

Overview of advantages and disadvantages of the citation managers RefWorks, Mendeley and Zotero

	Teamwork	Advantages	Disadvantages
New RefWorks	Possible to work on team projects and hereby sharing the references.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import from most catalogues and databases rather simple and fast. • Possible to import PDF-files. • Possible to annotate and highlight the PDF-files. • Compatible with Google Docs. • After graduation or termination of your employment at UvA you can still use your account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with Word 2019 or Word 365 ProPlus on Mac computers may not work (properly). • Slow when importing simultaneously large amounts of references (it is expected to improve shortly). • 1 account per e-mail adress. • Not compatible with Libre Office.
Legacy RefWorks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible to share and edit the references in a joint account. • Possible to collaborate on documents with RW-references. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible to make multiple accounts using a single email address. • Suitable for systematic reviews, due to reasonable speed and transparency in deduplication. • Import from most catalogues and databases rather simple and fast. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with Word 2019 or Word 365 ProPlus on Mac computers may not work (properly). • PDF-files can only be added one by one as attachments. • No annotations or highlighting possible in PDF-files. • Not compatible with Google Docs. • Not compatible with Libre Office.

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Mendeley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References can be shared and edited. Full text can be jointly annotated in private groups. • Collaborate on a document with references which can be shared within the group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible to import PDF-files. • Possible to annotate and highlight the PDF-files, within a group as well. • Fast processing of large numbers of references. • Via UvA access to the Institutional Edition: possible to collaborate with up to 100 people in many groups, 100 GB private and 100 GB shared storage space. • Compatible with Libre Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to use with MacOS Mojave and Catalina. • Not compatible with Google Docs. • Deduplication of references is not transparent. When importing, the references are automatically deduplicated. That is not convenient for systematic reviews. • Direct import with Web Importer doesn't work sufficiently in CataloguePlus and many databases, it is necessary to save the references as RIS or BibText file. • Alumni who don't have an account yet, can't use the Institutional Edition. • After graduation or termination of your employment, you have rights to use the Institutional Edition for one more year.
Zotero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References can be shared and edited within the group. Annotations can be shared, but not within the PDF file itself. • Collaboration on documents with Zotero references. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible to import PDF files. • Fast processing of large number of references. • Possible to import directly from PubMed. • Easy import of web pages. • Compatible with Google Docs and Libre Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not possible to adjust citation styles. • There is no possibility for highlighting or annotating within the PDF files. • Limited storage (max 300 MB), expansion possible for \$ 20-120 per year. • Direct import doesn't work sufficiently or at all with Google Scholar, Ebsco/Proquest databases, and Science Direct.