

# Citation Managers

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# Previous System

- Note Cards
- File Box
- Paper copies of Articles
- File Drawers
- Filing System



# Current System

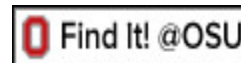
- Search Databases for Articles



- Download Article References/Citations

Tobacco Withdrawal Amongst African American, Hispanic, and White Smokers.  
Bello MS, Pang RD, Cropsey KL, Zvolensky MJ, Reitzel LR, Huh J, Leventhal AM.  
Nicotine Tob Res. 2015 Oct 18. pii: ntv231. [Epub ahead of print]  
PMID:26482061

- Search for PDF's



- Attach to Reference for Future use

 Article as PDF (155KB)

# Why should you use them?

- Personal Information Manager
- Create a list of references/citations
- Becomes a database of articles
- May be used in paper or article
- Over 500 different output styles  
(ex.APA,MLA,Uniform Requirements ...(for  
Biomedical Journals )

# Comparison of Reference Managers

## PROS

<b>RefWorks</b> OSU Pays	<b>EndNote</b> Free & Cost	<b>Mendeley</b> Free	<b>Zotero</b> Free
1. Web based; Compatible with all platforms	1. Desktop & web application Compatible PC & Mac	1. Combines desktop & web across all platforms	1. Web based plug-in for Firefox
2. References exported from databases	2. Exports from databases	2. Drag & drop to import	2. Drag & drop to import references
3. Import data from websites	3. Metadata from web	3. Metadata from web	3. Metadata from web pages
4. Researchers collaborate across institutions	4. Researchers collaborate	4. Researchers collaborate	4. Researchers collaborate
5. Ability to add citations manually	5. Add citations manually	5. Import PDFs; highlight, annotate; file	5. Add citations manually
6. Links to PDF for library subscriptions	6. Link references to PDF's; search across PDF's	6. Comprehensive PDF management	6. Attach associated PDF with references
7. Cite and write capability	7. Cite and write	7. Inserts formatted citations via text editors; Word plug-in	7. Cite and write
8. Style managers and automatic formatting	8. Style managers & automatic formatting	8. Style managers & automatic formatting	8. Style managers & automatic formatting
9. Backup to RefWorks servers	9. Backup on your own for desktop version	9. Web backs up to server	9. Backup to Zotero servers
10. Folders organize references	10. Folders for references	10. Integrates research process & not just organizing	10. Tags instead of folders to organize references



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CHECK ON UPDATES FOR SOME OF THESE CONS

RefWorks	EndNote	Mendeley	Zotero
1. Access the Internet to utilize	1.Desktop – downloaded & save to hard drive; Web – file attachments not accessible	1. Database export is limited to a few databases; Storage is limited	1. Not as robust as RefWorks or EndNote; storage is limited; pay for additional
2. No metadata from PDF	2. PDF extracted ; Cannot work within PDF's	2. Web version not as reliable with PDF's as desktop	2. Suited more to undergraduate research
3. Cannot take and save website screenshots from web pages	3. Website metadata import but issues with IE & Safari; Recommended to use Firefox	3. Desktop doesn't import from databases; relies on PDF metadata; issues with that	
4. Sharing references doesn't allow to attach PDF files to citations		4. Not much instructional material available	
5. Mobile site not very user friendly	5. No mobile compatibility		
6. Access to Refworks as long as part of institution or alumni – indiv cost \$100	6. Web version accessible via OSU subsc to Web of Knowl. OSU faculty & student discount at TechHub with ID \$90 + tax		



# Selecting Reference Manager

- Cost
- Working without Internet access
- Storing PDF's
- Working with a team
- Systematic reviews
- Ask others for their recommendations
- Compatible with your operating system (OS)
- You can move references between systems
- YouTube Videos?
- What does OSU support?

- QUESTIONS???



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