

How to navigate Turnitin for PhD thesis submission

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- Log into Turnitin with your supervisor's IIT email
- Create a class
- Create an assignment
- (there will be a number of options of class timings and subject etc - fill in whatever)
- The only important choice is - in the settings (open the extended settings), make sure 'no repository' is selected
- Upload your thesis
- Go back to the Classes homepage
- Your thesis can take anywhere from a few minutes to a couple of hours to be processed
- Till it is, the 'similarity' column in front of your name / assignment (whatever you named it) will be ghosted
- Only when the processing is over (you can refresh the page periodically to see if the bar status changes), will the similarity index column show a green bar and a percentage which is your similarity index.

This means it's done!

- In that same column, on the right side, there is a download button
- You have to download your report (which is a multicolored PDF and can be several pages. For instance, mine was 70 pages)
- Only the first few pages are relevant. The first page itself will have your similarity index which is a percentage.
- And you have to download the Turnitin e-receipt which is a summary of your thesis name and basic information

At least in my case, I had to combine these two documents - the receipt and the first 3 pages of the whole report - into one PDF.

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