CollectingCitationsfromText

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Preparing text file

1   Copy citations from the source document(s) into a text (.txt) document.

2   Edit the text document so that each citation is on a separate line with one blank line between each citation. Not all the scripts require a blank line between citations, but it does improve readability and importing.

📄   A text editor that includes line numbers (the type used by software programmers) makes this step easier.

Processing citations

3   I've found 3 web-mounted scripts that will do text file to bibtex file translation.

> 🗄 **Anystyle.io** 🔗
> source   by Sylvester Keil, inukshuk on github

Anystyle.io can be used on the web, or as a Ruby script. This is the most flexible script and it allows detailed editing before the final file export. The website is privately hosted, so it's not always been available.

> 🗄 **makebib.perl script** 🔗
> by Makino Takaki

This PERL script is mounted on a website and will do basic translation. No support, but it's quite good.

> 🗄 **Text2Bib** 🔗
> by J. O. Martin and Fabian Qifei Bai

Hosted by the University of Toronto. Requires registration. Basic editing and checking in Google Scholar is available. Accurate and reliable.

All 3 will export a .bib file suitable for importing into citation managers.

Export

4   Once the script has exported a .bib file, load it into your citation manager of choice. Zotero has been the most reliable for importing.

> 🗄 **Zotero** 🔗
> by Zotero

📄   Zotero also produces more standardized .bib and .ris files than the scripts, especially the older scripts. I have imported into Zotero, exported a bib file, and imported into other software if a direct import didn't work.