

## Reference management software for researchers: RefWorks and EndNote

The table below will help you to compare EndNote and Legacy RefWorks. These are the reference management software tools which are subscribed to at SHU and are available to staff and researchers. We have tried to highlight features that differentiate between the two tools.

Functionality	EndNote Desktop (Version X7)	Legacy (Classic) RefWorks
<b>Is it desktop or web based software?</b>	EndNote is desktop software - it is designed to be used from one PC or laptop. We do not have a licence to make this available to you on your own home computer	<b>RefWorks is web based it is accessible anywhere with an internet connection</b>
<b>Where are references stored?</b>	Locally, where you choose to save your library. Be sure you backup your library and the supporting folders	Remotely on the web (you can make local backups as well if you wish)
<b>Compatibility</b>	EndNote Desktop is compatible with Windows and Mac  <b>"Cite while you write" is compatible with Microsoft Word and some versions of Apache Open Office. PowerPoint is also supported.</b>	As the software is web based it will work on any platform - Windows, Mac, Linux, BSD and Unix  Write-N-Cite is compatible with Microsoft Word
<b>Capacity</b>	We are unaware of any capacity issues with EndNote Desktop	There can be issues in RefWorks with processes timing out when working with very large numbers of references, so this tool may not be appropriate for some projects, for example, large systematic reviews. When using RefWorks it is recommended that you do not import more than 2,500 references (or 3 MB) at one time.
<b>Importing database search results</b>	References can be imported from many library sources. In some cases this can be done directly or there is a two stage process requiring saving of the references as a .ris or .txt file and importing the file	<b>This is one of the strengths of RefWorks. Most library databases export references directly to RefWorks.</b>
<b>Organising references</b>	You can create groups, smart groups and combination groups. <b>The smart groups feature automatically assigns references to a group according to your requirements</b>	You can create a folder and sub-folder structure

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<b>Deduplicating references</b>	References can be deduplicated	References can be deduplicated
<b>Creating references from PDF documents</b>	<b>This is one of the strengths of EndNote. Individual PDF files or folders of PDF files can be imported. EndNote will try to create the bibliographic data (references) for the files. You can also set a PDF auto import folder which will automatically import PDF documents added to a specified file folder on your computer.</b>	Legacy RefWorks cannot create references from PDF files (although this feature will be available in New RefWorks)
<b>Storing PDF documents</b>	PDF files can be stored	PDF files can be stored as attachments to references
<b>Adding comments and highlighting PDF documents</b>	<b>Comments and highlights can be made to PDF files</b>	It is not possible to annotate PDF files (although this feature will be available in New RefWorks)
<b>Creating citations and reference lists in a Microsoft Word document</b>	There is an Add-in for Microsoft Word which enables this called "Cite while you write". This appears as a EndNote tab in Word. It installs when EndNote Desktop is installed. <b>Cite while you write makes it easy to modify citations - for example to automatically show the author outside the brackets if you are using an author/date referencing style, e.g. APA 6<sup>th</sup> ed.</b>	There is an Add-in for Microsoft Word which enables this called Write-n-Cite (also called Proquest for Word). This appears as a RefWorks tab in Word. It can be installed on University PCs (please ask IT Help) and can also be installed on your own computer or laptop from the RefWorks Tools menu. <b>Write-N-Cite makes it easy to find the references you want to cite by showing your folders</b>
<b>Producing references in a variety of styles</b>	There are more than 6000 styles. Click here for a list of EndNote <a href="#">output styles</a> . You may not initially see all these styles but they can be installed.	There are over 4000 styles to choose from. Click here for a list of available RefWorks <a href="#">output styles</a> . To see styles in Write-N-Cite, add them to your favourites using the Output Style Manager in RefWorks.
<b>Enabling sharing and collaboration with others</b>	Sharing is possible, but the software is not designed for this purpose and it is complicated to do	<b>Sharing is straightforward and can be done at various levels</b>