

Essential Student Skills: Ouriginal (formerly Urkund) guide

Introduction

What is Ouriginal?

Ouriginal is a text-recognition tool, accessible from within Brightspace, which can be used to detect possible plagiarism within a piece of writing.



Supported files

Ouriginal supports the following file formats: .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .sxw, .ppt, .pptx, .pdf, .pdf 2.0, .txt, .rtf, .html, .htm, .wps, .odt, .odp, .ods, .tif, .tiff, .ps, .hwp, .zip and .pages.

Documents submitted to Ouriginal should not contain any document protection or encryption.

How does it work?

When lecturers create an assignment in Brightspace, they can specify whether your submissions are analysed by Ouriginal.

If they do, the text of your submission is analysed and checked with potential matching sources from academically published material, the Internet, and previously submitted student documents.

When a document displays similarities to other sources a matching profile is created. The degree of the matches is recorded and any usages of paraphrasing and synonyms are also taken into account. A report is generated, which is made available to your lecturer via Brightspace.

When your lecturer marks and feeds back on your work, you will also be able to access the Ouriginal report.

Submitting an assignment

There are many forms that an assignment could take - however, when it comes to whether or not Ouriginal has been enabled, there will be no difference in what you see when submitting.

To view and submit an assignment, select **Assignments** from the **Course Tools** menu (Fig. 1).

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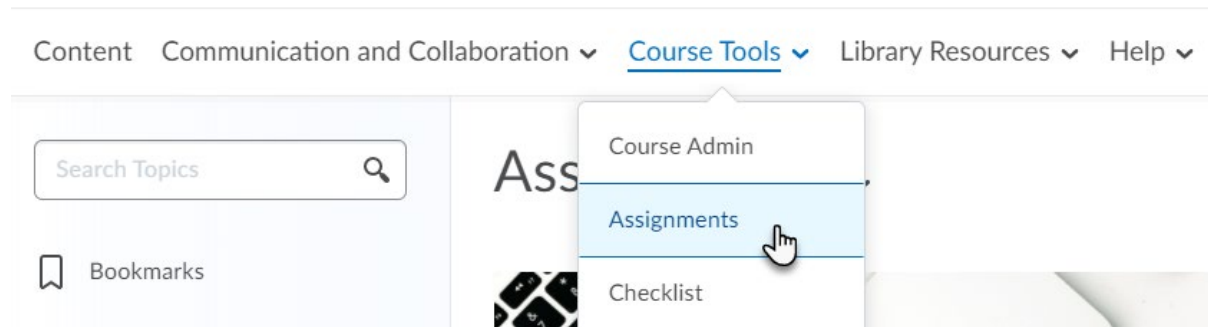


Figure 1: Course tools with Ouriginal > Assignments

Note: Your lecturer might also have collected your assignments in a Content folder - however, wherever you click on an assignment you will end up within the Assignments area.

Once you have clicked on an assignment you will see buttons to **Add a File**, **Record Audio** or **Video**, or **Choose a file you have already uploaded** to Brightspace (Fig. 2).

Once you have uploaded a file you will see it listed on screen (beside a little document icon). At this point you will notice there is also a space to add comments.

Add any appropriate comments, then click **Submit**.

Ouriginal will now, automatically, look for matches and compile a report that will be made available to your lecturer (Fig. 3).

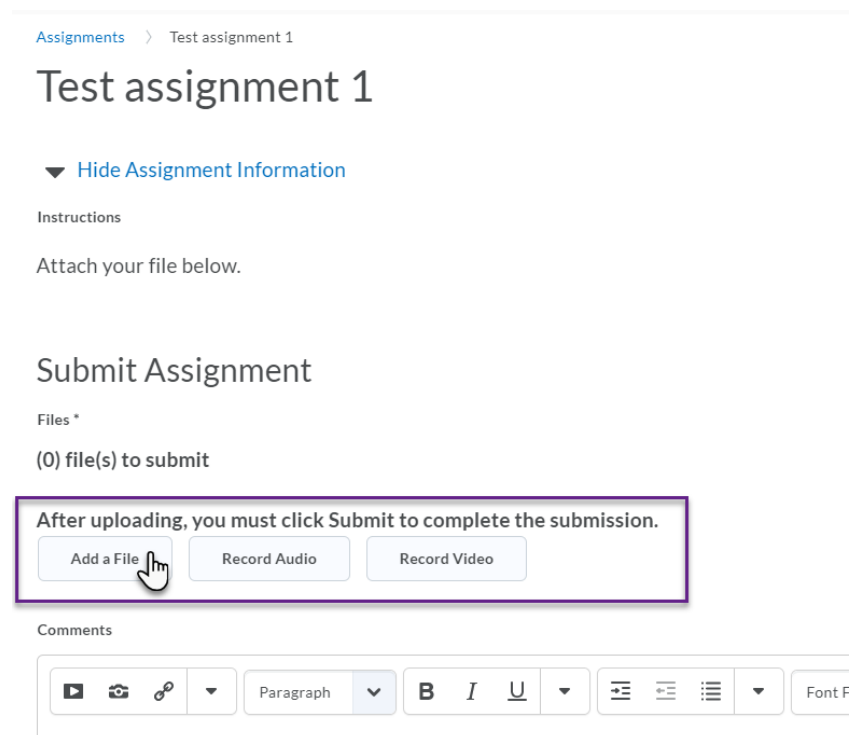


Figure 2 Add a file to an assignment

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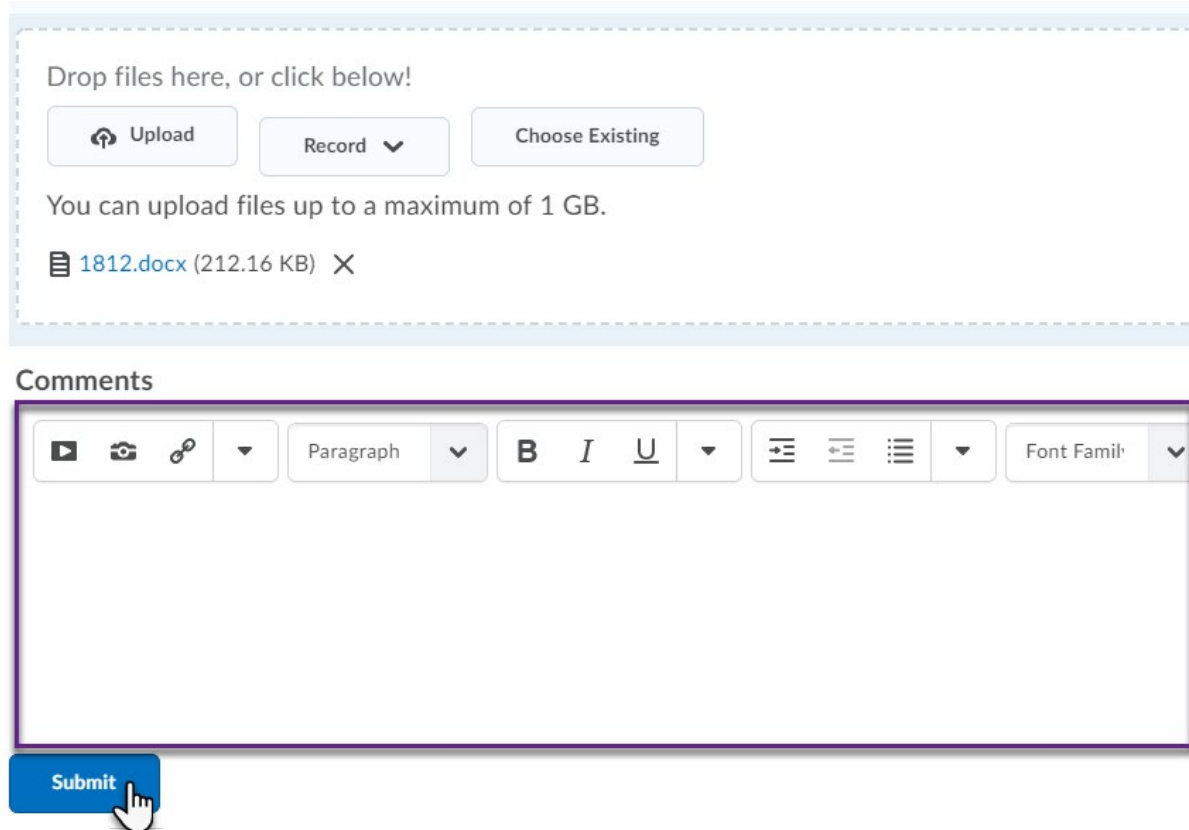


Figure 3: Submitting an attached file

Viewing an Ouriginal report and tutor feedback

To view an Urkund report and assignment feedback, you should first click on **Ouriginal** from the **Course tools with Urkund** menu.

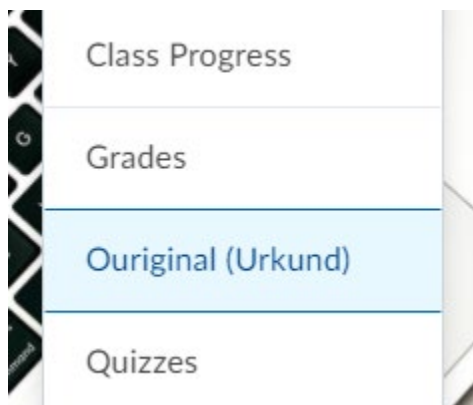


Figure 4: Ouriginal link in Course Tools menu

Clicking Ouriginal will take you to a screen titled **Assignments Analysed for Plagiarism**.

To view further information, click first on **Show Details**, then on the document title where you can select '**View Report**' or '**Submission Feedback**'.

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Note: This menu item only becomes available when your lecturer has added feedback.

Assignments Analyzed for Plagiarism ?

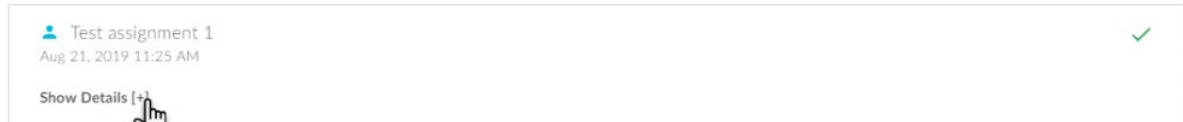


Figure 5: Show Details

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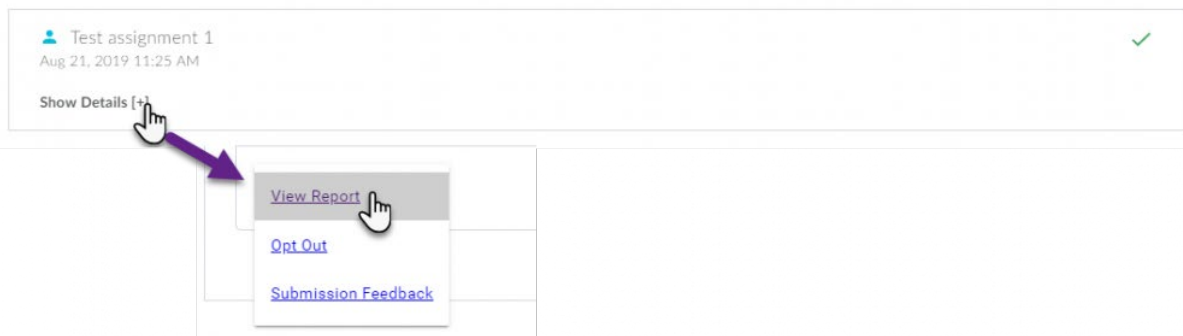


Figure 6: Show Details > View Report

View Report shows you exactly the same information that Ouriginal showed your lecturer.

As the picture below shows your lecturer will have been notified of any content that Ouriginal is already familiar with and a link to the original source. It is up to your lecturer to decide what to do with this information.

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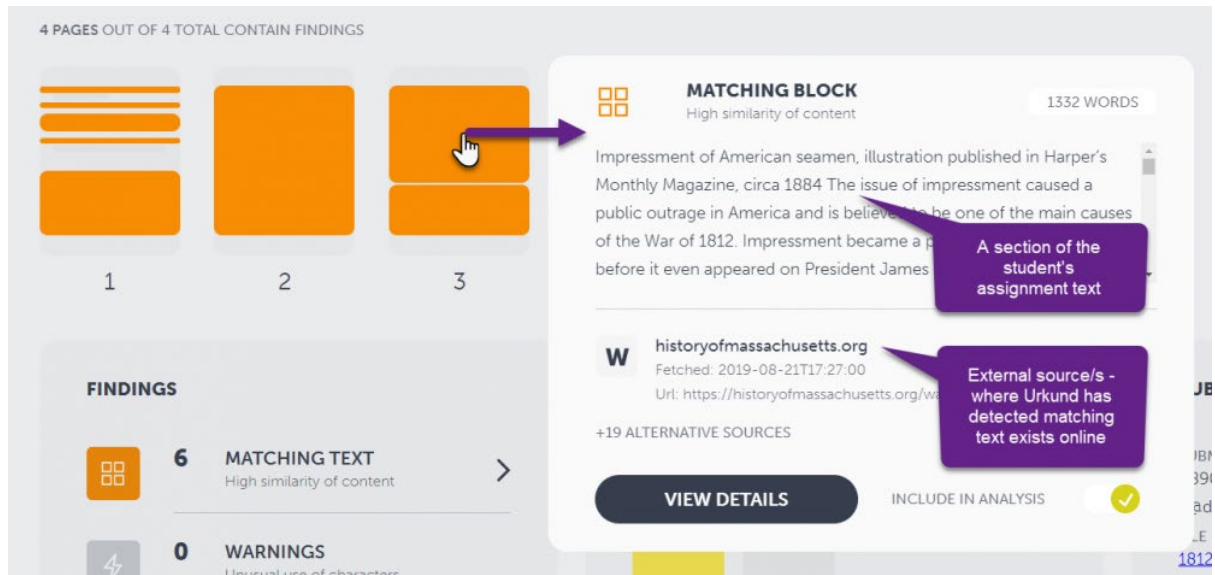


Figure 7: Ouriginal report (section)

Submission Feedback displays the feedback your lecturer wrote for you.

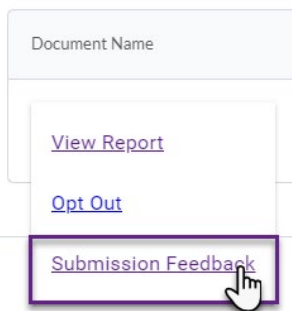


Figure 8: Submission feedback link

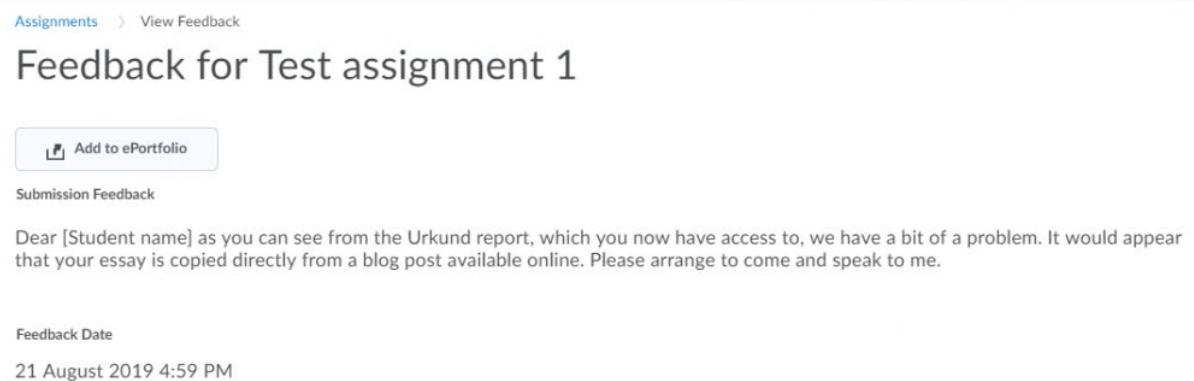
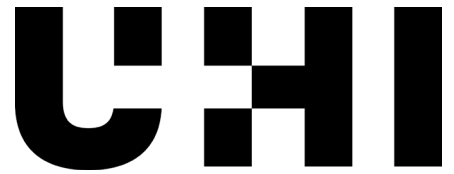


Figure 9: Example of submission feedback

Official guidance

To get a more detailed picture of what Ouriginal reports look like and how to interact with them, Ouriginal have produced illustrated guidance that you can access (and download):



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- [Guide to the analysis report](#) (step by step document with multiple explanations)