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What is a reference manager?

• Also known as a citation manager, bibliographic manager
• Help you organize and keep track of the references you find during your literature searching and generate bibliographies
• Additional features of some reference managers:
  • Plugins for in-paper citations
  • Able to attach full text pdfs to citations
  • Share reference library with collaborators
Why use a reference manager?

• Help organize the research you are reading and want to read
• Easier to add citations to a paper
• Adjust citations to meet a required style automatically
Different types of bibliography styles: Vancouver style

In the text of the manuscript, authors are cited by number like this (1, 2). Sometimes superscripts are used like this $^{1,2}$. The list of references is listed numerically $^{3,4}$.

References:


Different types of bibliography styles: Harvard Style

Harvard style uses in text referencing (John & Harvard, 2009), but uses name and year of publication instead of numbers (Smith & Johnson, 2019). References are then listed alphabetically (Sirleaf & Weah, 2016).

References:


Reference Managers:

- Keep a list of references that you are working with in one safe place
- Takes bibliography reference directly from the paper you are interested in, so that it is accurate, with no errors
- Reference managers can then generate a list of references in the style you need for any given paper
- Many can also do this while you are writing a paper, so you can insert the references while you are writing.
Mendeley vs. Zotero

**Mendeley**
- Desktop and web-based (sync between the two to take your library anywhere)
- Plugin that works with Word
- Easy to add references in several different ways
- Create groups to share citations
- Freemium (double dollar signs for more than 2GB of online storage)
- Annotate and highlight PDFs, but cannot export these annotated PDFs

**Zotero**
- Desktop and web-based (sync between the two to take your library anywhere)
- Plugin that works with Word and Google Docs
- Easy to add references in several different ways
- Create groups to share citations
- Freemium (double dollar signs for more than 300MB of online storage)
- Open source
Important Web links For setting Zotero up:

• Zotero.org: free download of Zotera for PC or Mac; Remember to also download the “connector” which connects Zotero to the internet. It works best with “chrome” and not as well with “safari” as internet browser.

• Youtube video on “how to learn Zotero in 30 min”:
  You Tube: https://youtu.be/BQL_7C-YqBk

• Literature search website:
  • Umass free library guide can access pubmed and other programs through this:
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