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Open Feedback Studio
Open Feedback Studio from a specific student assignment submission in a course in your Learning Management System. The Document Viewer will open.

Similarity Layer
There are at most 3 Feedback Studio layers. The Similarity layer is the red middle layer. Click the red layer button to turn the layer on and off.

You may also turn the layer on by opening Active Layers in the righthand panel and marking the Similarity checkbox.

Match Overview
To view the Originality Report Match Overview, click the Match Overview button, the red button labeled with the Similarity Index of the student document. The button will turn red and the Match Overview, which only reveals top matches, will appear in the righthand panel.

- To see more details about a source, click on the arrow to the right of the source. This will have a drill down effect, a Match Breakdown. If the portion of the paper has more than one match, the number of matches will be given directly below the source name.
- Click on the source to reveal each individual match. Click on each individual match to navigate to its location in the document.
- To close the Match Breakdown, click the X in the upper right hand corner of the Righthand panel. The panel will close and can be reopened by selecting any one of the red similarity layer tools.
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The paper has been highlighted with each highlighted region color-coded and corresponding to a source. These regions of the paper have been numbered as well. Click on a source to navigate to that source’s location within the paper. A popup will appear that contains an excerpt of the source from which the match was obtained.

For ease of reading, click on the Full Source View button to load the full source in the right-hand panel. To close the full source view, click the X in the upper right hand corner of the panel.

Internet/Publication Sources: To open an internet source or a publication source on a separate browser tab, click the Name of the source.

Student Paper Sources: Student paper sources cannot be viewed without permission.

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**All Sources**

To drill down further into the report, click the **All Sources** button. All Sources will replace the Match Overview and display all of the source matches in the report.

Click on a **Source** to navigate to text found in the paper that used the source.

To return to Match Overview, click the **Match Overview** button.

**Categorical Exclusions**

Source matches may be excluded, either in the settings of the assignment so that the exclusions are executed for all papers submitted for an assignment, or on the fly for individual papers.

To exclude sources from the Originality Report, click the **Filters and Settings** button in the Similarity report group.

You can exclude sources that are quoted, exclude the entire bibliography or exclude sources based on size.

**Exclude Quotes/Bibliography:** To exclude all quotes and/or the bibliography, mark the appropriate checkbox(es). Click **Apply Changes.**

**Exclude sources that are less than:** To exclude sources based on size, select the appropriate radial button, then enter the number of words/percentage in the corresponding field. Click **Apply Changes.**

After changes are applied, Feedback Studio will automatically navigate to **Match Overview** and show the results of the exclusion.

To generate a new report, click **Filters and Settings** and then click **New Report.**

**NOTE:** Exclusions are strictly less than the amount entered in the text field. For example, if 2 is entered in the % field, then all sources less that 2% (that is, equal to 1% since source matches are rounded to the nearest whole percent) will be excluded. Two percent matches will not be excluded in this case.

**NOTE:** Consider the following when you are excluding sources based on size. The percentage or number of words that you choose to exclude should be determined while considering the overall size of the paper. For a ten-page paper, excluding a 10% match excludes one whole page and excluding a 5% match excludes half of a page, a relatively large exclusion. To decide on exclusion by number of words, look at the word count of the paper. A small exclusion, perhaps 7 words can help produce a similarity score with a small buffer for students.
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To cancel an exclusion, click the Filter and Settings button and either unmark an exclusion checkbox or select Don’t exclude by size. Then click Apply Changes.

**Individual Exclusions**

To exclude individual sources, click the All Sources button. Click Exclude Sources at the bottom of the righthand panel. Notice that the source bullets change to checkboxes. Mark the boxes next to the sources you wish to exclude. Click Exclude to apply your changes or cancel to keep the original report. NOTE: Since sources may overlap, the exclusion of individual sources may or may not affect the Similarity index.

To view individually excluded sources, click the Excluded Sources button. Excluded sources will be listed in the righthand panel. To restore excluded sources, mark the sources to restore and click Restore. To restore all individually excluded (not categorically excluded) sources to the Originality Report, click Restore All.