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The Vera Project – consisting of the web app Vera and the mobile app Aloe – will, in its completion aim to provide an efficient, easy to use bibliography tool for use by students, researchers and anyone else needing to reference their work. It allows the user to simply scan the ISBN of a book on its barcode using a simple mobile app, which then connects to an online database which retrieves the book’s information from a library and sorts it into the appropriate format, sending it back to the mobile, from which the reference can be copied and pasted to a text document or sent via e-mail to the computer where the paper being referenced is stored.

The creators Declan Kelly and Thomas Gilmore feel that this simple innovation can bring a change to the way that people reference in this new era past the Digital Age; the Pocket Age, in which we have everything we need in our phones, on our person at all times. Aloe and Vera aim to bring Referencing from the Digital Age, in which tools such as “BibMe” exist, anchored to our computers into this Pocket Age in which something simply being on a computer is not enough for the average person, things have to be with you at all times. Referencing being an important part of articles and assignments – which is often done badly – seems like a necessary addition to this age in programs like Aloe which allow the person to have a high-quality bibliography at the touch of their fingers.