Abstract

URKUND has helped universities, organizations and institutions in preventing and combating plagiarism for almost twenty years and as a result we have accumulated a lot of experience in this field. In this short presentation, we would like to share some of that experience. The main keyword and running theme of our presentation is Prevention and what we have found to be the deciding factors. Some of those factors are, in no particular order of importance; Academic integrity, student awareness, minimizing the number of potential shortcuts a student take and sufficiently educating students what the definition of plagiarism is.

About URKUND:
URKUND offers a fully-automated system for handling plagiarism. In short, the students send their documents to their teachers through an integration with the institution’s LMS/VLE, via e-mail or direct upload on our website. Along the electronic route between student and teacher, the documents are checked against three central source areas: Internet, published material and student material. If any document displays similarities with the content in the three sources, the system will flag it for possible plagiarism. An analysis overview is generated and sent to the LMS/VLE and/or by e-mail to the teacher. The analysis overview presents, in a simplified form, the information needed in order to determine if plagiarism has occurred.

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