

FOAR705 Elaboration I: Planning

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The main problem identified in my Scoping 2 was, **‘How’ to cite a reference**. Research could be conducted more effectively and efficiently by choosing the Reference management tool that saves time, organize our resources, helps in collaboration and builds and formats the citation. To help manage all the research articles and studies that are sifted through daily for research, there are citation managers that help in organizing papers.

For the purpose of Elaboration, the scoping has been narrowed down to finding referencing and citation managing tools that can assist in speed and accuracy in citation and formatting the references. There are several citation tools and programs available. Basically, I am interested in a single tool that can solve my problem. I will consider one of the following programs to overcome the problems listed in scoping exercise: EndNote, Zotero or Mendeley.

At this stage I am still confused which program would be most appropriate for me as I am still wondering with the pros and cons of all these.

- EndNote can not only house a large number of citations but also can be customized to a great extent.
- Zotero is effective in housing a variety of formats and downloading resources from different databases.
- Mendeley, on the other hand, has the capability to manage PDFs effectively and helps in sharing documents or citations within the network.

Moreover, I want to use LaTeX to compose my thesis document, a reference aid that works with LaTeX is very important.