

Learning Bytes

Reference management software

What is reference management software?

- Bibliographic management tools which helps you to store, manage and use your references
 - References can be imported direct from databases/Summon/Google Scholar
 - You can manage your references: e.g. create folders/add pdfs
 - Integrated with Word and allows you to builds a reference list for you as you type your article or thesis in your chosen referencing format

Why use them?

- It can save you time!
- Improves accuracy
- You have all of your references in one place in your own personal library
- Easily import citations into your Word doc
- Automatically generates a reference list
- Can amend the referencing style if writing for a particular journal

What tools are available?

- **Endnote** – commercial package: loaded to the desktop. New version each year. Endnote web
- **RefWorks** – commercial package: web based platform
- **Zotero** – free/open source package
- **Mendeley** – a free desktop and web programme, recently bought by Elsevier

There are others -

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software

Which one do you choose?

- Do all tools lead to referencing heaven?
- Which one is the easiest to use?
- Are the free tools as good as the ones you pay for?
- This session will cover all four tools from a users perspective, showing you unique features and why it is their tool of choice

Running order

- Endnote (Zoe)
- Zotero (Eleanor)
- Mendeley (Alistair)
- Refworks (Alison)