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Collaborating with Citation Software

Sharing and disseminating information is vital to scholarly research. Historically this was done by sharing printed information. Today, most researchers share information through email, cloud-based storage such as Dropbox, and shared network drives. However, these methods becomes cumbersome when groups want to share large amounts of information or participate in editing and changing the information. This is where citation management software can be hugely beneficial.

Citation management software provides a medium to share information, whether that is through a cloud-based program where everyone can access it in the web, or through software that combines desktop programs with a web-based cloud component. The users can select how much is shared with others, and the permissions granted for the data shared.

Software	Collaboration Capabilities
Mendeley	By creating private groups in Mendeley, you can share citations and full text with colleagues. Multiple people can add, edit, and cite sources. Free accounts allow one private group with up to three members. More or larger groups require a paid subscription. You can also create and join public groups covering a wide variety of interests and topics, through which members can share citations but not full text.
EndNote	Endnote X8 allows libraries to be shared with up to 100 people with EndNote X7 or X8. For those without the X7.2 update, groups can be shared through EndNote Basic. Limited EndNote Basic online accounts are free to anyone, regardless of whether you have an institutional subscription, but have reduced functionality.
Papers	In order to collaborate and share libraries in Papers, you must use Papers 3 and set up Papers Online. You can then provide the URL of a collection with anyone who has a Papers 3 Online account. They can join the shared collection, invite more people, and have full editing privileges. Only open-access PDFs will be shared. Those without a Papers Online account may still view the shared collection as a read-only webpage by following the direct URL. Papers also offers Papers for Teams for a fee.
F1000 Workspace	Workspace was designed for collaboration, and it's the central focus of the software. As a user you can create a Shared Project and invite an unlimited number of colleagues to join the shared project. All members of a shared project have editing privileges and there is a section for notes and annotations as well as recent project activity. You may also add private notes, not accessible to the rest of the group.
Zotero	Zotero allows you create public and private groups. Private groups allow participants to share citations and full-text, whereas public groups only allow the sharing of citations.
RefWorks	RefWorks is entirely cloud-based. By creating a single shared account, multiple people can access and edit citations.