

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"> • 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"> • 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 Desktop + Word plug-in: Mendeley Cite-O-Matic	<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 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.
Mendeley Reference Manager + Word Add-on: Mendeley Cite	References can be shared and edited. Full text can be jointly annotated in private groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compatible with MacOS Mojave and later versions. See other advantages of Mendeley Desktop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MendeleyCite does not support footnote styles. See disadvantages 2-6 of Mendeley Desktop.
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. Highlighting or annotating within the PDF files not possible. Limited storage (max 300 MB), expansion possible for \$ 20-120 per year. Direct import from Google Scholar only possible from the first 1 or 2 screens. Direct import from Ebsco, Proquest and Science Direct databases does not work sufficiently for several titles at once.