

Which reference manager is right for you?

This table compares the features and functionalities of common reference managers.

Common features across all tools: Creating groups, share-ability, removing duplicates, filtering, import plug-ins, PDF annotation

Tool	Access	Cost & Storage	Features	Word compatibility	Help	Best For
<u>EndNote Online Classic</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • Unlimited storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import/Export • Duplicate deletion • PDF management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word • Use Add-In 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarivate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EndNote desktop users who work offsite or across multiple devices • Syncing with EndNote desktop
<u>EndNote21</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device • Cloud-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade to Endnote 2025 • 1 month FREE • \$210 onetime payment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 user sharing • Mobile friendly • 3yr unlimited cloud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word • Google Docs • Use Add-In 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarivate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web of Science manuscript matching
<u>EndNote 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device • Cloud-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 month FREE • \$469 onetime payment • \$255 student eligible • or FREE if Uni member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI experience • 3yr unlimited cloud • Cite from PDF highlight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word • Google Docs • Use Add-In 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarivate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Group collaborations
<u>Zotero</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop • Cloud-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free up to 300MB • Additional annual cost for unlimited storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect & organize • Annotate & cite • Share research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word • Google Docs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'How To' manual • Zotero forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working across multiple devices • Sourcing citations from nontraditional references
<u>Mendeley</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop • Cloud-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free up to 2000MB • Additional annual cost for unlimited storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add from desktop • All browsers • Generate references, citations & bibliographies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working across multiple devices • Extracting citation data from PDFs
<u>PaperPile</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud-based • Google account required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 month free • \$36 per year for unlimited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF downloads • Highlight & annotate • Cite in Google Docs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word • Google Docs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help centre • FAQ forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working across multiple devices • Google Drive users