

Reference Management - Comparison Table

	Mendeley	Zotero	EndNote	EndNote Online	BibTeX
Availability and access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop and web-based versions • Add-ons for web browsers and word processors available. • iOS and Android apps available. • Access via: Mendeley.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop and web-browser extension. • Add-ons for web browsers and word processors available. • iOS app available, Android app coming soon. • Access via: Zotero.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop • Add-ons for web browsers and word processors available. • iOS App available. • Access University copy via any campus PC. Request your own copy via NUIT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-based • Add-ons for web browsers and word processors available. • iOS app available. • Access via: My EndNote Web 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File based • Can use Mendeley, Zotero and EndNote to manage BibTeX references. • Access via: BibTeX.org
Operating system compatibility	Windows, Macintosh, Linux	Windows, Macintosh, Linux	Windows, Macintosh	Compatible with MS Edge, Firefox, Safari, and Chrome.	Compatible with all operating systems

Cost and storage capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Free storage up to 2GB of personal library space. • Fees apply for premium accounts which provide more storage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Free storage up to 300MB for files and attachments. • Additional storage available with subscriptions fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free via University license. • Unlimited storage of references and file attachments via the University's subscription. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Provides space for up to 50,000 references and free storage for up to 2GB for attachments. • Unlimited storage when you create your online account via the University's EndNote desktop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Unlimited number of references. • No storage for files but can be used alongside other reference management software.
Word processor compatibility	Microsoft Word, Word for Mac, and LibreOffice	Microsoft Word; Word for Mac, LibreOffice.	Microsoft Word, Word for Mac, Apache OpenOffice, Libre Office. Some integration with Apple Pages and Wolfram Mathematica 8.	Plug-in available for Microsoft Word (on Windows and Macintosh)	LaTeX (BibTeX files can be imported into other reference management tools for use in compatible word processors.)
Methods for adding citation and bibliographic data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually add records • Export from databases using RIS and other standard record formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually add records • Export from databases using RIS and other standard record formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually add records • Export from databases using RIS and other standard record formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually add records • Export from databases using RIS and other standard record formats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually add records • Use reference management software to collect

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture citation data from PDFs • Capture data from webpages using Web Importer browser plug-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture citation data from PDFs • Capture data from webpages using Zotero Connector browser plug-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture citation data from PDFs • EndNote Click browser plug in for accessing PDFs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture citation data from PDFs • EndNote Click browser plug in for accessing PDFs 	references then export as a .bib file.
Referencing Styles available	<p>Provides access to thousands of citation styles, including Cite Them Right Harvard.</p> <p>All Citation Styles for Mendeley.</p>	<p>Provides access to thousands of citation styles, including Cite Them Right Harvard.</p> <p>All Citation Styles for Zotero.</p>	<p>Provides access to thousands of citation styles, including Cite Them Right Harvard.</p> <p>All Citation Styles for EndNote.</p>	<p>Free version includes 21 popular styles.</p> <p>When used with the University's Desktop version, EndNote online can access all styles available via the Desktop version.</p>	<p>BibTeX uses style files for generating citation outputs. Journals and publishers that support LaTeX usually supply the bibliographic style file required by their publication.</p>
Attachments, annotations and organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All file type attachments permitted. Files are searchable in desktop app. • Annotate and add notes to PDFs. • Create folders and subfolders; add searchable tags and add 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All file type attachments permitted. Files are searchable within desktop app. • Annotate and add notes to PDFs. • Create collections and subcollections, add searchable tags, and notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All file type attachments permitted. Files are searchable in desktop app. • Annotate and add notes to PDFs. Notes are searchable. • Create groups, subgroups and smart groups, add 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All file type attachments permitted. • Create groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes and keywords can be added to manual entries. • Reference management software can be used to organise references prior to export as .bib file.

	references to favourites.		searchable tags and research notes.		
Syncing options	Syncs records and attachments to Mendeley servers for access across devices.	Syncs records and attachments to Zotero servers for access across devices.	Syncs records and attachments with EndNote Online.	Syncs records and attachments with EndNote Desktop.	.bib file can be saved and copied as any other plain text file.
Options for sharing and collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share via Mendeley Groups. • PDF files can be shared in private groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share via Zotero Groups. • Public and private group sharing. PDF files can be shared in private groups. • Read/Write and Read only access options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share libraries, groups and attachments with other EndNote users. • Read/Write and Read only access options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share groups with other EndNote users. • Read/Write and Read only access options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .bib file can be freely shared as any other plain text file.
Tutorials & support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mendeley Quick User Guide • Mendeley Help guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zotero Quick Start Guide • Zotero support pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EndNote Support • EndNote Training Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EndNote Online Training Resources • EndNote Online Help Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composing in LaTeX • Guide to BibTeX for LaTeX • Bibliography management with BibTeX • LaTeX/Bibliography Management