

## REFERENCING: ZOTERO

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## 2 SESSION OUTLINE

Part 1 – Collecting and editing references

Part 2 - Creating bibliographies

Part 3 – Collaborating & other features

Part 4 – Any Questions?

## **3** ZOTERO PROS AND CONS

## PROS

- Online and offline access to your Library from multiple devices
- Free (for a basic account)
- Available for Windows, Mac and Linux
- Compatible with MS Word, Google Docs, Libre Office and Open Office

## CONS

- Does not work with Pages
- Subscription fees required if you need to store more than 300MB of data

## ZOTERO CLOUD STORAGE



### PART 1: COLLECTING AND EDITING REFERENCES

- Tour of the Zotero application interface
- Adding references into Zotero
- Editing imported references
- Editing and organising references

## A QUICK TOUR OF ZOTERO



## 7 OPTIONS FOR ADDING REFERENCES TO ZOTERO



Data capture (databases, catalogues, web pages)



Add PDF files (Zotero will find matching bibliographic details for articles downloaded from databases)



Standard identifier (ISBN, DOI, etc.)



Manual entry



Import text files (.RIS/.BIB)

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## WEB CAPTURE: WEB PAGES



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#### ADDING REFERENCES BY DRAGGING AND DROPPING PDF FILES

You can add references to Zotero by dragging and dropping PDFs into your Library. Zotero will "find" matching bibliographic details for pdf journal articles downloaded from databases. It will not find details for other PDFs (e.g. book chapters, reports and documents or photocopied/scanned items).

- 1. Drag a PDF from your computer into the centre column of Zotero. (Make sure that you drop the pdf in-between items in your library rather than directly on top. If you drop the pdf on top it will be added to an existing reference!)
- 2. Find the pdf in your Zotero Library
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- 4. Zotero will then find matching bibliographic details.

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#### **16** IMPORTING A RIS, BIB OR TXT FILE

- Use for importing references from other reference managers (e.g. RefWorks, Endnote, Mendeley etc.)
- To import references from databases which do not work with the Zotero web capture tool
- 1. In the database/reference manager
  - Export items as a "RIS", "BIB" or "TXT" file
  - Save the file to your computer (e.g. to the downloads folder)
- 2. In Zotero
  - 1. Click File / Import
  - 2. Browse to find the RIS/BIB/TXT file that you saved to your computer.

#### **17** WHAT ARE RIS AND BIB FILES?

• A RIS or BIB file is a text file containing encoding that enables Zotero and other Reference Managers to read the data within:

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#### TIME FOR A PRACTICE...

Please complete **Tasks 1 and 2** in the 'Referencing: Zotero - online training tasks' PDF (pages 3-5) 10 minutes

#### **20** ORGANISING REFERENCES

You can create **Collections** (like folders) and/or use **Tags** 

**Collections** allow you to organise your references hierarchically e.g. by project or essay.

**Tags** allow you to form ad-hoc collections *after* adding items to your library

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#### **21** SWITCHING OFF AUTOMATIC TAG IMPORT

- By default, Zotero imports tags from Library catalogues and databases
- Switch this off from the toolbar in Edit / Preferences

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#### 22 SEARCHING YOUR LIBRARY

- You can search for documents in your Zotero library
- You can also filter your records within a folder
- You can add your own tags to records to make them easier to find

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#### 23 TIME FOR A PRACTICE...

Please complete **Task 3** in the 'Referencing: Zotero - online training tasks' PDF (page 5) 5 minutes

## 24 PART 2: CREATING BIBLIOGRAPHIES

- Adding in-text citations & footnotes
- Inserting bibliographies and changing citation styles

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### **25** ADD CITATIONS TO DOCUMENTS

- For essays/papers use the Word or Libre Office/Open Office plug in. To install from:
  - Windows: Edit > Preferences > Cite.
  - Mac: Zotero > Preferences > Cite > Word Processors
- Alternatively you can drag and drop references from Zotero into Word, email etc.

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#### TIME FOR A PRACTICE...

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#### **3** GETTING MORE CITATION STYLES

- Download more citation styles from <u>zotero.org/styles</u>
- Right-click on a citation style of your choice and select Save link to download the style.
- Makes sure Zotero Standalone is running. Then double-click the downloaded file to install the new style.

#### **32** EDITING A STYLE

- Web based style editor <u>http://editor.citationstyles.org/about/</u>
- Not easy but can be done

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## **33** PART 3: COLLABORATING & OTHER FEATURES

- Synchronising
- Zotero Groups

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## **34** YOUR ZOTERO ACCOUNT

- Access and sync your library from anywhere (and from multiple computers)
- Create and join groups to share collections
- Access and share files in addition to references (but beware of copyright restrictions)

### **35** SYNCING YOUR LIBRARY

• Connect Zotero to your account by following the steps under 1B on the handout

• Synchronise your account by clicking the sync icon

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- Collaborators must have a Zotero account
- Set up groups and define access rights on the Zotero web site <u>https://www.zotero.org/groups/</u>
- Add and organise references for your groups in Zotero Standalone
- Don't forget to Sync after adding/editing references

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#### **38** BACKING UP YOUR REFERENCES

- Back up your references regularly
- Save to external hard drive or cloud storage (OneDrive)
- Instructions: <u>https://www.zotero.org/support/zotero\_data</u>

#### **39** GETTING HELP

- <u>zotero.org/support</u>
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