

Comparing Plagiarism Detection Services

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Abstract

There are a number of on-line services that offer to help academic institutions detect plagiarised material. This poster compares reports from three such services, and summarises favourable experience at Manukau Institute of technology of one of those services, Turnitin.com.

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Introduction

With access to the Internet and other digital resources, students can plagiarise material from a far wider range of sources than any teacher can hope to know and monitor.

This increase in opportunity has been countered by the advent of services that can help institutions detect plagiarised material. Early in 2000, the author appraised three such services and discovered differences between them in the quality and/or utility of their reports. As a result of that survey, the Department of Information systems at Manukau Institute of Technology adopted Turnitin.com as the principal tool of their anti-plagiarism strategy.

This poster:

- displays comparable reports from the three services
- summarises subsequent experience of the Turnitin.com service
- notes kinds of plagiarism not detectable by this service.

References

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