

Turnitin Update

Turnitin Rollover – Summer 2009

Martin King will be liaising with and advising staff in all departments regarding the annual 'rollover' of Turnitin Classes, Sections and Assignments in preparation for the new academic year. Please contact Martin King (martin.king@rhul.ac.uk, ext. 4371) to arrange a meeting.

Browser Compatibility

As of August 1st 2009, Turnitin will work best with:

- Firefox (v.2+)
- Safari (v.2+) and
- Internet Explorer (v.7+)

Turnitin's developers will no longer be providing support and fixes for earlier versions of Internet Explorer. If you are continuing to use Internet Explorer v.6, please contact Martin King (martin.king@rhul.ac.uk, ext. 4371) for advice.

Turnitin Training Sessions

Training sessions for staff members who are new to Turnitin and for current users wishing to find out about Turnitin's new features (below) will be offered during August and September. Dates and locations of these sessions will be published to the intranet and to the learning technology support pages at <http://tiny.cc/edclt>.

New Features

Anonymous Marking

Turnitin now offers fully anonymous marking. This new development provides administrators and tutors with the ability to view and mark students' work without knowing the identity of the author.

This feature, now realised after a long campaign by Royal Holloway's Senior Learning & Technology Officer, Martin King, will allow administrators and tutors to hide students' names from their assignment inbox and also from the Originality Report and GradeMark (online marking tool) view to allow for anonymous marking.

Exclusion of bibliographic and quotations at the assignment level

Prior to July 1st 2009, excluding bibliographic and quoted material could only be performed in a piecemeal and manual fashion within an individual Originality Report. Now, tutors are able to indicate their preferences at the assignment level, prior to assignments being submitted.

The default for all newly created assignments will be for this content to be included. This assignment-level preference can be changed up until the first paper has been submitted. In all instances, as currently, an instructor can view an originality report and change the individual paper's settings to include or exclude bibliographic and quoted material.

GradeMark – Online marking, feedback and distribution of marks

GradeMark is an innovative technology that allows academic staff to mark student assignments online. A unique, time-saving digital alternative to the traditional pen and paper grading process, GradeMark's features include:

- Complete integration with Turnitin's other online learning tools – plagiarism detection & anonymous marking
- A flexible, recordable and editable commenting system that allows instructors to insert detailed feedback anywhere in a student assignment
- The ability to specify a release date for each assignment, allowing students to view their assignments, marks and feedback

GradeMark was successfully piloted by the Music Department in 2007/8; a case study will be made available on request.

Content-comparison update

Student assignments submitted to Turnitin are now compared for similarity to a massively increased range of resources:

The Turnitin Database

- Over 12 Billion Web Pages Crawled & Archived
- Over 60 Million Student Papers
- Over 10,000 Major Newspapers, Magazines & Scholarly Journals
- Thousands of digitised books

EBSCO

Turnitin has just partnered with EBSCO which will see thousands of titles (~41,000) added to the repository over time to go along with the 10,000 Cengage titles (which alone are 50 million articles).

Cross-Ref

Early this year Cross-Ref added its 50th partner to its CrossCheck Turnitin Service, which includes; ACM, BMJ, CUP, OUP, Elsevier, Springer, Taylor & Francis
For a full list of members and content see http://www.crossref.org/crosscheck_members.html