SafeAssign

SafeAssign is effective as both a deterrent and an educational tool. It can be used to prevent plagiarism and to create opportunities to help students identify how to properly attribute sources rather than paraphrase.

SafeAssign compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works. SafeAssign is based on a unique text matching algorithm capable of detecting exact and inexact matching between a paper and source material. Comparisons are made against several different databases, including:

Open and upload an Assignment

1. Open your course.
2. On the Course Menu, click the Assignments Content Area.
3. Click View/Complete to open the Safe Assignment.
4. Read the instructions and download any documents required to complete the assignment.
5. Click Browse to attach the completed assignment.
6. Click Submit to send the assignment to the instructor.

Originality Reports

SafeAssign originality reports provide detailed information about the matches found between submitted papers and existing sources. The SafeAssign report identifies all matching blocks of text. You should investigate whether the matching text is properly referenced. Detailing each match prevents detection errors due to differences in citing standards.

SafeAssign Reports are divided into three sections:
Interpreting SafeAssign Scores

Sentence matching scores represent the percentage probability that two phrases have the same meaning. This number reflects the reciprocal to the probability that these two phrases are similar by chance. For example, a score of 90 percent means that there is a 90 percent probability that these two phrases are the same. There is a 10 percent probability that they are similar by chance and not because the submitted paper includes content from the existing source (whether appropriately attributed or not). The drivetrain includes a rare set of 8-speed Chorus Syncro down tube shifters, Athena 8-speed rear derailleur, Athena Front derailleur, 8-speed Chorus cassette (NOS), 8-speed chain (NOS), and a Chorus crankset (53/42).

September 12, 3 Noon - 1:00 pm, GB212. The month’s topic is “Apps for Productivity.” This week will show you Work Flow, (free), The Swizzle, (free) and Google Keep (Free). Most of these options work to assist your note taking, list making and help with weekflow.

But my favorite is the Swizzle, as it aggregates all of my junk mail! Please contact Terry Peak at tpeek@uiwtx.edu if you use a similar app, and would like to demonstrate a new app to your colleagues, October 17.

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Overall score is an indicator of what percentage of the submitted paper matches existing sources. This score is a warning indicator only. Review papers to see if the matches are properly attributed.

- Scores below 15 percent: These papers typically include some quotes and few common phrases or blocks of text that match other documents. These papers typically do not require further analysis, as there is no evidence of plagiarism.
- Scores between 15 percent and 40 percent: These papers include extensive quoted or paraphrased material or they include plagiarism. Review these papers to determine if the matching content is properly attributed.
- Scores over 40 percent: There is a very high probability that text in these papers was copied from other sources. These papers include quoted or paraphrased text in excess and need to be reviewed for plagiarism.