

Checking for hidden Word characters in student Turnitin submissions

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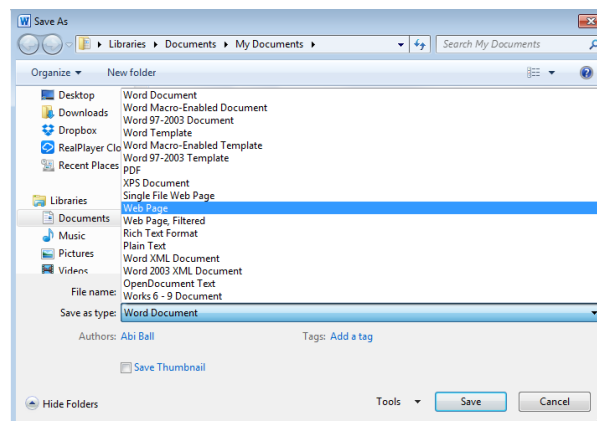
'Turnitin is familiar with the many methods that are posted online on how to try to fool the Turnitin Originality checking system. This includes the "zero width space" cheat, the "white font" cheat, the "hidden characters" cheat, the "image of text" cheat, the "replacement of characters with a macro" cheat, and many others.'

If you are concerned that a student has tried to use one of the above methods to conceal plagiarised work you could consider changing the document into HTML format which will reveal some of the hidden character cheats.

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