Reference management software

What is it?

Reference management software helps you keep track of information you read, including books, articles, reports, or websites.

It is particularly useful if you are:

- working on an assignment
- doing research
- undertaking a systematic review

Examples of popular software include EndNote, RefWorks, Mendeley, and Zotero.

Why use it?

- saves time tracking your references and typing references manually
- keeps your references organised all in one place
- ensures your references are presented in a consistent and accurate style

How do I get it?

If you are enrolled with a university or higher education institute, ask their library about reference management software. Many can provide the paid version of software to students for free.

Berkshire Healthcare library does not provide staff with access to or training for reference management software.

This guide offers suggestions for the various freely available options you can use.

Which freely available software can I use?

ZoteroBib

- Access ZoteroBib for free, online. There is nothing to download.
- Suitable for assignments, reports, and everyday use
- Supports many popular citation styles
- Help page for more information using ZoteroBib

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Zotero

- Access Zotero either as a cloud based version or software available for download
- Suitable for managing many references
- Provides 300MB of free online storage
- Supports many popular citation styles
- Help page for more information using Zotero

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EndNote Basic

- Access EndNote Basic as a cloud based version
- Provides 2GB of free online storage and maximum 50,000 references
- Supports many popular citation styles
- Help page for more information using EndNote Basic

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Mendeley

- Access Mendeley either as a cloud based version or software available for download
- Provides 2GB of free online storage
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