

## Bibliographic Management Systems: Overview and Examples

Handling references and bibliographic information is an essential part of all research.

If you decide to choose a bibliographic management tool consider following requirements:

### **Input**

- How can I import a reference?
- Is it possible to import all kind of references? (links, books, articles, pictures etc.)
- Is it possible to import or upload full text (PDF, Doc etc.)?

### **Organization**

- Is it possible to make comments, recension, abstracts?
- Is it possible to tag the references?

### **Output**

- Is it possible to export the data into other programs (e.g. MS Word)?
- Is it possible to generate bibliographies in different formats?

### **Desktop tools (closed system)**

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Modern reference management packages can usually be integrated with word processors so that a reference list in the appropriate format is produced automatically. (Wikipedia: Reference Management Software)

<i>Litlink</i>	<a href="http://www.lit-link.ch/">http://www.lit-link.ch/</a>
<i>Citavi</i>	<a href="http://www.citavi.com/">http://www.citavi.com/</a>
<i>Refworks</i>	<a href="http://www.refworks.com/">http://www.refworks.com/</a>

### **Webbased tools (open sharing system)**

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In a social bookmarking system, users save links to web pages that they want to remember and/or share. These bookmarks are usually public, and can be saved privately, shared only with specified people or groups, shared only inside certain networks, or another combination of public and private domains. The allowed people can usually view these bookmarks chronologically, by category or tags, or via a search engine. (Wikipedia: Social Bookmarking)

<i>Citeulike</i>	<a href="http://www.citeulike.org">http://www.citeulike.org</a>
<i>Bibsonomy</i>	<a href="http://www.bibsonomy.org/">http://www.bibsonomy.org/</a>
<i>Connotea</i>	<a href="http://www.connotea.org">http://www.connotea.org</a>

For overviews also see:

Max-Planck-Institute of Biochemistry: A Comparison of Bibliographic Management Systems. April 2009. URL:

[http://www.biochem.mpg.de/en/sg/ivs/Bibliographic\\_Management/Comparison/index.html](http://www.biochem.mpg.de/en/sg/ivs/Bibliographic_Management/Comparison/index.html)

Wikipedia: Comparison of reference management software. URL:

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