



Academic integrity and Turnitin

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Overview

Academic integrity and existing supports

What Turnitin can and cannot do

Setting up an assignment

Similarity report

Interpreting similarity scores

Providing Feedback

Handling concerns

Plagiarism

'copying someone else's work (whether or not in the public domain) and passing it off as one's own, or inappropriately resubmitting one's own already graded work and passing it off as original.'

Teaching and Learning Committee guidelines

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ASSIGNMENT TYPE

Learner Record Writing

Skill Demonstration Assignments

Work Experience Diary

Reflection Journal

Online Exam Help

QQI Level 5

QQI Level 6

COURSE

Nursing

Childcare

Healthcare

SNA (Special Need)

Care of older people

Child Development

Care Skills

Care Support

Disability Awareness

Infection Prevention

Health & Safety At Work

ONLINE DEGREE COURSE

Psychology Assignment

Early Childhood QQI Assignment

Montessori Assignment

Palliative Course Assignment

Communications FETAC Level 5 Assignments

Law Course Assignment

Management Assignment

Train The trainer

Health Care Assistant

Digital Marketing Assignment

OOI Level 1-4 Course

CITIES

Dublin

Galway

Cork

Limerick

Waterford

Sligo

Dundluck

Carlow

Maynooth

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Academic integrity

Existing supports

Library

Workshops

- Referencing
- Citing
- Plagiarism

Online Guides

Queries

- Referencing
- Stylistics
- Paraphrasing/quoting

1-2-1 support

Turnitin contacts

Academic consultation (CTL)

- Interpreting Turnitin reports
- Integrating academic integrity in teaching design

Software

Sulis/support (ITD)

Regional Writing Centre

Academic Writing workshops

- Writers' Groups
- Writers' Space
- Workshops and Seminars
- Online Resources

Drop in Centre 1-2-1 sessions

[University of Limerick Research Integrity Policy](#)

A powerful
tool for
feedback
provision, as
well as
plagiarism
prevention



Turnitin – Similarity Reports

Turnitin determines the similarity of text from sources such as:

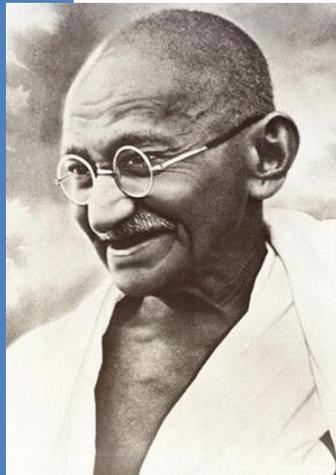
- Publicly accessible internet sources
- Documents already submitted to Turnitin
- Assignments from within the class

Note: lecturers can choose whether or not assignments are stored within the Turnitin repository

Note: you can re-run a report to exclude small matches, bibliography, or selected sources

Turnitin is
very useful
for...

Close paraphrasing – where a body of work is similar to another authors work e.g. some words have been replaced using a synonym replacement tool, this is a form of plagiarism



Mahatma Gandhi
“Quit India”
August 8, 1942; India

ARTICLE REWRITER

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Paste Article Duplication > Processing > Re-Write Suggestion > Done(unique Article)

I believe that **within the** history of **the planet**, there has not been a **additional** genuinely democratic struggle for freedom than ours. I **browse** Carlyle's French Resolution **whereas i used to be** in **jail**, and Pandit Jawaharlal has told **Pine Tree State one thing concerning** the Russian revolution. **however it's** my conviction that inasmuch as these struggles were fought with the weapon of violence they **did not notice** the democratic ideal. **within the** democracy **that I even have** envisaged, a democracy established by non-violence, **there'll** be equal freedom for all. **everyone are going to be** his own master. **it's to hitch** a struggle for such democracy that I invite you **nowadays**. Once you **notice** this **you'll** forget the **variations** between the Hindus and Muslims, and **consider** yourselves as Indians **solely**, engaged **within the** common struggle for independence.

And also for...

Matching to other students' work (provided they are stored in the Turnitin repository):

Reusing assignments – either their own or others

Repurposing part/all of other assignments – either their own or others

Shared work – maybe through file sharing sites
(**Note:** collaborative assignments should only have one submission).

**But Turnitin
won't spot....**

Back translation – submitting text to a translation tool (eg in Google Translate) into a number of different languages and then back to English

Paraphrasing – altering a piece of text using a paraphrasing tool

Turnitin will not check for **grammar or syntax**, so it will not be highlighted in a similarity report, but:

Text will not make sense

Unusual words are used

Random capitalisations

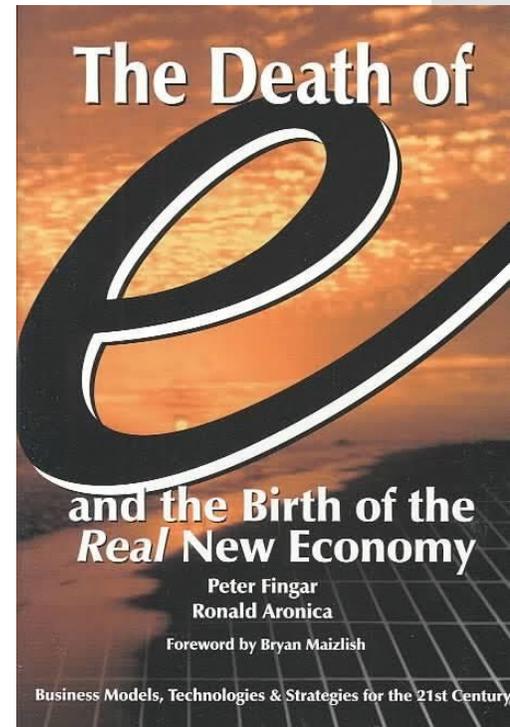


Example

A lecturer gets a Turnitin originality report showing a match for the following passage:

Today, according to authors of *The Death of "e" and the Birth of the Real New Economy* **doing business electronically is the only way to stay alive and competitive. It is a necessity to get involved in the digital economy. Therefore, "e" is disappearing from our vocabulary because conducting business electronically is a normal, every-day activity.**

Is this plagiarism or not? Why?



What Turnitin can and cannot do for you

Can

Provide an objective view of assessment based on submitted text

Cannot

Tell you explicitly if a submitted document has been plagiarised, not everything in the report is a cause for concern

Academic judgement

You need to determine possible causes for concern and if plagiarism actually has taken place

When using Turnitin Originality Report...

Check all papers, not a sample

Don't use a % in the originality report as a rule of thumb

Notify and explain to your students that you are using Turnitin

Allow students the opportunities to see a report (e.g. draft assignment)

Use it proactively and formatively (e.g. using originality report in tutorials, peer review and online feedback features, etc)

What can I do if plagiarism/cheating happens?

You must use your **professional judgement** guided by your analysis of the context, the requirements of your discipline and your understanding of the student's situation. As a result, you may:

Refer to disciplinary process



Deal with the problem directly

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Creating an assignment in Sulis



- Set the date:
 - *'Open' Date, 'Due' Date and 'Accept Until' Date*
- Select Submission Format
 - *Inline, Attachments etc.*
- Set Grade Scale
 - *Letter Grade, Points etc.*
- Additional Assignment Settings
 - *Peer and Group Submissions*

Lecturers can choose whether or not a student can view the report

*Lecturers can opt out of storing papers in the Turnitin repository



Use Turnitin

Allow students to view report

NOTE:

- When submitting attachments, s PostScript (.eps, .ps), plain text (.)
- Students should always save file

Submit papers to the following

None Standard Paper Repository

Generate originality reports:

Immediately On Due Date

Exclusion options:

Exclude bibliographic materials f

Exclude quoted materials from S

Exclude small matches

Check originality against:

Turnitin paper repository

Current and archived internet

Periodicals, journals, and publ

Trial submissions

Create assignment for trial submissions:

- Tick the 'None' option under submitting to repository.
- Assignments will *not be saved* in the Turnitin database.
- Will be *checked* against the current Turnitin database.
- Allows students to review their citations etc. without matching their own work.

Submit papers to the following repository:

None Standard Paper Repository

Assignments preview

Takes approx. 20 mins for originality report to generate.

[StudentMember02, ULStudent02](#)



Test_Powerpoint_Slides.

Once generated, you will be able to tell at glance at the results (color coded red/yellow/blue)

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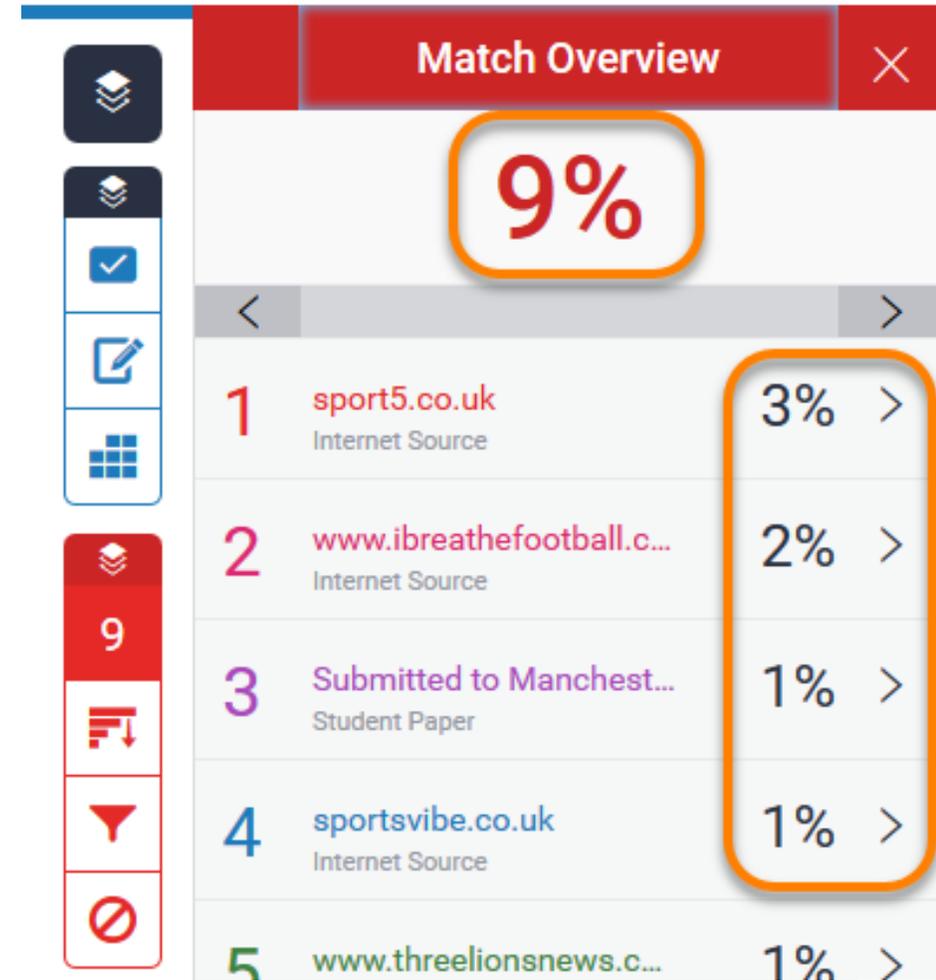
Similarity Index

The score is determined by the number matches between the submitted document and other sources

Whole document similarity

Colour coded individual matches

Scores to be concerned with are usually at either end of the range (**BUT this just a general 'rule of thumb'!**)



0%

1-24%

25-49%

50-74%

>75%

There is no
right score,
and a score
could be
misleading

0% score could be a
'false negative'

0%

75+% scores could be a
'false positive'

>75%

External requests for access to Turnitin reports

Often, you will find matches between your student's submission and assignments submitted in other institutions (this could be due to both assignments using a common source, not necessarily plagiarism).

You can request an instructor in an external university for access to the original student submission that your student's submission is matched against.

Advice from the DPO is NEVER to grant access to a student's report which has been matched against a submission outside UL for GDPR.

Applying filters

On the side panel – access the filters and settings options through the filter icon on the sidebar menu

Exclude elements such as quotes/bibliography (quoted text must be surrounded by the quotation marks (“ ”))

Click ‘apply changes’ to generate a new report, based on the filters applied.

You can provide this access to students (helping students self evaluate)

The screenshot shows a software interface with a sidebar menu on the left and a 'Filters and Settings' panel on the right. The sidebar menu includes icons for home, search, and filters. A red arrow points to the filter icon in the sidebar. The 'Filters and Settings' panel has a red header and contains the following sections:

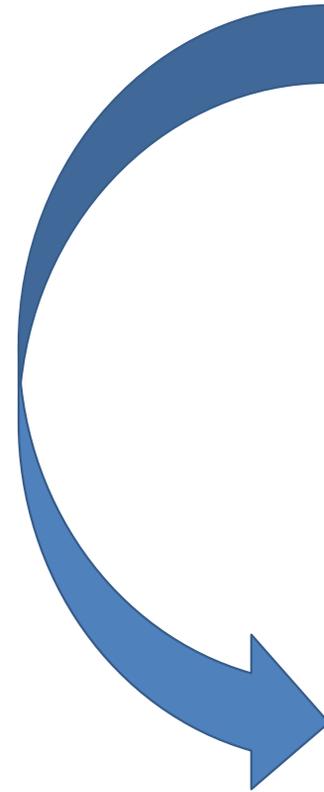
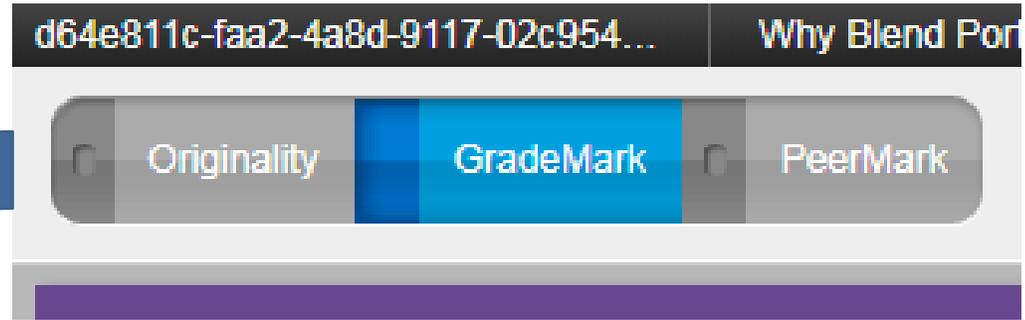
- Filters:**
 - Exclude Quotes
 - Exclude Bibliography
 - Exclude sources that are less than:
 - words
 - %
 - Don't exclude by size
- Optional Settings:**
 - Multi-Color Highlighting

At the bottom of the panel, there are two buttons: 'Apply Changes' and 'New Report'. A red box highlights these buttons.

See this this for more <https://youtu.be/NbG7wANCAU4>

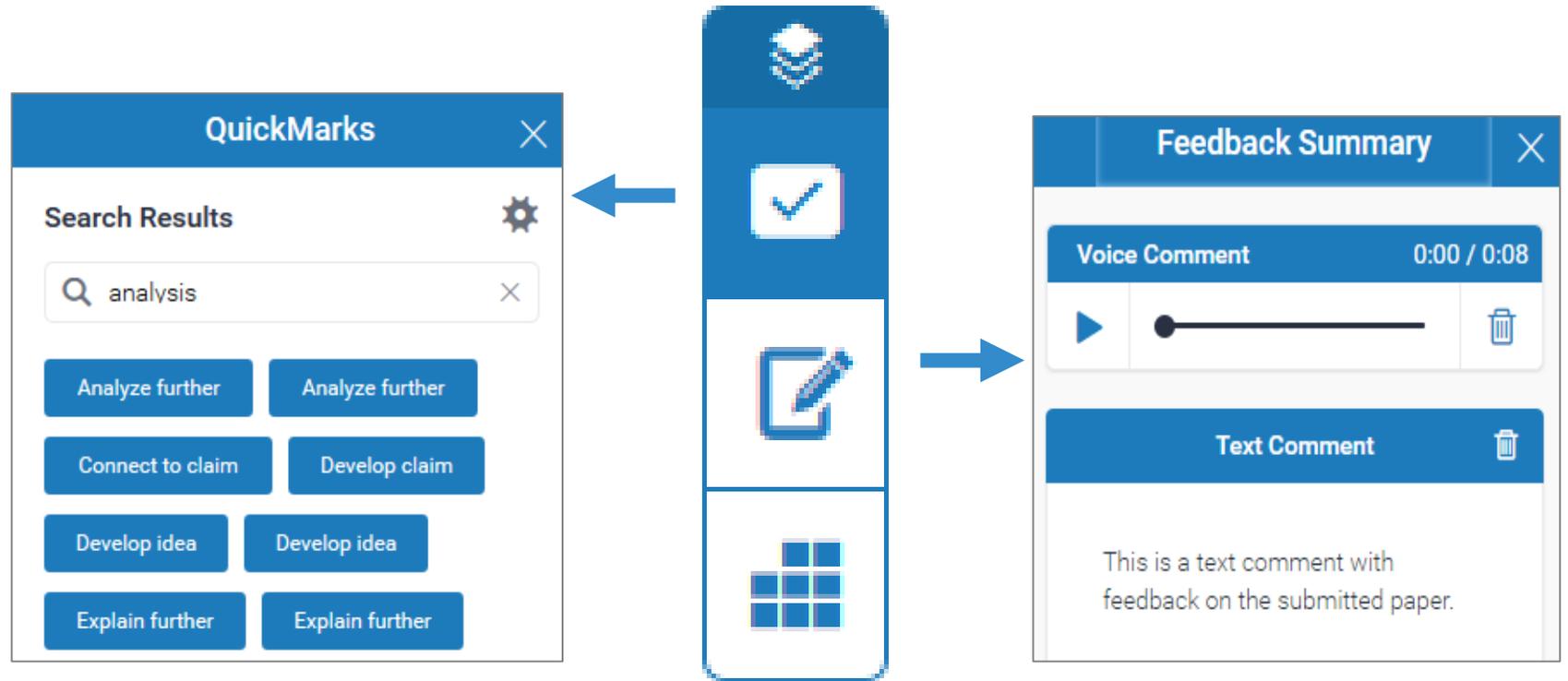
Turnitin has rebranded this feature from 'Grademark' to 'Feedback Studio'

ITD



feedback
studio™

Turnitin Feedback Studio



Feedback – Assignment Tool

Tutor Comments Box

Provide additional instructor comments on the student submissions.

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Feedback Comment ✕

Instructor Summary Comments

i Use the box below to enter additional summary comments about this submission.

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body p

Done

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Submitted Attachments:
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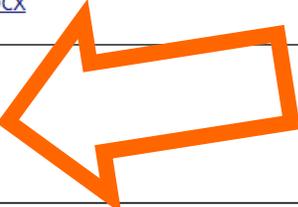
Feedback Comment

Feedback Attachment(s)
Add Attachments

Private Notes

Allow Resubmission

Save **Save and Release to Student** **Cancel**



Feedback – Assignment Tool

Feedback Attachments

Attach documents providing detailed feedback on student submissions.

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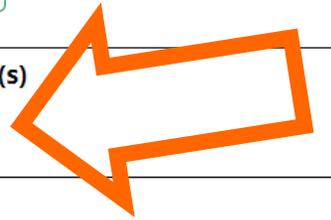
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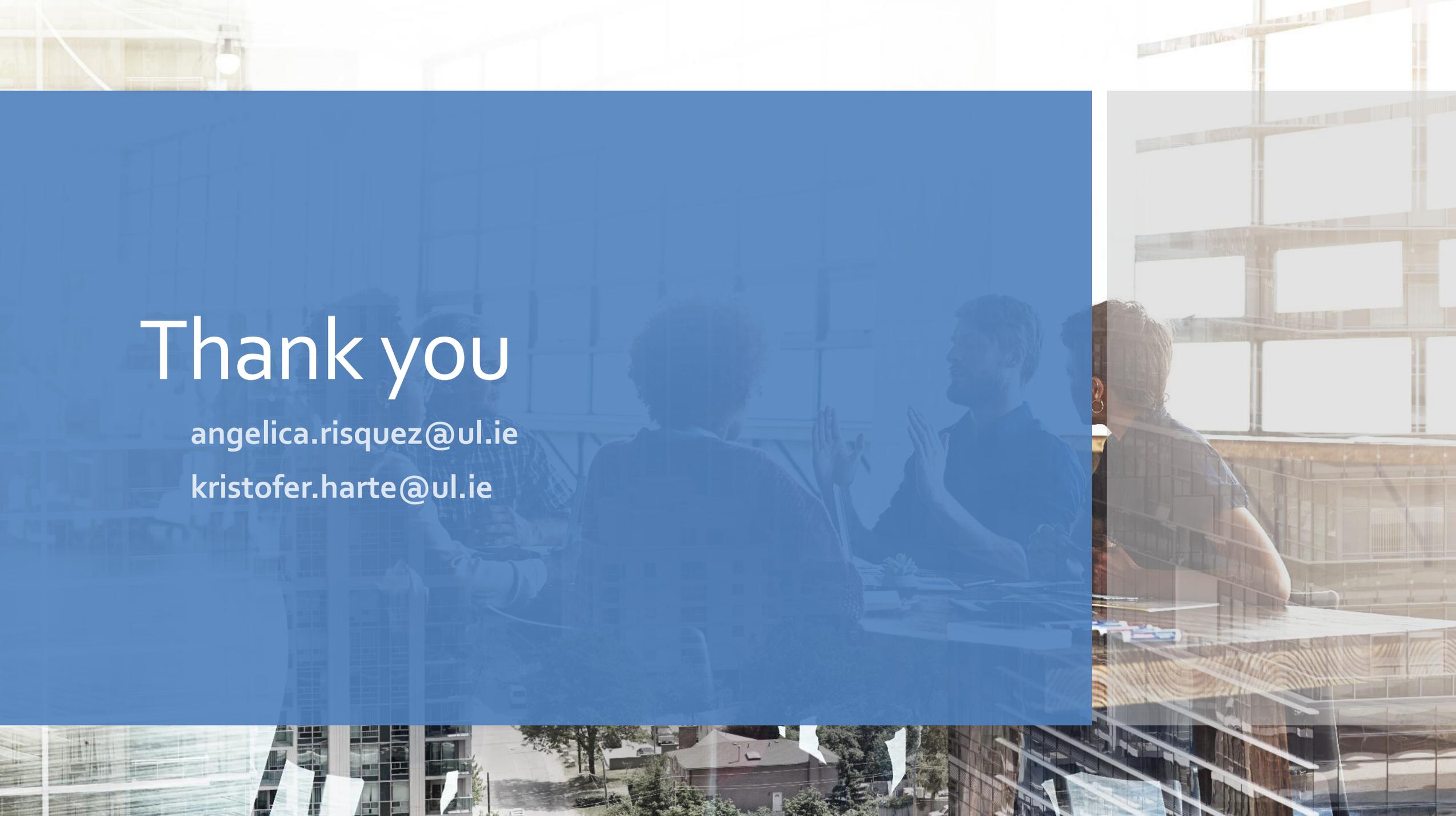
Turnitin is a comprehensive tool used to check the originality of students' submissions, grading and feedback. It allows teachers to build databanks of frequently provided feedback, audio feedback, and much more in [Turnitin Feedback Studio](#). Turnitin is integrated with the VLE and available through the Sulis [Assignments tool](#). The instructor clicks 'Use Turnitin' at assignment setup and all student submissions are sent to Turnitin for originality checking and/or grading and feedback.

UL Webinars/documentation:

[Turnitin webinar](#)

Questions?





Thank you

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