

## Quick Comparison EndNote, Mendeley, Zotero

More comparisons see: <https://mediatum.ub.tum.de/?id=1127579>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_reference\\_management\\_software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software)  
<https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:bsz:14-qucosa2-769412>

	EndNote	Mendeley	Zotero
<b>General</b>			
<b>Link</b>	<a href="http://www.endnote.com">www.endnote.com</a> <a href="http://endnote.com/weblogin">endnote.com/weblogin</a> (Web or Classic Online)	<a href="http://www.mendeley.com">www.mendeley.com</a>	<a href="http://www.zotero.org">www.zotero.org</a>
<b>Platform</b>	Win, OSX, Web, iOS	Win, OSX, Linux, Web	Win, OSX, Linux (with connectors to Chrome, Safari, Firefox), Web, iOS & Android
<b>Language</b>	English	English	multilingual
<b>Licence</b>	Full licence (desktop & Web), free licence (EndNote Online Classic, reduced functionality, particularly without a subscription to Web of Science)	- Mendeley Reference Manager (free, local installation but only with cloud based storage) - Mendeley Desktop (free, local installation with local and cloud based storage, more functions, legacy but still working)	free
<b>Online storage</b>	<a href="#">EndNote Online Classic: 2GB (unlimited with EN20/21 licence)</a> <a href="#">Endnote Web (new): unlimited (3y with EN21 licence)</a>	2 Gb personal (free) upgrades to 5 Gb, 10 GB or unlimited storage (paid)	300 Mb (free, expandable by external storage), 2 Gb (\$20/year), unlimited (\$120/year)
<b>Syncing</b>	via EndNote Web (EN21 only) or EN Online Classic (EN20 & 21)	via Mendeley account	via Zotero account
<b>Share &amp; Collaborate</b>	entire library (incl. attachments) with max 1000 (200 for EN20) others; groups (excl. attachments) with unlimited others (via EndNote Online Classic)	max. 5 private groups (max 25 members, 100 Mb max shared web storage)	unlimited groups & members
<b>Max. datasets</b>	unlimited (50k with free EndNote Online/Basic)	unlimited	unlimited
<b>Word processor</b>	Word, Google Docs (EN21), Open Office, LibreOffice, Pages, LaTeX (via BibTeX export)	Word, LibreOffice, LaTeX (via BibTeX export)	Word, Google Docs, Open Office, LibreOffice, Neo Office, LaTeX (via BibTeX export), Jupyter Notebook (3rd party plugin), Quarto
<b>Data input / import / export</b>			
<b>Manual input/edit</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Import from databases</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Import from websites</b>	<a href="#">yes (via Endnote Click browser plugin)</a>	yes (via web importer)	yes (via Zotero Connector)
<b>Import from PDF</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Find full text (PDF)</b>	automatically: via WoS, DOI, Pubmed manually: via Endnote Click (browser extension)	yes (limited), via Mendeley catalogue and links to publisher	automatically: via DOI (Crossref) manually: via browser connector, drag&drop files
<b>Attach files</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Import/export filter</b>	BibTeX, RIS, EndNote XML, etc	BibTeX, RIS, EndNote XML	BibTeX, RIS, EndNote XML, etc
<b>Handling</b>			
<b># document types (book, article, etc)</b>	57	20	35
<b>Search online databases</b>	yes (EndNote Desktop contains many connectors incl. Web of Science)	yes (via Mendeley online account)	via Web browser
<b>Search library</b>	yes (incl. PDFs and annotations)	yes (no PDFs)	yes (incl. PDFs)
<b>Find and manage duplicates</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Provide tags/keywords/labels</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Read / annotate PDFs</b>	yes (built-in)	yes (built-in)	yes
<b>PDF organiser</b>	yes (limited)	no	yes (limited)
<b>Sort references</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Update metadata</b>	yes	yes	yes
<b>Organise in groups or folders</b>	yes (limited to one hierarchical step)	yes	yes
<b>Backup library</b>	yes (compressed EndNote library)	via export	via export
<b>Citation</b>			
<b>Styles</b>	> 7000 (client), >3000 (Web), top 21 (without WoS)	>10000 (client)	>10000 (web)
<b>Style editor</b>	yes built-in	yes <a href="#">Visual csl-editor</a>	yes <a href="#">Visual csl-editor</a>
<b>Interaction with word processor</b>	plugin (client & Web)	plugin	plugin
<b>Help</b>			
<b>Manuals, Tutorials, Trainings, Support</b>	<a href="https://endnote.com">https://endnote.com</a> > Training <a href="https://endnote.com">https://endnote.com</a> > Support	<a href="https://www.mendeley.com/guides">https://www.mendeley.com/guides</a> <a href="https://support.mendeley.com">https://support.mendeley.com</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/MendeleyResearch/featured">https://www.youtube.com/user/MendeleyResearch/featured</a>	<a href="https://www.zotero.org/support">https://www.zotero.org/support</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=zotero">https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=zotero</a>
<b>FAQ</b>	<a href="https://endnote.com">https://endnote.com</a> > FAQ	<a href="https://support.mendeley.com/">https://support.mendeley.com/</a>	<a href="https://www.zotero.org/support/frequently_asked_questions">https://www.zotero.org/support/frequently_asked_questions</a>
<b>Forum</b>	<a href="https://community.endnote.com/">https://community.endnote.com/</a>	discontinued	<a href="https://forums.zotero.org/">https://forums.zotero.org/</a>
<b>Blog</b>	discontinued; only 3rd party blogs	<a href="https://mendeleyblog.wordpress.com/">https://mendeleyblog.wordpress.com/</a>	<a href="https://www.zotero.org/blog/">https://www.zotero.org/blog/</a>