

# Plagiarism in the 21st Century

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# Outline

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# Introduction

- ACM
  - Mission
  - Code of Ethics
- Publications
  - Program
  - Experience with plagiarism

# Plagiarism Policy

- Types of plagiarism
- Process of adjudication
- Associated Penalties

# Types of Plagiarism

- Verbatim, near-verbatim copying, or purposely paraphrased to appear as ones own
- Copying elements that are not common knowledge without citation
- Copying with citation but without differentiation
- Self-plagiarism - re-use of previous work without citation

[See: http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1053291.1053293](http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1053291.1053293)

# Process

- Notification
- Investigation
- Confidentiality
- Results
- Appeal

# Penalties

- Inform employer
- Letter of apology, admission
- Post public notice of plagiarism
- Rejection
- Letter of warning

# CrossRef

- Mission
  - "...to enable easy identification and use of trustworthy electronic content by promoting the cooperative development and application of a sustainable infrastructure."

# CrossCheck: CrossRef's Plagiarism Initiative

- Phase One
  - Evaluate Technology
  - Create Template Agreement
  - Build Prototype Database
  - Test Functionality and Process
- Phase Two
  - Production Database
  - PR
    - To Public
    - Internal Buy-in and Sign-up

# CrossCheck

- Phase Three
  - Integrate with Peer Review Tracking Systems
- Phase Four
  - Dual Submissions

# Cases

- Citation without quotation - published
- Extensive verbatim copying - under review
- Dual submission without notification - accepted and rejected
- Verbatim copying - published

# Conclusion

- Effects of technology
  - Ease of copying
  - Ease of detection
- Cultural differences
  - Effects of globalization
- Zeitgeist
  - Status of intellectual property