

## iThenticate at Caltech: Key Points

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*Accounts available for:* Faculty, Post-Docs, Graduate Students

*Access iThenticate via:* access.caltech.edu (Under 'Academic Services')

*Usage policy:* Account holders are granted access in order to upload and perform text analysis on one's own documents.

### *iThenticate services:*

- Upload of popular document formats
- Similarity check of text against large database of documents (published and unpublished)
- Similarity index provides overall percentage of similarity with known sources
- Similarity report provides view of individual sources with similar text
- Filtering features allow removal of sources by word count; % similarity; source url
- Analysis filters limits similarity checking by section of document; word count; % similarity

### File Requirements

Files must be less than 100MB.

The maximum document length is 400 pages.

Files must contain at least 20 words of text.

Files must not exceed 2MB of raw text.

Zip files may contain up to 200MB or 1,000 files.

We currently support file upload for the following document types:

Word, Text, PostScript, PDF, HTML, Excel, PowerPoint, Word Perfect WPD, OpenOffice ODT, RTF, Hangul HWP

***Interpreting the Similarity Report must be done with care. A high score can mean there is no problem; a low score may not mean there is no problem.***

### *How Publishers and Funders use iThenticate in submission and review process*

- Outside organizations access iThenticate as part of their membership in the DOI Registration agency, CrossRef. This service is branded as 'CrossCheck' or 'Similarity Check'
- Members receive CrossRef alerts for similarity index > 50%
- Publisher/agency may apply their own similarity index thresholds to reject submission (some evidence of auto-reject thresholds between 20-40%) but most rely on editor to judge meaning of iThenticate report

## *Additional information and training*

iThenticate QuickStart Guide

[https://guides.turnitin.com/iThenticate/iThenticate\\_Quick\\_Start\\_Guide](https://guides.turnitin.com/iThenticate/iThenticate_Quick_Start_Guide)

iThenticate User Guide

[http://www.ithenticate.com/hs-fs/hub/92785/file-1384442395-pdf/iTh\\_documentation/iThenticate\\_Manual.pdf?t=1524948978971](http://www.ithenticate.com/hs-fs/hub/92785/file-1384442395-pdf/iTh_documentation/iThenticate_Manual.pdf?t=1524948978971)

CrossRef's Similarity Check Services

<https://www.crossref.org/services/similarity-check/>

Types of Plagiarism in Research Infographic

<http://www.ithenticate.com/resources/infographics/types-of-plagiarism-research>

Committee on Publication Ethics Text Recycling/Self Plagiarism Guidelines

<https://publicationethics.org/text-recycling-guidelines>

Caltech Hixson Writing Center Plagiarism Page

<http://www.writing.caltech.edu/plagiarism>

Declan Butler, "Journals step up plagiarism policing" *Nature* 466, 167 (2010) ,

<https://doi.org/10.1038/466167a>

Rachael Lammey, "Getting to grips with Crossref Similarity Check", Taylor & Francis Editor Resources web site,

<https://editorresources.taylorandfrancisgroup.com/getting-to-grips-with-the-crosscheck-service-from-crossref/>

Caltech Knowledge Base entries on iThenticate

<https://libanswers.caltech.edu/search/?t=0&q=ithenticate>



