you where the assignment link is. Often, it will be under

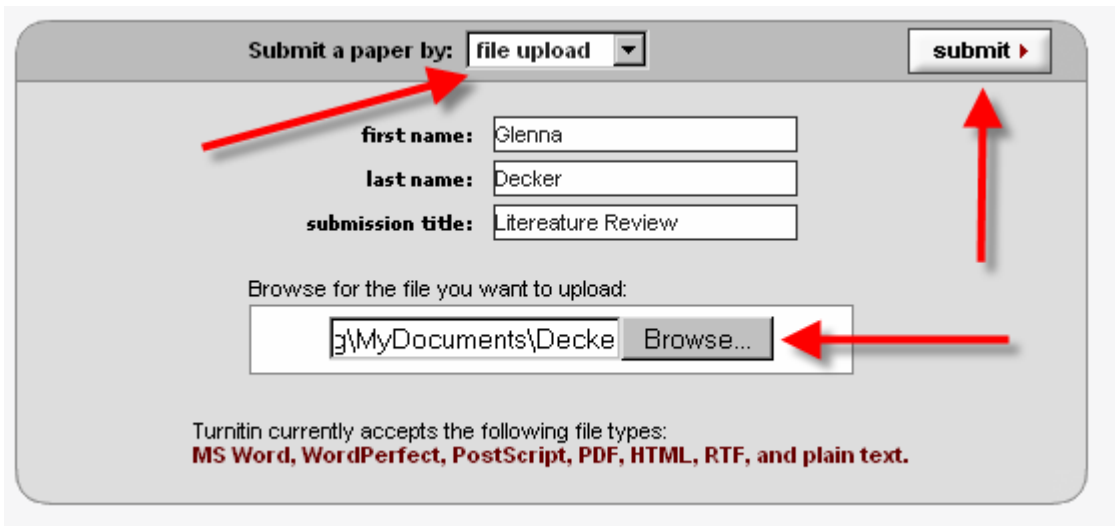
"Assignments". There will be a new icon next to it,  indicating that it is being submitted through Turnitin.

You will click on the link that reads "view/complete". You will then be in your "assignment inbox", where you will see a little icon (paper and arrow) under the heading "submit". Click on that icon.



On the next screen, you should see your name already entered. Look for the drop-down menu that reads "Submit a paper by" and select "File Upload". You will then enter the submission title, Browse

to locate and add the attachment, and click "Submit" (Note that the Submit button is at the top, not at the bottom of the screen!).



Submit a paper by: **file upload**

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submission title:

Browse for the file you want to upload:

Turnitin currently accepts the following file types:
MS Word, WordPerfect, PostScript, PDF, HTML, RTF, and plain text.

The next screen will provide a preview of your paper so that you can verify that it is what you intended to submit. You can either click "yes, submit", or "no, go back" to add a different attachment. Once you submit, you will receive a confirmation receipt, ID number, as well as an email from Turnitin alerting you that your paper was submitted.

How do I review the originality report?

To see the results that Turnitin provides, you will return to the same place where you uploaded it. You'll be back in your "assignment inbox". This time, you will see the title of your assignment (if you click on it you will see the text of your paper) and you will see a bar graph. The bar graph will include a percentage from 0 – 100. (If no bar graph appears, then it hasn't had time to process. It can take a little as a few minutes to a day or so depending on the size and format of your paper as well as how busy their system is. Remember that for a resubmitted paper, it will take at least 24 hours.)



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Click on this graph to see your originality report. It will open in a new screen, and depending on your results, provide a colorful report that points out areas where it objectively thinks your text may be the same or very similar to someone else's. (See sample below.)

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rearrangement of the presentation sequence of content that has been investigated previously, in order to produce different understandings when that content is re-read" 5

(Spiro et al., 1991). This is an element that contributes to higher-order thinking. It provides for freedom of choice, allowing students to pursue new material when they are ready. Hyperlinks provide an opportunity for scaffolding, supporting the student with the ability to complete a task that they otherwise couldn't (Oliver, Herrington, & Omani, 2001). The instructor can then

gradually reduce the amount of scaffolding, shifting more 31

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Next you will look for areas that are highlighted in different colors on the left side (your paper) and compare them with the same color on the right side (matching items). You can then decide if you believe that you should edit your paper by adding quotation marks, providing a proper citation or better paraphrasing, or if you are satisfied that the work meets an appropriate standard.

Finally...

Remember that this program provides only an objective matching. It is up to you and up to your instructor to make the final subjective decisions about the substance and originality of your work.

If you have some concerns or difficulty in getting your paper to a percentage where you are satisfied, be sure to contact me for assistance! Like I said, I consider this to be an educational tool!