

Intro to Zotero

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1. Demonstration

Brief Zotero demo

2. Getting started/downloading Zotero

Visit [Zotero.org](https://www.zotero.org)

Downloads

- Desktop application
- Browser plugin
- Optional [additional plugins](#)

3. Desktop application

- Store metadata on books, articles, book chapters, magazines, newspapers, podcasts, videos, reports, lectures, etc.
- Create notes nested within certain entries (great for reading notes)
- Tags
- Sync your library and notes across multiple machines ([you need an account](#))
- Access your account through the Zotero website
- Settings for metadata and syncing

4. Browser plugin and getting info on your items

Once, the plugin is installed, you can easily add items to Zotero.

- JStor
- Google Scholar
- Journal websites
- Publisher websites
- Amazon.com
- ISBN numbers
- (sometimes) Directly from a PDF
- News articles

5. Style Repository

Zotero Style Repository

All the hits — Chicago, MLA, APA, etc. — and much, much more

- Discipline styles
- Journal-specific styles

You can switch a style in “document preferences” (in the word processor)

- Updates all in-text citations
- And the bibliography!

6. In-text modifications

You can make a lot of modifications within the word processor

- Multiple items in single citation
- Editing existing citations
- Hiding authors
- Adding page numbers, chapters, tables, figures
- Adding text within the parentheses (e.g. “see also”)
- “Refresh” to update modifications you make in the desktop app

7. Zotero versus alternatives

[Comparison chart](#) from UChicago library

- Zotero is free
- Allows you to easily pull data on items from your browser
- Gives you access to thousand of styles
- It works without an internet connection

7. Conclusion

These are basics, but there's more!

- [Groups](#)
- Exporting your library
- [Integration with RMarkdown](#)
- [“Locate”](#)
- [More resources](#)
- “Upgrade” your storage to support Zotero