Choosing a reference manager

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Congratulations!

✅ PhD finally submitted

✅ First journal article published - but only in the 5th journal you submitted to........

Thomas Ezard @tomezard · 13 Nov 2015

.@Zoe_M_Harris' lessons to her younger **phd** self: 2) choose an appropriate **reference management** software, and learn how to use it. #phdchat

Carol McMaster @Carol_tweeting · 8 Apr 2015

PhD students need good **#reference #management**, a bad #bibliography can undermine your thesis, top tips from Tara B

Laurence Cooley @laurence_cooley · 20 Nov 2014

Some good thesis **management** tips for new **PhD** students: shar.es/1X5YbH, via @chroniclevitae. Use a **reference** manager from day one!

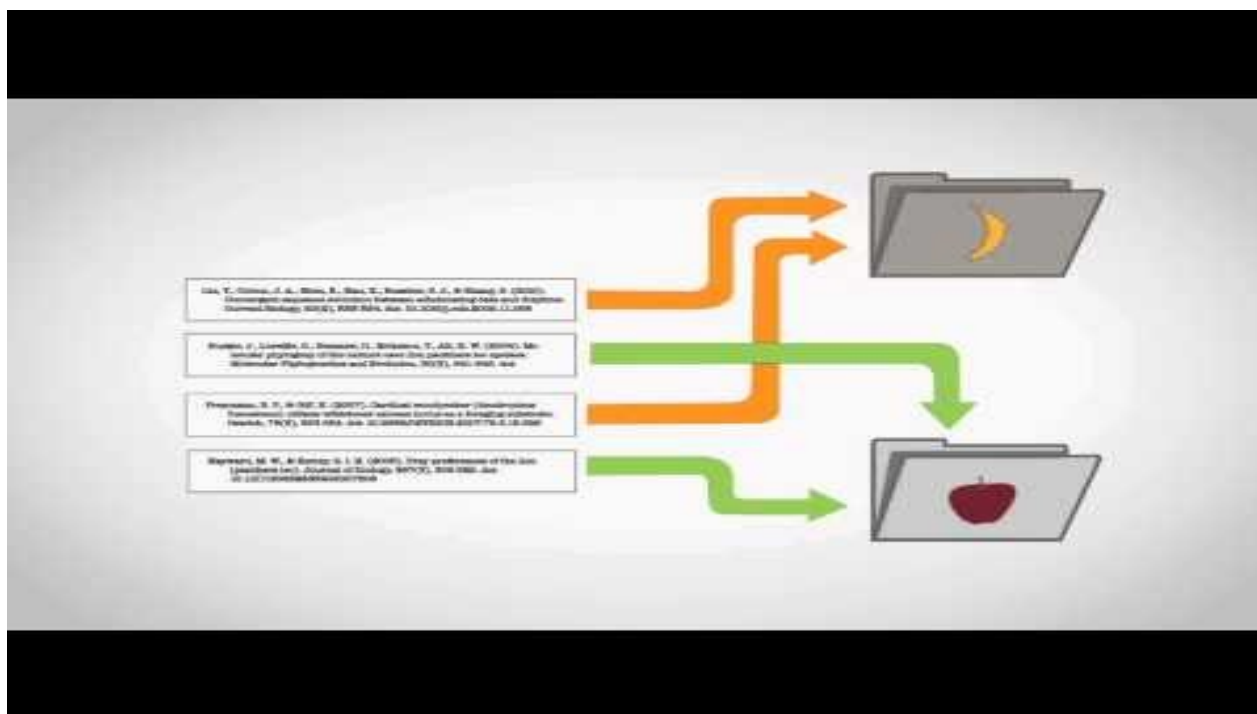**Caroline Tomes** @carotomes · 25 Aug 2014

8 months into my **PhD**, and I've decided I would probably be better off working with than without a **reference management** tool. #phdchat

Introduction

➢How reference managers work

➢Why use them?

➢What is available?

➢Questions to ask when choosing a reference manager

➢Help & training

How Reference Managers work

- Collect references & PDFs in one place
  - Categorise & organise
    - Output references in correct styles for publication

Why use a Reference Manager?

→ Format citations and references correctly

→ Collect, store and organise

→ Annotate and manage PDFs

→ Create bibliographies

→ Build a researcher profile

Adding references

Manually

Direct export from an electronic resource

Upload PDFs

Grab bib data from websites

Choosing a manager (1)

Questions to ask yourself

Hardware

Off campus /on campus working

Use of mobile devices

Operating platforms

Inputs

File types I can import

Import from favourite databases / sources

PDF annotation

Choosing a manager (2)

Questions to ask yourself

Outputs

Supported word processors

Bibliographic output styles

Requirement for specialist citations – maths symbols, law/legal , footnotes

Working with others

Collaboration with others – library sharing

Social networking

What are my options?

Programme	Platform	Word Processing	Online Storage	PDF Organisation	Groups
BibTeX	🐧	LaTeX		✗	✗
EndNote	www 🪟 🍎		2GB	✓	✓
Docear	🐧 🪟 🍎	LaTeX		✓	✗
Mendeley	www 🐧 🪟 🍎		2GB	✓	✓
Cite this for Me (was RefMe)	www			✗	✗
Zotero	www 🪟		300MB	✓	✓

Be a wise owl….

It won't tell you where to put citations

Won't extract references from reference lists in existing publications

Garbage in – garbage out

Take time to learn the software

Keep backups of your reference library !!!!

Sometimes it goes wrong……

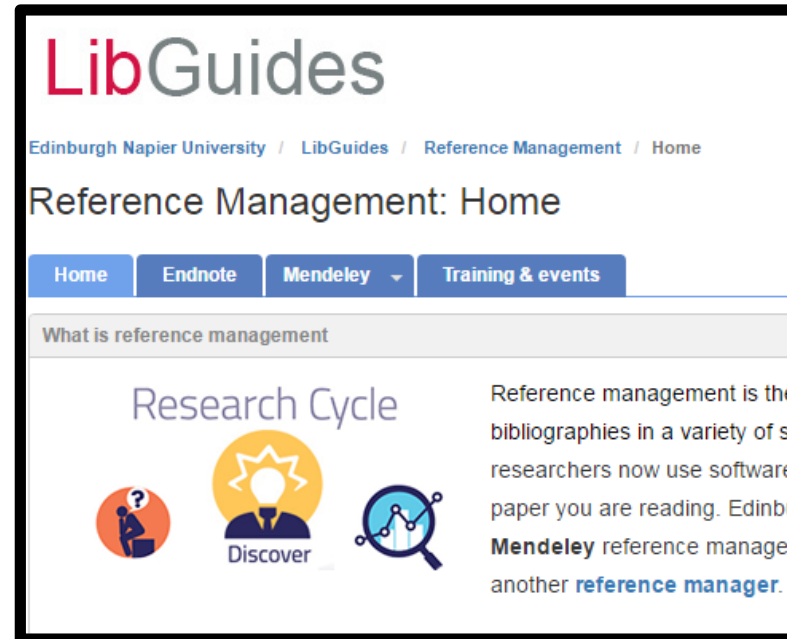Ask for help

Help and Training

Training and events calendar

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What is reference management

Research Cycle

Discover

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