

Dropbox Plagiarism Detection

Plagiarism Detection enables you to monitor your Dropbox folders and identify potential cases of plagiarism by automatically comparing submissions to an online database of original content. You can then view Originality Reports which highlight key areas, show a breakdown of matching sources, and provide direct links to the matching content.

You can also take advantage of the integrated Online Markup tool which enables you to add comments, inline text, and highlight sections in file submissions, directly from the Dropbox tool.

Note Plagiarism Detection and Online Markup features are enabled through integration with Turnitin from iParadigms, LLC. To use these features, first obtain a valid Turnitin account, and then log in to your account to enable and configure the Desire2Learn integration and obtain your shared key. Visit <http://www.turnitin.com> for more information about obtaining a Turnitin account.

Activating Plagiarism Detection for your course Dropbox folders

By default, Plagiarism Detection is turned off for your organization. To activate Plagiarism Detection, the following DOME variables must be enabled and properly updated for your org unit:

Dome Variable	Value
d2l.3rdParty.Turnitin.AccountID	Your Turnitin account id number
d2l.3rdParty.Turnitin.SharedKey	Your Turnitin shared key
d2l.3rdParty.Turnitin.URL	The API URL provided by Turnitin for your account (typically https://www.turnitin.com/api.asp)
d2l.3rdParty.Turnitin.HasPlagiarismPrevention	On

Contact your site administrator to update these DOME variables and obtain the appropriate account id, shared key, and URL from Turnitin for your organization.

Creating a Dropbox folder that uses Plagiarism Detection

If Plagiarism Detection is activated for your org unit a checkbox appears in the properties tab of the New/Edit Folder page.

Caution You cannot disable Plagiarism Detection once it has been enabled for a Dropbox folder.

To enable Plagiarism Detection

1. While creating or editing a Dropbox folder, select **Enable Plagiarism Detection for this folder**.
2. Click the Restrictions tab and update the start date and end dates to your desired range.


Setting up Originality Reports and other advanced features

When you enable Plagiarism Detection, an options area appears at the bottom of the New/Edit Folder page. Here you can enable detailed Originality Reports for Dropbox submissions, control end user visibility, set the Originality Reports frequency, select which sources to check the submission against, and decide whether the current submission you are running the report against is added to the file index for new submissions to be checked against.


To enable Originality Reports

Select **Generate Originality Reports** in the Plagiarism Detection Options area.


To allow submitters to see Originality Reports

1. Click  **Show Advanced Plagiarism Detection Options** to open the advanced options area.
2. Select **Allow submitters to see Originality Reports**.
3. Click **Save**.


To change the frequency of your Originality Reports

1. Click  **Show Advanced Plagiarism Detection Options** to open the advanced options area.
2. Choose one of the following options:
 - Automatic plagiarism detection on all submissions
 - Identify individual submissions for plagiarism detection
3. Click **Save**.

To select which sources to check a submission against

1. Click  **Show Advanced Plagiarism Detection Options** to open the advanced options area.
2. Choose any combination of the following options:
 - Use paper database
 - Current and archived internet
 - Periodicals, journals, & publications
3. Click **Save**.


To allow submissions to be added to the index (used in future searches)

1. Click  **Show Advanced Plagiarism Detection Options** to open the advanced options area.
2. Select **Allow other files to be checked against submission**.
3. Click **Save**.

Manually submitting files for Plagiarism Detection

If your Dropbox folder has **Identify individual submissions for plagiarism detection** enabled then you need to manually submit file submissions for Plagiarism Detection. This is useful for when you don't want to check every file submission for plagiarism, but still want the ability to do so on a case by case basis.

To manually submit files for Plagiarism Detection

1. Ensure that **Identify individual submissions for plagiarism detection** is enabled in the properties tab on the New/Edit Folder page.
2. From the Folder Submissions page, click the  **Submit file for Plagiarism Detection** icon. A message displays indicating the file has been submitted for review.
3. Check the Folder Submissions page to view the status of your Originality Report.

Viewing Originality Reports

View Originality Reports from the Folder Submissions page. When a report is available, the status changes from **In progress** to a percentage rating, which indicates the level of matching content.

Paper Information

ID#: 88161988	Word Count: 4934
Submitted: 02-25-09	Total Marks: 3
Last Saved: 03-02-09	Time spent: 00:25:33
Similarity: 93% 	Status: final

Final Grade (out of 0):

Viewing a file submission summary

A lower percentage rating indicates that the content is original and has not been copied; a higher percentage rating indicates the content is not original and has been copied from another source.

The percentage ranges are associated with colors:

- **Blue** ≥ 0 and $< 20\%$
- **Green** ≥ 20 and $< 40\%$
- **Yellow** ≥ 40 and $< 60\%$
- **Orange** ≥ 60 and $< 80\%$
- **Red** ≥ 80 and $\leq 100\%$

To view an Originality Report for a submission

Click the colored section beside the percentage rating to view the associated Originality Report.

Report	Submis:
94% 	Feb 25, 2

Opening Originality Reports


The Originality Report is comprised of two panes. The right pane lists all of the matching sources, including the percentage of text that matches and a link to the online content. The left pane displays the submission text using colored highlights to draw attention to the matching content.

Tip For more detailed help with Originality Reports, click the help link in the top-right corner of the report page.

Plagiarism Detection file type compatibility

The following file types are compatible with Plagiarism Detection:

- MS Word
- WordPerfect
- PostScript
- Acrobat PDF
- HTML
- RTF
- Plain text

Note If your file type is incompatible with Plagiarism Detection the  **Information** icon displays instead of the percentage rating.

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