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

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• Who uses plagiarism detection software
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• Reading reports
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Who Uses Plagiarism Software?

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

Users include:
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.

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• Will not capture unpublished, obscure, or work in unsupported languages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