

## WHAT IS SAFEASSIGN AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

SafeAssign is a tool that is integrated into the Blackboard Learning Management System which assists in the detection of plagiarism within student-submitted work. With SafeAssign, student submissions are compared against several sources including:

- **Institutional document archives:** Contains all papers submitted to SafeAssign by users in their respective institutions.
- **Global Reference Database:** Contains over 59 million papers volunteered by students from Blackboard client institutions to help prevent cross-institutional plagiarism.
- **ProQuest ABI/Inform Journal Database:** More than 3,000 publication titles, 5 million documents, and over 200 topical categories from the 1970s to present time and covering topics from Advertising to Women's Studies.
- **Internet:** SafeAssign searches across the broader internet for matching text using an internal search service.

SafeAssign will generate an originality report for each submission it receives, detailing the percentage of text in the submission that matches existing sources. The report also includes a listing of suspected sources that the instructor can review to make the determination as to whether or not the flag constitutes plagiarism.

## ENABLING SAFEASSIGN FOR STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

SafeAssign must be turned on in each assignment for which you would like to check for possible plagiarism. It can be enabled in the “**Submission Details**” area of the Assignment Settings. You also have the options as to whether or not you would like the students to see their originality report, or if you would like the student submission excluded from the Institutional and Global References Databases (i.e. if this is a draft assignment).

**Submission Details**

*If any students are enrolled in more than one group receiving the same assignment they will submit more than one attempt for this assignment. It may be necessary to provide these students with an overall grade for the assignment.*

Assignment Type

- Individual Submission
- Group Submission

Number of Attempts

Single Attempt

Plagiarism Tools

- Check submissions for plagiarism using SafeAssign

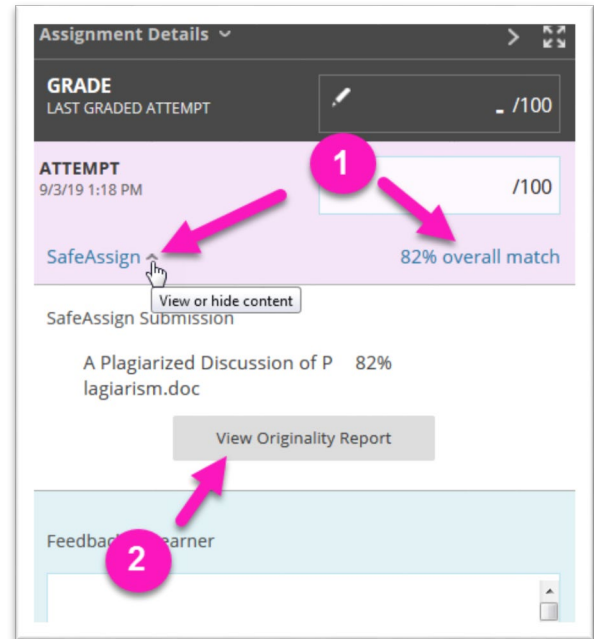
*Although SafeAssign officially supports only English, clients are welcome to use SafeAssign with languages other than English. SafeAssign has no technical limitations that preclude using it with other languages. See [Blackboard Help](#) for more information.*

*If SafeAssign is enabled with Anonymous Grading, SafeAssign Originality Reports will be hidden from Instructors until Anonymous Grading is disabled. However, Students may still be able to see SafeAssign Originality Reports depending on the state of the "Allow students to view SafeAssign originality report for their attempts" setting.*

- Allow students to view SafeAssign originality report for their attempts
- Exclude submissions from the Institutional and Global References Databases

After students submit their assignments, you can access the results of the SafeAssign review from the Grading Panel for the assignment. To do this:

1. Select the student submission attempt from the **“Needs Grading”** area and **click the chevron** or the **% match (1)** to expand the SafeAssign details.
2. Click the **“View Originality Report”** Button (2) to see a listing of matching text found and the source from which it came.



Matching text will be highlighted in the report page. You may print the report by clicking the print button indicated by the arrow.

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A Plagiarized Discussion of Plagiarism

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In recent years, the availability of online source material and online papers has increased instructors' concerns regarding plagiarism in the classroom. Many instructors do not realize, however, that the digital revolution has also created a niche for fast and (at least somewhat) reliable plagiarism-detection software.

1 In college courses, we are continually engaged with other people's ideas: we read them in texts, hear them in lecture, discuss them in class, and incorporate them into our own writing. As a result, it is very important that we give credit where it is due.

Plagiarism is using others' 1 ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information.

2 How Can Students Avoid Plagiarism?

1 To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use

3 Recognized worldwide as the standard in online plagiarism prevention, Turnitin helps educators and students take full advantage of the Internet's educational potential. Used by thousands of institutions in over fifty countries, Turnitin's products promote originality in student work, improve student writing and research skills, encourage collaborative learning, and save valuable instructor time.

4 Everyone in the university needs to pay attention to the issue of proper attribution. All of us--faculty and students together--draw from a vast pool of texts, ideas, and findings that humans have accumulated over thousands of years; we could not think to any productive end without it. Even the sudden insights that appear at first glance to