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Independent NCC Group Plagiarism Detection Report Released

The JISC Internet Plagiarism Advisory Service (formally JISCPAS) announce today the results of an independent NCC Group study into plagiarism detection systems. The full report is available from the JISC-iPAS website (<http://www.jiscpas.ac.uk>)

Will Murray, Service Director at JISC-iPAS, explains: "This independent report from NCC Group confirms that Turnitin continues to be the leading product in this field.

Turnitin is currently used by 90% of Universities in the UK, awarding bodies and a growing number of colleges and schools. Although the technology was introduced by JISC more as a summative tool in 2002, it has matured through user community input into a highly effective solution for formative teaching and learning. The clarity the Turnitin originality reports bring to student literacy, attribution and research methods have made Turnitin the first step towards an holistic approach to addressing plagiarism for many Universities and Colleges in the UK."

"The UK is leading the world in its national approach to the issue of plagiarism and as a result iParadigms (developers of Turnitin) are in the process of improving the solution based on feedback from UK users. Dr John Barrie (CEO of iParadigms) will be speaking about user contribution and software development at the 3rd International Plagiarism Conference hosted by Northumbria University in the Summer of 2008".

"The JISC-iPAS has been providing advice and guidance on plagiarism prevention and detection to further and higher education institutions since 2002 and has made a significant impact raising both the issues and the techniques for addressing them within the sector. This independent report from NCC Group and its sister report about the use of plagiarism detection software by cheat sites confirm once more the selection that JISC made in 2002."

For more details please visit <http://www.jiscpas.ac.uk>

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About JISC-iPAS

www.jiscpas.ac.uk

The JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee) –iPAS (Internet Plagiarism Advisory Service) provides generic advice and guidance on all aspects of plagiarism prevention and detection for academics and students to around 700 further and higher education institutions in the UK. The service promotes an holistic approach to plagiarism prevention incorporating the consideration of teaching practice and study skills contributing to the appropriate use of technology by students. The JISC-iPAS is managed by Northumbria Learning.

About iParadigms LLC

www.iparadigms.com

www.turnitin.com

iParadigms LLC is the leading provider of web-based solutions to check documents for originality, plagiarism, and for misappropriation. The company's products include: Turnitin[®], an internet service used by millions of students and faculty in over 90 countries to vet academic work for originality, enable web-based student collaboration, and provide cutting-edge tools for digital assessment of academic work; and iThenticate[™] (www.ithenticate.com), an internet service which enables publishers, news agencies, corporations, law firms, and government agencies to detect piracy or misuse of proprietary information and to conduct document originality due diligence. iParadigms is based in California, US.

About Northumbria Learning

Northumbria Learning is a spin-out company of Northumbria University. Formed in 2002 from solid academic roots, Northumbria Learning specialises in providing plagiarism prevention and detection products to a range of academic bodies throughout the UK and Europe. As well as managing the JISC-iPAS, Northumbria Learning provides Turnitin to the education sector across Europe.

About NCC Group

NCC Group is a leading global provider of independent IT assurance, security and consultancy services. With no ties to hardware or software providers, the advice offered is always unbiased and impartial.

The NCC Group was commissioned by JISC-iPAS to independently review plagiarism detection solutions for the UK community.

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