Using Turnitin:
What is Turnitin?
Objectives

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- Why do I need to use Turnitin?
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- **Text-matching** software

  - Checks against:
    - Books
    - Journal articles
    - Web pages
    - Student submissions…

- **NOT** plagiarism detection software
Why use Turnitin? – Develop skills

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Academic Integrity
Why use Turnitin? – recognise errors

- Recognise when you are:
  - Accidentally copying information from other sources
  - Relying on quotations
  - Omitting citations
  - Not using your own words
Why use Turnitin? – avoid collusion

- **Group work**
  - Discuss together
  - Write separately

- **Matches to student work**
  - Within the same class
  - In previous semesters
  - At other institutions
How is it used?

- Each unit is different:
  - Check work before the deadline
  - Check work after the deadline
  - Acceptable levels of similarity
    - Year/semester of study
    - Discipline and terminology
  - Compulsory check
  - Optional check

- Read assignment instructions carefully!