# Citation Management Tools: A Comparison

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| | RefWorks 2.0 | EndNote Web | Zotero | Mendeley |
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| How do I get started? | RefWorks is provided by Stanford Libraries under a site license.<br>• Set up a RefWorks account and use your Stanford email to create it.<br>• You can view a Quick Start Guide or a more in-depth tutorial.<br>• RefWorks also offers a mobile platform for users on the go. | A web-based version of EndNote available to Stanford faculty, students, and staff. To create an account:<br>1. Navigate to Web of Knowledge<br>2. Look for the "SIGN IN" link in the upper right of the screen.<br>3. Follow the prompts and create a username and password.<br>4. Click the "My EndNote Web" link in the upper right of the screen.<br><br>Tutorials www.endnote.com/training (choose the option for EndNote Web). Note: If you already have EndNote installed on your computer, you can transfer references to and from libraries with EndNote Web. Transfers are initiated through EndNote. | Zotero is a web-based, open-source citation management tool that is available free online and integrates with theFirefox browser.<br><br>Several tutorials are available:<br>• Zotero screencasts<br>• Zotero tutorial from the Stanford Education Library<br>• Information guide on Zotero from Georgia State University | Mendeley Desktop is free academic software that indexes and organizes your PDFs into a digital bibliography. The program includes a collaboration component that allows you to share citations with other researchers. Mendeley includes both a desktop application and a web-based application.<br><br>Tutorials include:<br>• Mendeley Tutorials<br>• Mendeley Getting Started Guide<br>• Mendeley YouTube |
| Where can I get it? | ezproxy.stanford.edu/login?url=http://www.refworks.com/Refworks/ | Authenticated session: via Web of Knowledge<br>Roaming session (for 12 months): www.myendnoteweb.com/EndNoteWeb.html | www.zotero.org | www.mendeley.com |
| Does it cost anything? | Free to Stanford faculty, students & staff via SUL subscription. | Free to Stanford faculty, students & staff via SUL subscription. | Free open source program | Free for basic version |
| Where are my records stored? | RefWorks server | EndNote server | Locally on your computer and Zotero server | Locally on your computer and Mendeley server |
| What is the storage capacity? | 3GB | Store up to 10,000 records per account | 100MB for free account | 1GB for free account |
| Can I share my records publicly? | Can share database with anyone via public URL | Can share database with other EndNote Web users | Can share database with other Zotero users | Can share database with other Mendeley users |
| Mobile application? | Yes | Yes | In Beta | Yes |
| Is it easy to use? | Moderate | Easy | Easy | Easy |

Sources: 1) Stanford University Libraries' Citation Tools Comparison 2) Cornell Univ Library's Comparision of Citation Management Software (2011)

## Need More Help?

For more help on citation management tools, join the Reference Manager Users list at Stanford. You will have access to the daily digest of questions and answers to problems with various tools and can post your own questions for help from the campus community.

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