Using an Automatic Referencing Tool

The tool chosen for this is Zotero. It is a free tool that has a plugin for web browsers that allows you to save pages to the desktop app. To create a new reference, one clicks on the '+' icon in a green circle and selects the type of source.[1]

Zotero also provides free documentation on how to use their tool both in a web browser with automatic referencing, as well as manually through their desktop application. [2]

You can also store this data online [3], your first 300MB is free, but if you require more space, then you must purchase a subscription from Zotero. They have several options, starting with a 2GB limit that costs \$20/year which is roughly £15.

The tool is very easy to use and speeds up referencing webpages while also providing a useful database to store a record of references. It supports many different formats including videos from popular sites such as YouTube. There are a myriad of other tools available [4], but Zotero is incredibly simple to use and set up for the first time.



- [1] Grad Coach, How to use Zotero to manage references in MS Word (Full Tutorial)., (May 05, 2017). Accessed: Nov. 18, 2021. [Online Video]. Available: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CORrNu89oAM
- [2] "[Zotero Documentation]." https://www.zotero.org/support/ (accessed Nov. 18, 2021).
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