

organize your research (simplify your life)



- online
- free to UW
- link to Find It
- sharing easy

choose
the one
that works
for you!

zotero

- Firefox only
- free
- easy to use
- captures Web

Citation Managers, such as EndNote, RefWorks and Zotero, can help you:

- Organize and tag citations AND documents
- Create instant bibliographies
- Create a personal citation database
- Format papers with in-text citations and bibliographies in many styles
- Share your database with others

The software you choose will depend upon several factors: price, compatibility with colleagues, research habits, etc. Luckily, it's easy to move citations back and forth between these products, so the choice you make now need not be forever!

Training and support are available through UW-Madison libraries, see: <http://library.wisc.edu/citation-managers/>

EndNote®

- desktop
- not free
- customizable
- for publishing

EndNote®^{Web}

- online
- free to UW
- use with desk top version

For a detailed comparison of these citation managers, see the reverse



RefWorks	Zotero	EndNote Desktop	EndNote Web
Free to UW faculty, staff, students and alumni	Free to everyone	\$76.95 from DoIT's Tech Store	Free to UW faculty, staff and students
Web-based	Works with Firefox browser only; can save citations to Zotero's website, or keep only on your computer	Desktop (Windows or Macintosh); may use in conjunction with EndNote Web	Web-based, but not intended to be used without EndNote Desktop
Quick to learn	Easiest to learn	Steeper learning curve	Quick to learn
Medium performance	Faster performance	Faster performance	Slower performance
Customizable	Less customizable, but open source	Most customizable	Less customizable
Does not include journal abbreviation lists	Does not include journal abbreviation lists	Includes journal abbreviation lists	Does not include journal abbreviation lists
Automatically links to Find It	Link to Find It can be configured	Link to Find It can be configured	Automatically links to Find It
Can link to URLs, and to local documents via absolute path	Can link to URLs, and to local documents via absolute path	Can link to URLs, and to local documents via absolute path	Can link to URLs, and to local documents via absolute path
Can attach documents and other files, but space is limited (100MB)	Very easy to attach documents and other files	Can automatically find & attach full text journal articles; easy to attach other documents & files	Cannot attach documents or other files
Cannot capture copy of Web page; can capture Web page citation via RefGrab-It	Can capture and annotate copy of Web page	Cannot capture copy of Web page	Cannot capture copy of Web page
Can add your own notes and tags	Very easy to add your own notes and tags	Can add your own notes and tags	Can add your own notes and tags
Cannot create records to insert figures, tables, etc., into papers	Cannot create records to insert figures, tables, etc., into papers	Can create records to insert figures, tables, etc., into papers	Can create records to insert figures, tables, etc., into papers
1800+ bibliographic styles	16 bibliographic styles, 1200+ other styles developed by users	3700+ bibliographic styles	3700+ bibliographic styles
Can share database with anyone via public url	Can share citations via Zotero website in 2.0 beta release	Can share database with other EndNote users via EndNote Web	Can share database with other EndNote Web users
Appropriate for writing papers for classes and managing group projects	Appropriate for collecting and organizing sources and writing papers for classes	Appropriate for collecting and organizing sources & preparing manuscripts for publication	Not as good a stand-alone choice; best used with EndNote Desktop

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