

iThenticate® Plagiarism Detection Software

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What is iThenticate®?

Plagiarism detection software that crawls online databases and indexes looking for similar content.

Topics

- Plagiarism: what's at stake
- Who uses plagiarism detection software
- Purpose of iThenticate®
 - Where it works
 - Where it doesn't
- Logging in
- Using iThenticate®
- Reading reports
- Filtering
- Final thoughts

Who Uses Plagiarism Software?

- Publishers
 - 80% of high impact journals
- Universities
 - Theses and dissertations
 - Grants offices
- Funding agencies

Users include:

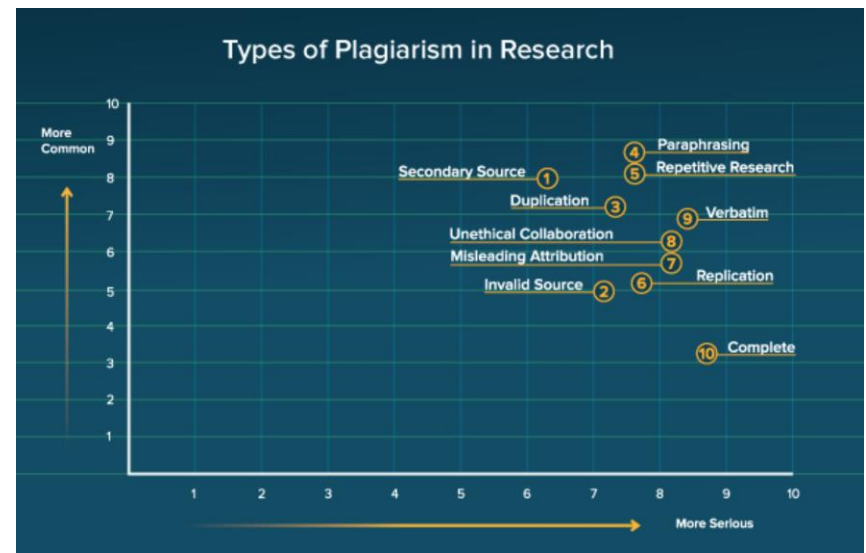
NSF, DOE, EPA, European Parliament, Swiss National Science Foundation, European Commission, Elsevier, EBSCO, Nature, Wiley, IEEE, Sage, Springer, and more...

Plagiarism: What's at Stake

- Publications
- Grant funding
- Your reputation
- Your job/career
- Legal repercussions
 - Copyright laws
- Monetary loss
 - May have to pay restitution
 - Research misconduct
- For students/post docs
 - Expulsion
 - Loss of assistantships
 - Career

Why Use iThenticate®?

- As mentors...
 - You only correct mistakes.
 - You can't know all of the literature.
 - Another set of *impartial* eyes.
 - The cost of plagiarism is too high to ignore.



Turnitin, LLC. Plagiarism Detection Comparison Database. <http://www.ithenticate.com/resources/infographics> [accessed 22 October 2017].

iThenticate® as a Tool

Where it is good

- Finding overlap from major publishers, e-books, and websites
- Currently supports 30 languages in their databases
- Most widely used tool by publishers, universities, and funding agencies
- Detecting accidental plagiarism and writing errors

Where it *may* fail

- Does not catch everything
- Will not capture unpublished, obscure, or work in unsupported languages
- May not have access to all of the literature in other countries
- Not a cure, it is a tool
- It requires a human element