

## EndNote Plus 2.1 for Windows 3.1

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**Introduction.** EndNote Plus 2.1<sup>1</sup> is the latest update in the EndNote family of bibliographic software. EndNote is one of many bibliographic software available, enabling a researcher or an author to create and organize bibliographies while writing papers. Other features include the ability to generate electronic libraries, where storage of 32 000 references and abstracts in a fully searchable, desktop utility is beneficial to the researcher or writer. For EndNote users, this new upgrade has brought forth new features to streamline processes used in creating bibliographies. For the uninitiated, however, there is recommended reading prior to purchase, or use of this product; articles by Cibbarelli,<sup>2</sup> Citroen,<sup>3</sup> and Stegleman<sup>4</sup> are informative and useful. This review will cover the specific upgrade features with EndNote Plus version 2.1 for Windows 3.1 or higher.

**Technical Information and System Requirements.** Minimum requirements for a PC include a 386DX/25MHz processor or higher running Windows 3.1 or higher. The great news here is version 2.1 embraces Windows NT and Windows 95. Minimum requirements include 4 MB of RAM (8 MB recommended) and 3.5 MB of hard drive space, plus an additional 2.5 MB for Win32s, which is a requirement to run this 32-bit program. On a 486DX 66 with 16MB RAM running Windows 3.11, the software took 11 min to load (16 min with the Win32s files). Other good news is files created with earlier versions of EndNote are fully compatible with version 2.1. EndNote is compatible with Word for Windows 1.0–6.0, WordPerfect 5.0–6.x, Word 7.0 for Windows 95, RTF, AmiPro 3.0, and ANSI text.

Technical help and product support are readily available in a variety of formats: by phone, fax, and well-written manuals, plus via America Online,<sup>5</sup> CompuServe,<sup>6</sup> FTP site,<sup>7</sup> e-mail,<sup>8</sup> and the WWW site at <http://www.niles.com>. The Web site affords access to product information, free demos, detailed information about using EndNote across a network, and between mixed platforms. New information on this Web site includes an HTML style to download (Mac and PC formats), enabling EndNote users to adapt documents and bibliographies for the WWW. In a separate manual, helpful information on the new Word Add-in is especially helpful and includes a section in the manual entitled *The Self-Paced Guided Tour* which enables the novice user to emerge using this new version of EndNote effectively.

**What Is New with Version 2.1.** Several new features are found in version 2.1 of EndNote Plus. The entire process of citing references while writing, and formatting papers has been streamlined. The Word Add-in included in the software upgrade provides special preferences with the new features: (1) opens EndNote whenever Word is opened and similarly when closing, (2) enables the user to pull references directly from EndNote into Word in a seamless manner, (3) EndNote commands are now easily accessible in Word, under *Tools*, (4) a new command *format bibliography* replaces the two-step process *scan paper* and *format*, (5) it is now possible

to format, reformat, and unformat limitlessly without having to save a separate unformatted copy of the paper, (6) view formatted bibliographies from a new command, and (7) text and cited references can be edited while in Word. Expected features of this upgrade include many new styles for bibliography formatting. The features relating to creating Libraries have not been updated in this new version, yet drawing references from several Libraries into one bibliography is now possible.

**Limitations and Problems.** The documentation included with the manuals outlines a few known problems with using the Word Add-in with non-U.S. copies of Word. For current information on problems and patches for this or any EndNote software, the Web site is indispensable. This evaluation did not run across any problems with loading or using EndNote Plus version 2.1; however, a minor bug was discovered in August and is documented (and a patch provided) at the Niles homepage. Limitations with importing downloaded references from CD-ROM and Online sources that were not tab-delimited were expected. Niles Associates provides EndLink 2 which makes this process unconstrained; however, a future version of EndNote that incorporates EndLink's characteristics into one software package would be special indeed.

**Summary.** EndNote Plus version 2.1 contains several useful enhancements that reduce the steps necessary to create bibliographies while writing. In working with Word 6.0, the add-in module has great utility and makes the purchase or upgrade to version 2.1 worthwhile.<sup>9</sup> This writer is enthusiastic about the upgrade to version 2.1 and feels it offers beneficial improvements over previous versions. Progress in the direction of a single product that will handle references gathered from all electronic sources is overdue; however, with the additional purchase of the EndLink 2 module, most anything is possible.

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