

Which is the right one for you?

Citation Management Software Assessment

Highlight the criteria important to you. If necessary, reevaluate based on those most *essential* to you.

Research Habits	EndNote (E)	EndNote Web (EW)	RefWorks (R)	Zotero (Z)
I am a life-long researcher.	E		R	
I like taking notes directly on my digital documents.				Z
I work from multiple places.		EW	R	Z
I prefer to store my personal citation database on the Web.		EW	R	
I prefer to store my personal citation database on my own computer.	E			Z
I want to work offline (on an airplane, etc.).	E		R	Z
I want to capture multiple citations from Google Scholar at once.				Z
I use Google docs as my primary word processor.				Z
I will have multiple writing assignments across an academic career.	E	EW	R	
I want to store PDFs in my personal citation database.	E		R (limited)	Z

Field of Study

I use citation styles more specific than APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.	E	EW	R	Z
My field of study uses journal title abbreviations in its output styles.	E			
My documents are more than 75 pages.	E			
My research includes capturing rapidly changing web content, blogs, streaming video, etc.				Z
I use screen captures in my work.				Z

Compatibility

I alert others about the citations I gather.			R (RSS)	
I collaborate with other authors.	E	EW	R	Z
I want multiple users to access my personal citation database.		EW	R	Z
I want to make my library available on the Web.			R	Z

Price

I am concerned about cost.		EW*	R*	Z (free)
These tools are licensed for my use at my institution.		EW*	R*	
I'm willing to pay for software upgrades.	E			

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Support

Tool is automatically updated.		EW	R	Z
Tool is easy to learn.	harder	easy	easy	easiest
I need on-site help.	E*	EW*	R*	Z*

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