Training on Turnitin

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Introduction

- Scanning for plagiarism at the UoN started in 2015
- Plagiarism Policy was established in 2013 (Intranet)
- Plagiarism checker tool was acquired 2014
- The library was given the mandate to spearhead the plagiarism programs

Identifying the right tool

Open Source

- Grammarly
- Plagiarisma.
- PaperRater
- Copyleaks
- Dupli Checker
- Plagiarism Checker
- Viper

Commercial

- PlagScan.
- PlagTracker
- Turnitin

Turnitin

- Why Turnitin?
- Over 70 billion web pages
- All instructors can register for free
- Fast feedback
- It is flexible- can exclude/include Bibliography
- It is online
- Helps a lecturer to assist students to cite
- Privacy is guaranteed
- Its interactive/updated regulary
- Has a grading component
- PeerMark; Quick Mark; Voice comment; Rubric

Short comings

- It doesn't detect plagiarism
- Can only use data that is online
- The source named in the similarity report is not always the exact source used by the author
- Can be manipulated by unscrupulous users
- Expensive

How to use Turnitin

- After you register, the first step is to add a class in which you will give assignments
- You will need to get into a class to create assignments- Click on the class
- To create assignments click on "Add Assignment"
- Set parameters that will be used in submitting the assignments
- Select assignment type
- Class due date must outlive the assignment due date

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