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ZOTERO AS A CASE STUDY

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- Cite papers into manuscripts.

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Source: <https://cairoscene.com/Listicles/7-Reasons-Why-Cairo-Traffic-is-a-Blessing-in-Disguise>

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But!

I found that I am reading and annotating **the same papers** on my phone and my personal computer **without noticing** 🙄!

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	EndNote	Mendeley	Zotero
Software support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUT Library supports the use of EndNote (online guide, workshops and consultations) Software support is provided by AUT ICT Services EndNote website provides online training materials and a blog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUT Library online guide Mendeley website provides online training materials/blog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AUT Library online guide Zotero website provides training materials and discussion forums/ blog
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available in all AUT computers AUT users can download a free copy from the AUT website to a personal computer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free AUT Institutional membership provides additional data storage  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Pay for extra online storage
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Let's choose Mendeley then.

THINGS TO DO WHILE WORKING FROM HOME



Figure 1: A glimpse of the contemporary architecture in Egypt!

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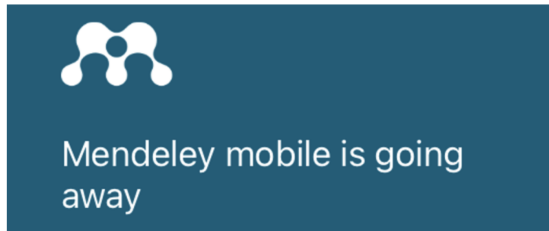


Mendeley to discontinue mobile app

11 March 2021

On 15 March 2021, Mendeley will discontinue its mobile app. The app will no longer be available for download via the App Store and Google Play, and it will no longer be possible to access your Mendeley library via the app.

App users can still access their library via [Mendeley Web](#), [Mendeley Desktop](#) and [Mendeley Reference Manager](#). To keep using your library, please make sure to synchronise your library to the cloud before 15 March. To synchronise, click your name on the upper left side of the screen and press 'Sync'.



¹<https://www.library.universiteitleiden.nl/announcements/2021/03/mendeley-to-discontinue-mobile-app>

Lesson to learn:

Always try the open source alternative before opting to a proprietary one.



Rest easy.

Zotero is [open source](#) and developed by an independent, nonprofit organization that has no financial interest in your private information. With Zotero, you always stay in control of your own data.

Steps for migration:

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A final tip:

- Using zotero with android and apple phones
 - ZooforZotero (Android app)
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mickstarify.zooforzotero&hl=en_GB&gl=US
 - Other options I haven't tried:
<https://www.zotero.org/support/mobile>

- "Choosing a reference manager" (a self-enroll course on learn):
https://www.learn.ed.ac.uk/webapps/blackboard/content/listContent.jsp?course_id=_69297_1&content_id=_3556612_1²

²Zotero is being updated quickly, so some recently added features aren't discussed in this course