Beyond Bibliographies
Collaborating with Citation Software
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WHICH SOFTWARE?
Researchers, both faculty and students, are looking for ways to not only store and manage their citations, but also to collaborate with classmates, professors, and other researchers.

We are comparing:
- Zotero
- RefWorks
- EndNote
- Mendeley

BASIC FEATURES
The citation software titles presented here have some features in common. In all cases, researchers can:

- Use the software in either OS X or Windows.
- Collect citations from both library databases and manually-entered records.
- Sort citations into groups or folders for different projects.
- De-duplicate collected citations.
- Use plug-ins for Microsoft Word that allow you to not only insert citations but also to collaborate with classmates, professors, and other researchers.
- Create bibliographies independent of research.
- Attach PDFs and other files to references so they can be easily found later.

HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Can you pull in RSS feeds of project-relevant journals or customized searches?</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>...search the full text?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>[and annotate as well]</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>No (Unless if you need &gt; 100MB of server storage)</td>
<td>No (Discounted when purchased through the U of I Webstore)</td>
<td>No (License cost paid for by UIC Library, not the researcher)</td>
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GETTING STARTED

WHICH SHOULD YOU USE?

- **Zotero**: Great for researchers with multiple computers, but best used with the Firefox browser; has the most robust screen-scraping capabilities.
- **Mendeley**: Great for groups scattered across locations, but more limited in regards to custom fields and citation styles.
- **Endnote**: Strong for the individual researcher, but weaker online and collaboration functionality.
- **Zotero**: Great for students and groups at UIC; includes the Find it @ UIC feature.

MORE TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE

Support from Vendors:
- **EndNote**: offers tutorials, webinars, email, and phone support. http://www.endnote.com/support/ensupport.asp
- **Zotero** offers tutorials, forums. http://www.zotero.org/support/start
- **Mendeley** offers articles, email support, forums, and more. http://support.mendeley.com/

Support from the UIC Library:
UIC Library primarily supports RefWorks. However, individual librarians specialized with the other citation managers can offer individual, group, online, or classroom training. Email agoben@uic.edu or raszewr1@uic.edu for more information.

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