

WHICH REFERENCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SHOULD I USE?

Which reference management software is best for you depends on the purpose you are using it for, and on availability. Detailed comparisons of different software can be found on the internet.

For many use cases, the platform-independent, free open source software Zotero will be a good alternative to proprietary programmes like Citavi or EndNote.

You can also ask staff at your institute, course lecturers or supervisors of seminar papers and theses to recommend a software.

CITAVI AND ENDNOTE VIA TU.IT

Citavi (a free version; not available for Mac) and EndNote (quarterly fee, platforms Windows and Mac) can be obtained via TU.it.

FOR LATEX USERS

If you are using LaTeX, the BibTeX format is recommended. There are a number of different reference management programmes based on BibTeX, such as the platform-independent software JabRef.

TWO FINAL TIPS

Literature datasets can be exported directly to your reference management software from databases and research portals such as TU Wien Bibliothek's CatalogPlus using various export formats.

Upload your citation style to your reference management software, so that the citations in the text and in the reference list will be formatted according to the citation style you are using. In the natural sciences and technology, so-called numerical styles such as the IEEE editorial style are widely used, as are author-year styles such as the APA style.

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