

Plagiarism Detection and Prevention using Turnitin

What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is a JISC run online service that enables institutions and staff to carry out electronic comparison of students' work against electronic sources including other students' work.

“JISC hopes that this service will be a valuable support tool for institutions, staff and students in their efforts to prevent and detect plagiarism. However, it is important to note that electronic plagiarism detection cannot solve the problem of plagiarism.

Detection should be used as part of a wider approach to prevention. With this in mind, the JISC are also supporting a plagiarism advisory service based at Northumbria University. We strongly recommend that, as well as making use of this detection facility, you review the advisory services web page and consider the recommendations on good practice provided.”

(Online at <http://www.submit.ac.uk>)

Logging in

Prior to the workshop, you will have been sent a user name and password for the Turnitin system and you can log in at <http://www.submit.ac.uk>. Your user name will be your .worc.ac.uk email address and if you forget your password at any time you can click on the *Forgot your password link* to have a new one sent to your email address.

email address:

password:
(case sensitive)

login ▶

security:

Forgot your password? [Click here.](#)

Would you like to download our user manuals? [Click here.](#)

Would you like to view a demo of TurnitinUK? [Click here.](#)

Would you like to login through Athens? [Click here.](#)

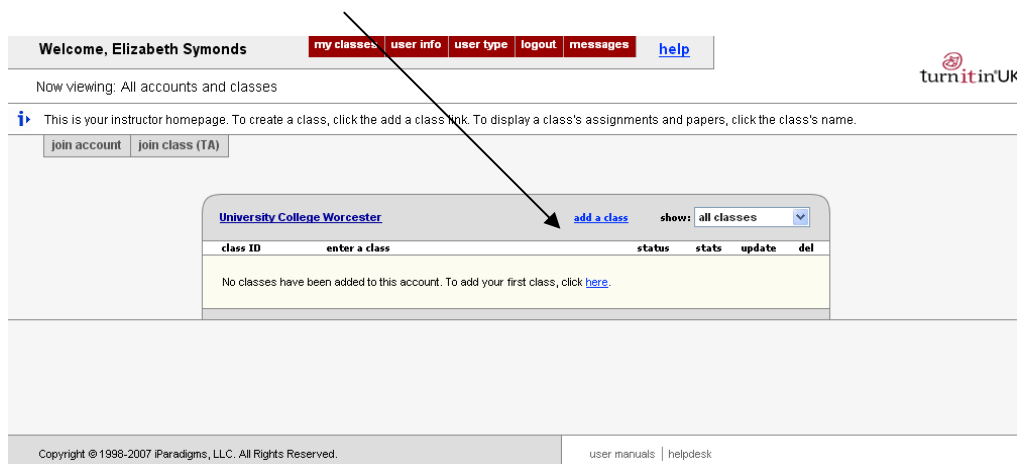
Getting Started

Your home page will show details of any classes you've created and your account details.

Creating a class

By creating classes and assignments within them, you can allow your students to submit their assignments to the system themselves.

1. Click on the *add a class* link on your instructor homepage.

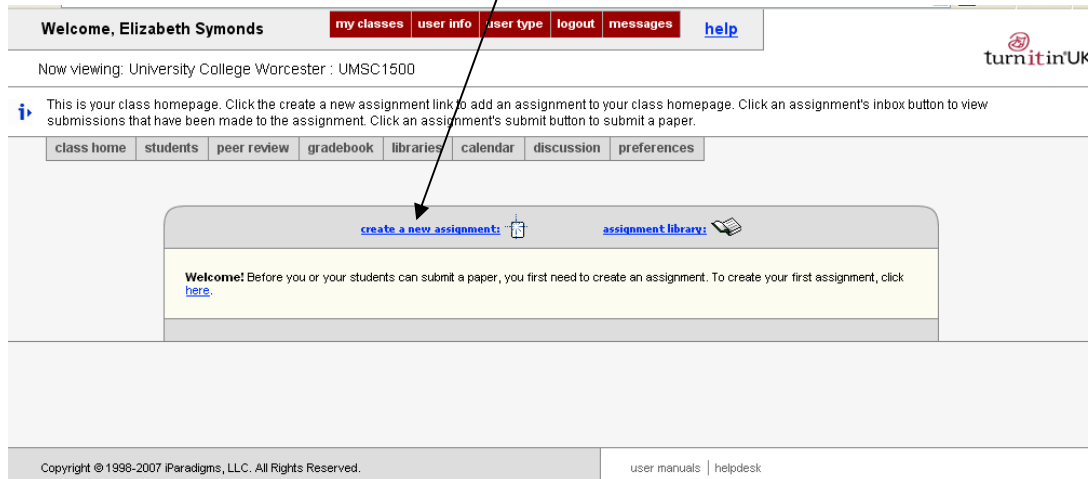


2. Enter a class name and a class enrolment password, (students will use this password to enrol in your class. Make sure your password is easy for your students to remember and make a note of it so that it can be distributed to your students).
3. Choose an end date for you class. Once this date has passed the class will no longer be accessible by your students.
4. If you would like your students to be able to view their own originality reports click the checkbox next to the view reports option.
5. Make a note of your class ID as your students will need this number and the enrolment password to access the class.

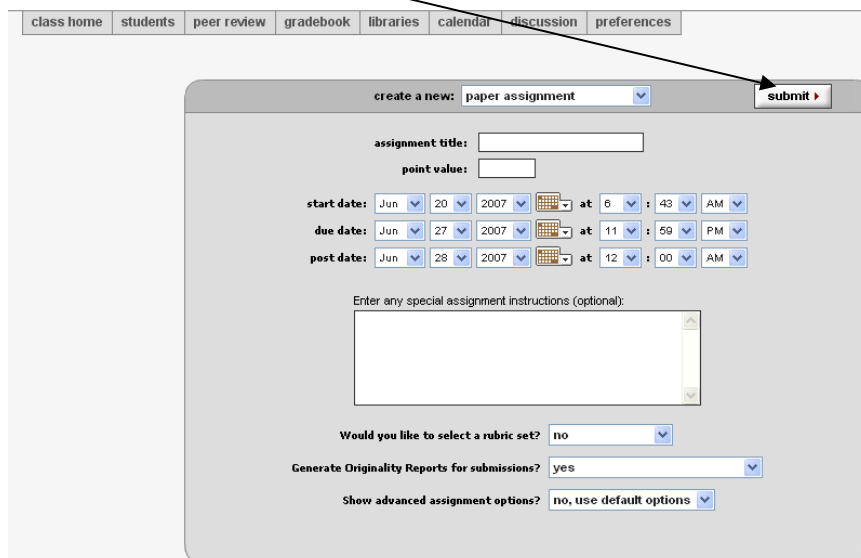
Creating an assignment

Assignments can be created within classes to which your students can upload their work.

1. Click on the name of the class to open its homepage
2. Click on the *create new assignment* link.



3. Enter a title for the assignment and any instructions.
4. Select start, due and post dates for the assignment (the post date is the date on which grades for the assignment become available to students to view).
5. Choose if you want to receive originality reports for this assignment.
6. Click on *submit* to finish.



Advanced assignment options

Once you have created your assignment you can select advanced assignment options which will allow you to specify different originality report and other options. Please see the Turnitin Instructor User Guide for further details.

Enrolling Students

Students can create their own user profile using your class ID and password. You can check this information by clicking on the *stats* button next to the class name.

Students go to the Turnitin homepage and select *Sign up* from the top menu options, then complete their class and personal information to create a profile.



Alternatively, you can add students manually by clicking on the *students* tab on the class bar and clicking the *add student* link. If you enrol your students they will be sent an email with their login details.



Submitting Papers

To submit a paper, click on the submit icon next to the assignment.



You can submit a paper as a non-enrolled student or on behalf of an enrolled student by clicking on their name from the drop-down list.

Complete the relevant details, and then browse for the file to upload. Please note that only certain file formats are accepted.

Click on the submit button.

Assignment Inbox

All assignments set up have an inbox from which student submissions can be viewed. To open an assignment inbox click on the icon in the inbox column on the class homepage.

#	assignment	inbox	submit	start	due	post	delete
1	essay			20-06-07	27-06-07	28-06-07	

To view an individual assignment, just click on its title in the inbox. You can also download papers to your computer by clicking on the file icon.

Originality Reports

Originality reports highlight potential plagiarism. Any text from the submitted paper which matches text in the sources search will be highlighted and linked to its original sources. During busy times, originality reports can take some time to be generated after the assignment has been submitted. To view a report, click on the report icon for the desired paper.

The report will provide an overall percentage of matching text however, this needs to be carefully checked in order to ensure properly cited extracts have not been included.

Turnitin documentation states:

“These indices do not reflect Turnitin UK’s assessment of whether a paper has or has not been plagiarized. Originality reports are simply tools to help you find sources that contain text similar to submitted papers. The decision to deem any work plagiarized must be made carefully, and only after careful examination of both the submitted paper and the suspect sources.”

You can exclude quoted and bibliographic materials by clicking on the links within the originality report.

TurnitinUK Originality Report

media by Libby Symonds
Processed on 09-06-05 3:48 PM PDT ID: 111643 Word Count: 1277

Overall Similarity Index: 13% [exclude quoted](#) [exclude bibliography](#) mode: show highest matches together

Match Number	Match Percentage	Match Type	Source URL
1	4%	match (internet)	http://www.heacademy.ac.uk
2	2%	match (internet)	http://www.raynet.mcmail.com
3	2%	match (internet)	http://media.bournemouth.ac.uk
4	2%	match (internet)	http://ascilite.org.au
5	2%	match (internet)	http://elctm.org
6	1%	match (internet)	http://elearning.unibg.it
7	1%	match (internet)	http://ascilite.org.au
8	1%	match (student papers from 13/01/04)	Submitted to Queen's University of Belfast

RM499 - Research Methods
Assessment 1 Part 2
Justification of Choices
Introduction
The technological advances that have taken place over the last twenty years has revolutionised the way in which we live in many ways. The development of the internet and the increasing access to networked computers means that many of the services and facilities we use can now be delivered online.
The potential to transform the way we learn and teach has been widely recognised and is advocated by central government (DfES, 2003), however Garrison and Anderson (2003) claim that e-learning is still in its infancy and state that "...education is largely unchanged by communication technology that has transformed society in so many ways."
Attempts are being made to improve the links between the fields of education and technology by such organisations as the ALT and JISC, by developing the tools, resources and training available to educational technologists. One such development is the emergence of Virtual Learning Environments. VLEs bring together a number of educational tools and techniques which allow course designers to include all elements of the learning and teaching of a course using one piece of

Quick Submit

If you have a paper that you suspect is plagiarised and just want to run a quick check without setting up a class, you can use the *Quick Submit* option.

To activate the *Quick submit* option, click on *User Info* in the main toolbar.

The screenshot shows the Turnitin user profile page for Elizabeth Symonds. The main toolbar includes 'my classes', 'user info', 'user type', 'logout', 'messages', and 'help'. The 'user info' tab is active. Below the toolbar, there is a navigation bar with 'class home', 'students', 'peer review', 'gradebook', 'libraries', 'calendar', 'discussion', and 'preferences'. The main content area is titled 'user information/preferences' and contains two sections: 'personal information' and 'user preferences'. The 'personal information' section includes fields for user name, password, confirm password, secret question, question answer, last name, first name, title, address, city, country, and postal code. The 'user preferences' section includes dropdown menus for default user type, default submission type, activate quick submit, items per page, file download format, show page info, send me email updates, use class homepage link, link URL, and link name. The 'activate quick submit' dropdown is currently set to 'no' and is highlighted with a blue border.

In the right hand pane, select drop down arrow next to activate *quick submit* and change it to *yes*. The *Quick Submit* tab will now appear on your class homepage and you can use this to submit papers in the same way, but without setting up a class.

Plagiarism Prevention

Whilst Turnitin can be very useful for helping identify suspected cases of plagiarism, if used with students' co-operation, it can be used as both an educative and preventative tool.

The e-learning team also run plagiarism awareness workshops for students and if you are interested in arranging such a workshop please contact eos@worc.ac.uk.