

Zotero

www.zotero.org

Zotero is a free and easy way to collect, manage, and cite research

what is it?

According to its web site, "Zotero [zoh-TAIR-oh] is a free, easy-to-use Firefox extension to help you collect, manage, and cite your research sources. It lives right where you do your work—in the web browser itself." More specifically, Zotero enables one to automatically capture citations, store pdfs/images/web pages, cite from within Word or OpenOffice, take notes, and access one's library of sources from anywhere.

educational use?

While Zotero can be used for teaching and learning purposes (e.g., by giving students access to a course dedicated Zotero account), educators will likely get more use out of Zotero for collecting, managing, and citing resources in preparation for teaching and / or scholarship they are conducting.

pros & cons?

Zotero enables user's quick and easy ways to collect and manage online resources. However, while new browsers are beginning to be supported, Zotero was developed as, and still is in many ways, a Firefox extension. While citations and notes can be synced and accessed from more than one computer, files are stored on one's local machine.

what's it cost?

Zotero is free.

alternatives?

EndNote Web (<http://www.endnoteweb.com>) is an alternative to Zotero however, EndNote currently does not provide the same level of functionality as Zotero (e.g., the ability to archive web pages).

resources?

Introduction video about Zotero

<http://www.zotero.org/>

A video tour of Zotero

http://www.zotero.org/support/screencast_tutorials/zotero_tour

A video demo of Zotero

http://www.zotero.org/support/screencast_tutorials/intro