

Quick Comparison EndNote, Mendeley, Zotero

More comparisons see: <https://mediatum.um.tum.de/?id=1127579>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_reference_management_software
<https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:bsz:14-qucosa-2-769412>

	EndNote	Mendeley	Zotero
General			
Link	www.endnote.com endnote.com/weblogin (Web or Classic Online)	www.mendeley.com	www.zotero.org
Platform	Win, OSX, Web, iOS	Win, OSX, Linux, Web	Win, OSX, Linux (with connectors to Chrome, Safari, Firefox), Web, iOS & Android
Language	English	English	multilingual
Licence	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
Online storage	EndNote Online Classic: 2GB (unlimited with EN20/21 licence) Endnote Web (new): unlimited (3y with EN21 licence)	2 Gb personal (free) 5 Gb (\$55/year), unlimited (\$165/year)	300 Mb (free, expandable by external storage), 2 Gb (\$20/year), unlimited (\$120/year)
Syncing	via EndNote Web (EN21 only) or EN Online Classic (EN20 & 21)	via Mendeley account	via Zotero account
Share & Collaborate	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
Max. datasets	unlimited (50k with free EndNote Online/Basic)	unlimited	unlimited
Word processor	Word, Google Docs (EN21), Open Office, Pages, LaTeX (via BibTeX export)	Word, Libre Office, LaTeX (via BibTeX export)	Word, Google Docs, LibreOffice, LaTeX (via BibTeX export), Jupyter Notebook (3rd party plugin), Quarto
Data input / import / export			
Manual input/edit	yes	yes	yes
Import from databases	yes	yes	yes
Import from websites	yes (via Endnote Click browser plugin)	yes (via web importer)	yes (via Zotero Connector)
Import from PDF	yes	yes	yes
Find full text (PDF)	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
Attach files	yes	yes	yes
Import/export filter	BibTeX, RIS, EndNote XML, etc	BibTeX, RIS, EndNote XML	BibTeX, RIS, EndNote XML, etc
Handling			
# document types (book, article, etc)	57	20	35
Search online databases	yes (EndNote Desktop contains many connectors incl. Web of Science)	yes (via Mendeley online account)	via Web browser
Search library	yes (incl. PDFs and annotations)	yes (no PDFs)	yes (incl. PDFs)
Find and manage duplicates	yes	yes	yes
Provide tags/keywords/labels	yes	yes	yes
Read / annotate PDFs	yes (built-in)	yes (built-in)	yes
PDF organiser	yes (limited)	no	yes (limited)
Sort references	yes	yes	yes
Update metadata	yes	yes	yes
Organise in groups or folders	yes (limited to one hierarchical step)	yes	yes
Backup library	yes (compressed EndNote library)	via export	via export
Citation			
Styles	> 7000 (client), >3000 (Web), top 21 (without WoS)	>10000 (client)	>10000 (web)
Style editor	yes built-in	yes Visual csl-editor	yes Visual csl-editor
Interaction with word processor	plugin (client & Web)	plugin	plugin
Help			
Manuals, Tutorials, Trainings, Support	https://endnote.com > Training https://endnote.com > Support	https://www.mendeley.com/guides http://support.mendeley.com http://www.youtube.com/user/MendeleyResearch/featured	www.zotero.org/support https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=zotero
FAQ	https://endnote.com > FAQ	https://service.elsevier.com/app/home/supporthub/mendeley/	https://www.zotero.org/support/frequently_asked_questions
Forum	https://community.endnote.com/	discontinued	https://forums.zotero.org/
Blog	discontinued; only 3rd party blogs	http://blog.mendeley.com/	www.zotero.org/blog/