SafeAssignment Plagiarism Detection Service for the Blackboard® is an advanced plagiarism prevention system deeply integrated with the Blackboard Learning system and other Blackboard-compatible MyDropBox products. SafeAssignment automatically compares all student papers submitted to Blackboard against a wide range of sources and provides instructors with detailed matching reports. Because of SafeAssignment’s flexibility, its use is not limited to catching plagiarism — this product is also an effective plagiarism prevention system that helps instructors raise student awareness about plagiarism and educate students about the ways to avoid plagiarizing.

**Features and Benefits**

- **Seamless Integration:** SafeAssignment is the first plagiarism detection solution available to Blackboard users, and it is still the only one designed specifically for Blackboard. SafeAssignment duplicates Blackboard’s standard assignment management functionality, thus minimizing necessary training. With plagiarism detection performed automatically on the backstage, instructors do not have to go through any extra steps to get all student papers plagiarism-checked, and thus this service usually enjoys quick and wide company, such as Re:Mark (online paper marking solution), MyDropBox Peer Review and others, so you will not have any difficulty expanding the scope of assignment management tools available to your faculty beyond plagiarism detection, whenever such a need arises.

- **Quick Deployment:** Designed as a Blackboard Building Block, SafeAssignment for Blackboard is a genuine plug-and-play solution with typical installation taking less than 10 minutes of one person’s time even on complicated load-balanced Blackboard systems. You can make SafeAssignment available to every Blackboard user in your institution within just few minutes after making a decision to test-drive or acquire the product.

- **Low TCO:** Being a fully integrated service, SafeAssignment not only reduces training requirements but also minimizes administrative overhead, completely eliminating such time-intensive tasks as registering and managing user accounts. It also works perfectly without any additional hardware or software necessary on the client side. Moreover, a wide range of client benefits available at no extra cost, such as a 24/7 help desk service for faculty and students, automated remote software updates and extensive packages of training materials, even further reduce the cost of using SafeAssignment.

Accepted file formats: MS Word, RTF, PostScript, PDF, HTML and plain text

- **Paper is submitted to Blackboard**
- **Paper is automatically sent to SafeAssignment for originally checking**
- **SafeAssignment checks every submitted paper against:**
  - Index of the Internet (over 8 billion documents)
  - Publicly available and licensed scholastic and informational databases, including ProQuest.
  - Intra-Institutional Archive
- **SafeAssignment Report is generated for a paper**

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Convenient Reports: SafeAssignment’s originality reports provide undisputable proof of text matching and empower instructors to make well-grounded decisions about plagiarism in student papers.

Powerful Plagiarism Detection Algorithm: SafeAssignment is based on a unique text matching algorithm that is capable of detecting even inexact matching between a plagiarized paper and its source. This capability makes students learn to cite information sources properly instead of trying to disguise plagiarism by paraphrasing.

Emphasis on Teaching: SafeAssignment is focused on teaching students to avoid plagiarism rather than on merely identifying offenders. SafeAssignment’s Draft Assignment feature gives students an opportunity to submit drafts of their papers for checking and receive SafeAssignment reports highlighting all text that needs to be referenced. This learning mode of SafeAssignment can be enabled by instructors and is very effective in preventing unintentional plagiarism.

Wide Range of Searched Sources: SafeAssignment searches an enormously wide range of databases, covering virtually all potential sources of electronic plagiarism:
- The index of the Internet (close to 8 billion documents);
- All major publicly accessible digital databases, such as MedLine, PubMed, Project Gutenberg™ and other;
- The FindArticles™ database by LookSmart™ (over 5.5 million articles from over 900 periodical publications);
- The ProQuest™ ABI/Inform databases (over 1100 publication titles, about 2.7 million articles, updated weekly);
- MyDropBox™ proprietary database of over 300,000 documents that are known to be offered for sale by paper-mill Web sites;
- Proprietary institutional archives and databases provided by clients for inclusion into the search span of their respective institutions;
- ZIP archives and password-protected areas available on the Internet indexed on demand.

Protection of Intellectual Property: SafeAssignment for Blackboard was developed with consideration of copyrights and privacy of its clients. The following principles distinguish SafeAssignment from its competition and make the service compliant with intellectual property protection policies worldwide:
- Every paper submitted for plagiarism detection by SafeAssignment remains the property of its respective author and is stored in a separated database that belongs to the institution that licenses the corresponding SafeAssignment account. MyDropBox LLC does not claim any ownership rights on any information submitted by its clients and acts only as an application service hosting provider for clients' data.
- Authorized persons from client institutions can request partial or complete removal of their institutional databases from the MyDropBox servers at any time.
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At MyDropBox, we believe that effectiveness of all investments in academic technology should be maximized by careful selection of acquired products and services, and the best way to evaluate a technology solution is to pilot it in real-life conditions. Therefore, we offer every educational institution a free pilot license for any of our products, including SafeAssignment for Blackboard, for the term of up to one academic semester. Moreover, if your institution currently uses a competing solution, our free pilot license will be extended till the expiration of your current contract with the other vendor, to provide you with the best possible position to select and retain the best service.

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- Northwestern University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Gallaudet University
- University of California Riverside
- Fort Hays State University
- Tulsa Community College
- Maastricht University (the Netherlands)
- James Cook University (Australia)
- BI School of Management (Norway)
- Singapore Polytechnic (Singapore)