Can use of grammar and style checking software help student writing?

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ABSTRACT

Colleges and employers agree that college graduates should possess effective written communication skills. The paper first discusses the perception that students generally do not write well and sets forth the most common student writing problems. The paper then reviews various grammar and style checking software options to see how the software attempts to address those writing problems. Finally, the paper considers how instructors might be able to leverage the software to help students learn to write better.

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