



COMPARISON OF CITATION SOFTWARE PROGRAMS

The McGill Library supports two citation managers: RefWorks and EndNote (desktop and web versions). To learn more about the programs, visit <http://www.mcgill.ca/library/library-using/citationsoftware>. In addition, there are several free citation management programs available, such as Zotero. All have merits, so the best choice depends on your goals, preferences, and work habits. The chart below lists some features to consider with the recommended program(s) indicated. Note that you can use more than one, since references can be transferred between programs.

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	EndNote		RefWorks	Zotero
	Desktop	Web		
My documents				
My documents have sections/chapters	✓			
I need to create/modify extensively the citation styles I use	✓			
My reference lists use journal title abbreviations	✓			
I need to customize the fields included in my references	✓		✓	
I use other word processors than Microsoft Word	✓	✓		✓
My references				
I conduct systematic reviews in which I download hundreds of references at once	✓			
I need to conduct sophisticated searching and manipulation of my references database	✓			
I want to store PDFs and other files with my references	✓		✓	✓ (100 MB free)
I want to capture multiple citations from Google Scholar at once			✓ (with RefGrabIt)	✓
I like taking notes directly on my digital documents	✓			
I want to be able to organize my references in groups	✓		✓	✓
I use a variety of reference types in my research (books, electronic journals, dissertations, conference papers, ...)	✓		✓	✓
I use mainly web-based documents (blogs, wikis, RSS feeds, web sites, streaming video, screen captures...)				✓
My working preferences				
I work from multiple computers		✓	✓	✓
I prefer to store my references on the Web		✓	✓	✓
I prefer to store my references on my personal computer	✓			✓
I want to be able to work offline	✓		✓	✓
I work in teams or need to share my references		✓	✓	✓
I want to get help with my citation manager at McGill	✓	✓	✓	
I value support from an open source community				✓
I want to use and update the software for free after I leave McGill			✓	✓