



Near Duplication Detection and Grouping



PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Cost Savings

- Increases efficiency
- Enables systematic review
- Enables competitive pricing model

Time Savings

- Less time to cover more data
- Prioritizes data review

Risk Management

- Enhances coding quality and consistency
- Increases confidence that all versions and similar documents have been identified and reviewed
- Improves data analysis
- Focuses review on document differences

FTI provides near-duplicate detection powered by Equivio for its Ringtail Legal 2005 environment or any other review platform. Through its partnership with Equivio, FTI has the capability to detect and group near-duplicate documents. Using sophisticated algorithms, the near-duplicate detection process is capable of recognizing identical duplicates and near-duplicates across multiple formats, e.g., OCR generated files, TXT, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, HTML, ZIP, EML, PST, etc.

Identical duplicates and near-duplicates, so commonly found in the business environment, once provided a special challenge to the efficient processing of data. As if the flood of electronic discovery wasn't enough, reviewers were frequently faced with reading and coding the same document or versions of it over and over again. With FTI's near-duplication technology, this process can be streamlined so that only one version of the document is presented to the reviewer.

How does this work? In short, near-duplication detection technology uses complex algorithms to compare the resemblance of word groupings between all documents in a document population. To ensure accuracy, document formatting and image noise is filtered leaving only the content for comparison. This data is then processed and a percentage of similarity is assigned to each document in relationship to all other documents within the same document population. Documents with a high percentage of similarity to others are designated as identical or near-duplicates of one another and clustered into one review set (Equiset).

The benefits of time and costs saving derived from clustering identical duplicates and near-duplicates into groups are significant. This grouping into Equisets enables a systematic review of all similar documents, quick replication of coding, prioritization of work flow, and the ability to focus on document differences. In essence, review time is reduced to a fraction of what it was prior to near-duplication detection technology, thereby saving clients and law firms millions of dollars and hours of review time.

Additionally, risk is reduced. By identifying and grouping identical and near-duplicates in review sets, the reviewer is confident that all copies and versions of the document are immediately available for inspection and analysis. This enhanced workflow improves the quality and consistency of coding, and reduces the chances that vital information will be overlooked.



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