



Turnitin for Admissions Viewing Similarity Reports

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This document will help you understand the information presented in the Similarity Report that is created after a document is uploaded to Turnitin for Admissions. Documents are uploaded through API connections to your online application system, zip file uploaded in files containing up to 1000 documents, or individually uploaded.

Documents are then compared to:

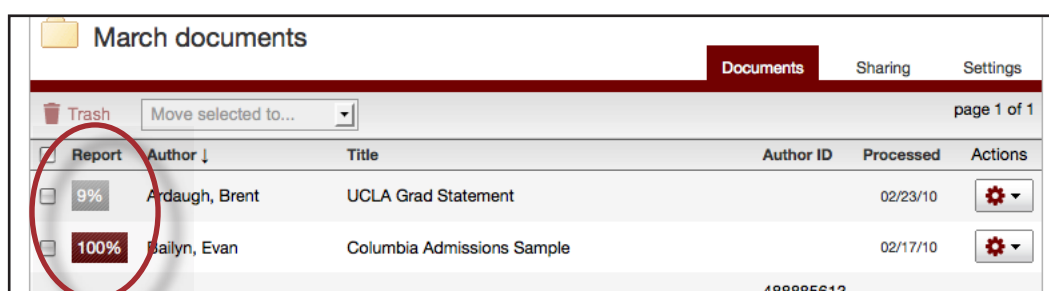
- An archived copy of the Internet
- Library database content including newspapers, magazines, textbooks, and full text academic journals
- Turnitin academic document database
- Turnitin for Admissions document database

The multi-layered Similarity Report allows the admissions professional to make well-informed, fair decisions based on verified documents.

Viewing Similarity Reports

Turnitin for Admissions Similarity Reports provide an overall similarity index for each submission. This index determines the percentage of similarity between a submission and information existing in the Turnitin for Admissions databases selected as search targets.

To view a Similarity Report click on the folder that the document was submitted to and then click on the similarity index icon under the *Report* column or select the report in your application system.



Report	Author ↓	Title	Author ID	Processed	Actions
9%	Ardaugh, Brent	UCLA Grad Statement		02/23/10	⚙️
100%	Bailyn, Evan	Columbia Admissions Sample		02/17/10	⚙️

Clicking on the similarity index icon opens up the Similarity Report. The Similarity Report is separated into three main areas in the default view. These three areas are:

- **document information** - the top of the report page shows information about the submitted document. This includes the document title, the date the report was processed, the word count, the folder the document was submitted from and the number of matching documents found in the selected databases
- **document text** - the text of the submitted paper. Matching text is highlighted in a color that corresponds to the matching source listed on the right side of the Similarity Report
- **matching sources** - the list of matching sources for the highlighted areas within the paper text

Folder: My Documents Jump to another submission in folder ▾

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Pasted Document
By: Adrian Jackson
AS of: Jun 22, 2010 11:09:11 AM PDT
112 words - 1 match - 1 source

Similarity Index
100%

Mode: Similarity Report ▾ Exclude Quotes Exclude Bibliography Exclude small matches ▾ Print Download

Document Text

I have always lived by the quote: "Mistakes are not failures. Quitting is the true failure. This quote speaks quite simply about not giving up and about realizing one's dreams to the very end. When a person has a goal, it is important never to lose sight of that goal, even though wrong decisions have been made and even if there are missed opportunities along the way. My path toward my goal may have gone

Matching Sources

1 113 words / 100% - Internet from Jun 22, 2010
www.papercamp.com

Warning: The similarity indices do not reflect Turnitin for Admissions assessment of whether a document has or has not been plagiarized. Similarity Reports are simply a tool to help our clients find sources that contain text similar to the submitted documents. The decision to deem any work plagiarized must be made carefully, and only after an in depth examination of both the submitted document and suspect sources.

Scrolling Through Matches

In the similarity view or the largest matches view modes, click on the match number in the matching sources side of the report to scroll through the uploaded document to find the instances of matching text. Continue to click on the number to view multiple matches from that source within the uploaded document.

1 253 words / 20% - Internet from Feb 23, 2010
www.oppapers.com

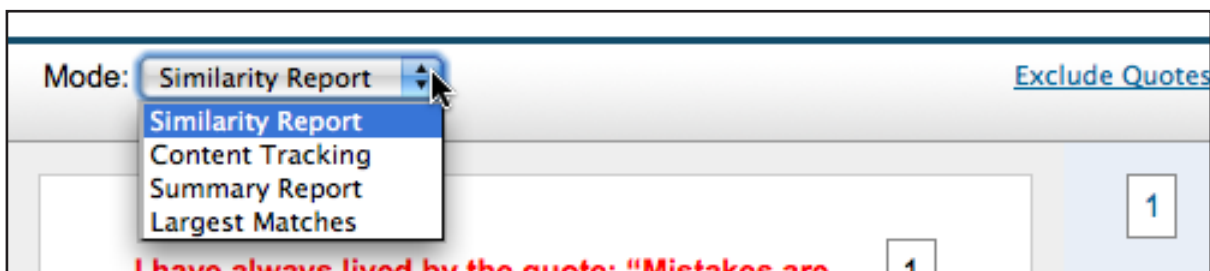
2 172 words / 13% - Student Papers
Submitted to Bridgepoint Education on 2010-01-27

Viewing Modes

There are four modes in which to view a Report:

- **Similarity Report** - this is the default viewing mode for the Similarity Report. Provides a list of all areas of the document which have similarity to information in the Turnitin for Admissions databases. Matches are color coded and listed from highest to lowest percentage of matching word area within the submission. Only the top or best matches are shown, all underlying matches are visible in the Content Tracking viewing mode. By clicking on the highlighted area of the text, the matching sources displays the actual source from the website and which part of the original writing was matched with the submitted document
- **Content Tracking** - the content tracking similarity report view mode lists all the matches between the databases and the submitted document. Since Turnitin for Admissions updates its database regularly it may have many matches from the same source. The sources that are the same will specify when they were copied from the internet
- **Summary Report** - a simple, printable list of the matches found followed by the document with the matching areas highlighted
- **Largest Matches** - the report shows the percentage of words that are a part of a matching string of words (with some limited flexibility), in the Content Tracking view the report shows the percentage of matching words for a source regardless of whether or not the words are pieces of matching strings. In some cases, strings from the same source may overlap, in which case, the longer string in the Largest Match view will be displayed.

To select the view mode, click on the *Mode:* drop down menu and select a viewing mode.



Changing Viewing Modes

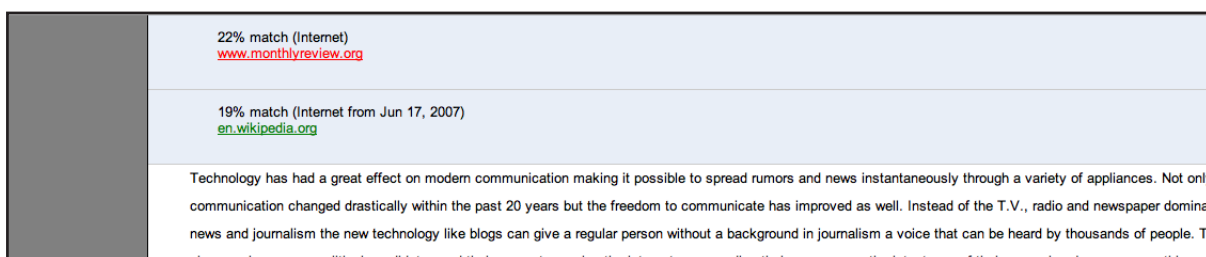
By default the Similarity Report opens in the similarity report view mode which displays the highest matches within the matching sources. In some cases smaller areas of similarity may be obscured by larger matches and not shown with this view mode. To find the underlying sources, use the Content Tracking view mode to show an exhaustive list of the sources.

When a viewing mode has been changed by selecting it from the View: drop down menu, the Similarity Report browser window will reload to display this view.

The Content Tracking view mode when selected, lists all sources, even those that are obscured by larger percentage matches in the default view. Select a source to display on the student document to the left by clicking on the radio button next to a source. When printing, this view mode will print only the currently selected source.



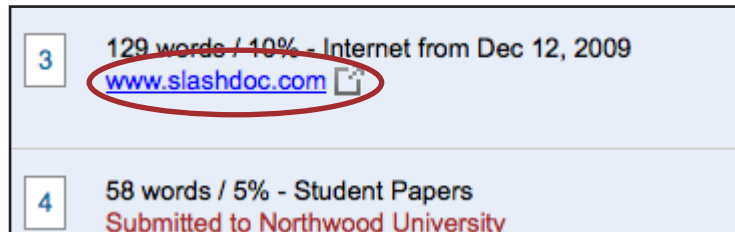
Users may also view the Similarity Report showing only matching text and source links without the matching sources view. This is known as the Summary Report view mode. This view mode allows a user to view a source in its original format from the internet, or from the Turnitin for Admissions database if the source is a journal or periodical, by clicking on the name of the source at the top of the Similarity Report. The Summary Report view mode is similar to the printed view of the Similarity Report.



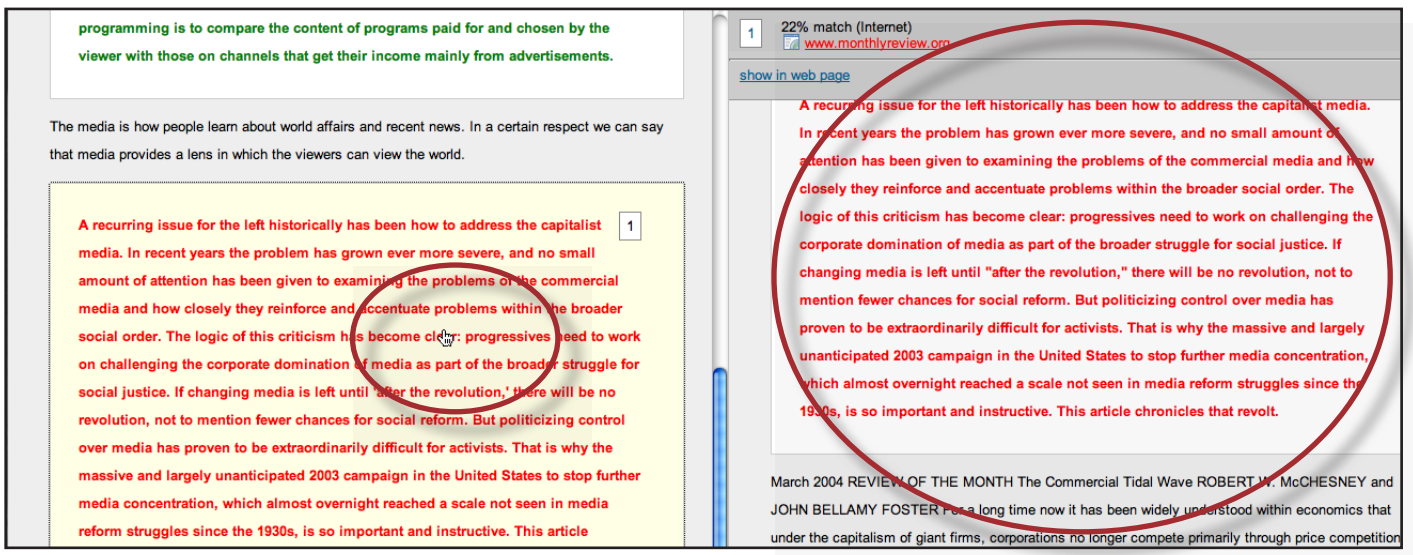
The last mode is the Largest Matches viewing mode. This mode is very similar to the default mode but with one main difference, this viewing mode shows the percentage of words that are a part of a matching string of words, so the percentage for a matching source may change in this viewing mode.

Viewing the Matching Source

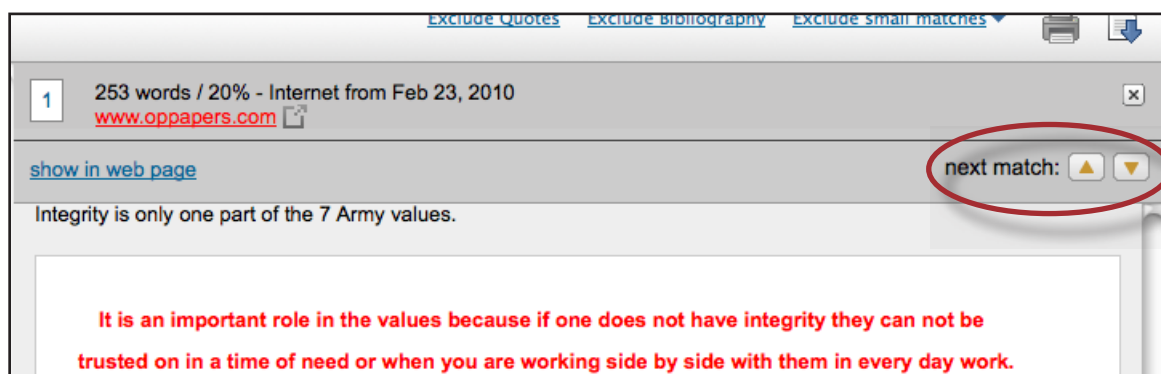
The matching source can either be viewed from the database or from the internet source. To view the internet source from the *Similarity Report* mode, right click on the link under the percentage of similar material found in the submitted document to open the match if it is still available on the web.



To view the matching material from the database side by side with the submitted document, use either the similarity report view or the largest matches view. To view the matching content in the matching sources area of the similarity report, click on the highlighted text within the submitted document. Once clicked the source material will be displayed to the right of the submitted document from the matching database source.



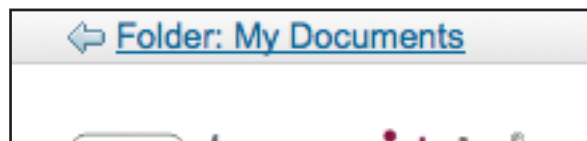
If multiple matches occur in the uploaded document to the matching source, click on the scrolling arrows to scroll through the match instances in the source material.



To exit the matched database content, click on the x button to the right of the similarity percentage to return to all the matching sources.



To return to the Folders page from the Similarity Report click on the *Return to Folders View* link at the top left of the Similarity Report or close the window if viewing from within an application system.



Excluding Quoted or Bibliographic Material

If quoted or bibliographic material is flagged as similar or matching, this information can be removed from the Similarity Report. When quoted or bibliographic material is excluded from a Similarity Report it may change the percentage of matching text found within the submission.

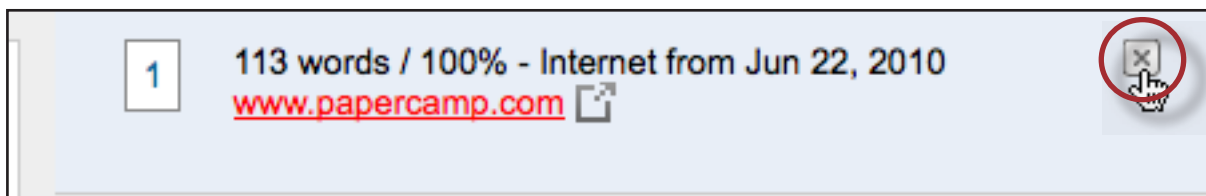
Excluding quoted or bibliographic matches:	
1. Open a Similarity Report	
2. Click on the <i>Exclude Quotes</i> or <i>Exclude Bibliography</i> links	
3. Review the revised report. Quoted or bibliographic material can be reincluded by clicking the <i>include quotes</i> or <i>include bibliography</i> links	

Excluding a Match

Any source or match source found in the Turnitin for Admissions Database can be excluded from the Similarity Report in either the *similarity report* or *highest matches* viewing modes.

This allows the user to find any underlying sources or, if it has been determined a match is not needed, to remove it from consideration. The similarity index will be recalculated and may change the current percentage of the similarity index if matches are excluded.

To exclude a match, the user must open a Similarity Report and view it in the similarity report or highest matches mode. To the right of each source listed for a match will be a gray X icon. Click on this icon to exclude the source. Any underlying source, if present, will replace the excluded source.



Once a source has been excluded it can be reincluded to the Similarity Report through the content tracking viewing mode. The content tracking view mode lists all sources that have matching content with the submission. The excluded sources will appear with a plus icon to the right of their name within this view mode. To reinclude the source within the Similarity Report, click on the plus icon.

