



# Which is the right one for you?

## Citation Management Software Comparison

Below is a comparison of some features of citation managers supported by the UW-Madison Libraries. Be sure to check with people in your department or program and ask what they are using. For a full comparison of these citation managers, go to <http://go.wisc.edu/citecomp>. For more help, contact a UW-Madison Libraries' citation manager consultant at <http://go.wisc.edu/citehelp>.

### Cost

- **EndNote:** Purchase through DoIT Tech Store, expect to upgrade every few years, includes customer technical support.
- **EndNote Basic:** Free version (2 GB cloud file storage, 21 bibliographic styles). Free version with active UW-Madison NetID (2GB cloud file storage, 3300+ bibliographic styles). Premium version with EndNote purchase (unlimited cloud file storage, 3300+ bibliographic styles).
- **Mendeley:** Freemium (Free version: 1 private group with 3 members, 2GB cloud file storage). Pay for more private groups, storage.
- **Zotero:** Freemium (Free version: unlimited groups, 300MB cloud file storage). Pay for more storage.

### Online Access and Mobile Devices

- **EndNote:** Install on computer. Online access through EndNote Basic. For mobile access, sync data to EndNote iPad.
- **EndNote Basic:** Online only or use in conjunction with EndNote. For mobile access, sync data to EndNote iPad app. To sync file attachments must have premium version with EndNote desktop.
- **Mendeley:** Install on computer and online access. For mobile access, iOS and Android apps
- **Zotero:** Install on computer and online access. Firefox Web-browser add-on and free standalone version for use with other browsers. For mobile access, many open source apps.

### PDF File Storage and Annotation

- **EndNote:** File storage on computer; unlimited cloud storage for shared library. Annotate PDFs directly in EndNote.
- **EndNote Basic:** Free version includes 2GB cloud file storage. Cannot annotate PDFs.
- **Mendeley:** File storage on computer; free version includes 2GB cloud file storage. Pay for more storage. Annotate PDFs directly in Mendeley.
- **Zotero:** File storage on computer; free version includes 300MB cloud file storage. Pay for more storage. Annotate PDFs using 3<sup>rd</sup> party products.

### Sharing and Collaboration

- **EndNote:** Share one library with 14 other EndNote X7 users – includes PDFs. Can have an unlimited number of libraries shared with you. Can also use the group sharing in EndNote Basic.
- **EndNote Basic:** Can share groups with other EndNote and EndNote Basic users. File attachments cannot be shared. Cannot publicly share references.
- **Mendeley:** Can share with public, public invite-only, or private groups. File attachments can be shared only in private groups. See: <http://support.mendeley.com/customer/portal/topics/76071-groups>. Can publicly share references with limitations.
- **Zotero:** Can share with public, public closed, or private groups. File attachments can be shared in private and public closed groups but not in public open groups. See: <http://www.zotero.org/support/groups>. Can publicly share references with limitations.

### Citation Style Editing and Journal Title Abbreviations

- **EndNote:** Citation style editing. Best support for journal title abbreviations.
- **EndNote Basic:** No citation style editing. No journal title abbreviations.
- **Mendeley:** Citation style editing. Journal title abbreviations through workaround.
- **Zotero:** Citation style editing via Citation Style Editor. Journal title abbreviations through plug-in.

### Extracting PDF Citation Data and Capturing Web Content

- **EndNote:** Can extract PDF citation data. Cannot easily capture Web content.
- **EndNote Basic:** Cannot extract PDF citation data. Cannot easily capture Web content.
- **Mendeley:** Can extract PDF citation data. Cannot easily capture Web content.
- **Zotero:** Can extract PDF citation data. Can easily capture Web content via web snapshot.