

Which is the right one for you?

Citation Management Software Assessment

Highlight the criteria important to you. If necessary, reevaluate based on those most essential to you.

	RefWorks (R)	Zotero (Z)
Research Habits		
I am a life-long researcher.	R	Z
I like taking notes directly on my digital documents.	NOT AVAILABLE	Z
I work from multiple places.	R	Z
I work on a public computer.	R	LIMITED – ADVISABLE TO SAVE CITATIONS TO USB DRIVE
I prefer to store my personal citation database on the Web.	R	Z
I prefer to store my personal citation database on my own computer.	BACKUP ONLY	Z
I want to work offline (on an airplane, etc.)	R	Z
I want to capture multiple citations from Google Scholar at once.	NOT AVAILABLE	Z
I use Google docs as my primary word processor.	NOT AVAILABLE	Z
I want to store PDFs in my personal citation database.	(LIMITED)	Z
Field of Study		
I use citation styles more specific than APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.	R	Z
My research includes capturing rapidly changing web content.	(LIMITED)	Z
I use screen captures in my work.	(LIMITED)	Z
Compatibility		
I alert others about the citations I gather.	R (RSS)	Z (RSS)
I collaborate with other authors.	R	Z
I may want multiple users to view my citation database.	R	Z
I want to make my library available on the Web.	R	Z
Price		
I am concerned about cost.	R (VIA THE MOUNT LIBRARY)	Z (FREE)
These tools are licensed for my use at my institution.	AT PRESENT	(FREE)
Support		
Tool is automatically updated.	R	Z
Tool is easy to learn.	EASY	EASY
I need help.	ASK A MOUNT LIBRARIAN	ASK A MOUNT LIBRARIAN

A more in-depth comparison can be found at: <http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/library/research/citationrefworks/comparison.aspx>