



EndNote vs. Zotero



Which one is best for me?

They have a lot of similarities, but they also have some key differences. You can use both or choose the one that best meets your needs.

Similarities:

- Both manage citations.
- Both are accessible locally and online (if enabled).
- Both allow you share your libraries with others.
- Both allow you to easily import items/citations from your computer and online.
- Both allow you to attach PDFs of items.
- Both allow you to attach personalized notes to items.
- Both allow you to eliminate duplicates.
- Both have mobile capabilities.

Differences:

- EndNote has more styles (4,000+), customizability, and tools.
- EndNote is pricier but is free while you are a student. You can purchase upgrades after graduation.
- EndNote works with Pages.
- EndNote allows you to search Northwestern libraries directly.
- EndNote allows you to insert charts and figures.
- Zotero can save screenshots of pages (e.g. online newspapers and magazines).
- Zotero is free online (300 MB cloud storage); additional storage can be purchased for a nominal annual fee.
- Zotero works with Google Docs.
- Zotero allows you to tag and organize your items.