

## A RefWorks FAQ: Comparison of EndNote and RefWorks

### Why I should switch from Endnote to Refworks? In other words, what are the differences between the two?

	EndNote	RefWorks
What is the cost to the user?	You need to purchase at a cost of \$55 < <a href="http://webstore.illinois.edu/">http://webstore.illinois.edu/</a> >. Software updates cost \$50-100.	No additional cost to you. Cost borne by the Library through a campus-wide subscription.
Stores and Organizes citations?	Yes.	Yes.
Formats bibliographies in different styles?	Yes.	Yes. If there is a style that is not included in RefWorks, you can request that it be added to the database.
Where are citations and work stored?	Your computer, your hard drive.	RefWorks' server. Can be accessed via the Internet from ANY computer. When off-campus, use your Blue Stem username and password to access your RefWorks account. You can save a reference list to any hard drive for use offline or as back-up. It is possible to add citations offline but research paper bibliographies cannot be formatted offline.
Searches UIUC (and other libraries') Catalog?	Yes.	Yes.
Good for theses, dissertations and other research projects?	Yes.	Yes.
Can it import information from databases?	Can import from many of our databases, but not all.  <a href="http://www.library.uiuc.edu/biotech/endnotesupport.html">http://www.library.uiuc.edu/biotech/endnotesupport.html</a>	Supports more of our databases than EndNote does. Many databases allow direct export of citations into RefWorks.  <a href="http://www.library.uiuc.edu/refworks/UIUCdatabases.html">http://www.library.uiuc.edu/refworks/UIUCdatabases.html</a>
How do you get updated versions of the software?	You have to pay for updated versions of the interface yourself and install them onto your computer.  To update database connectivity, you can get the latest filters and connection files by consulting the EndNote web site regularly.  To update output styles, consult the EndNote web site regularly.	Updates are automatic. No need to purchase additional software nor install import filters.  RefWorks and the Illinois Library add database filters and output styles regularly to the software. You may send requests to: <a href="http://refworks.com/content/contact.asp">http://refworks.com/content/contact.asp</a>
Limits?	Libraries are only limited by disk space. Record size limited to 50 KB.	No limit to the number of references in a database. Notes, abstracts and other user-defined fields are limited to one gigabyte of data. More data slows response time.
In text citations?	"Cite While you Write" is available for Mac and Windows; it is installed when you install EndNote.	Write-N-Cite works for WORD for Windows and Mac computers; requires a small utility program plug-in.
Supports Collaborative Work?	Since EndNote can only be accessed on one computer, anyone who has access to that computer can use it. It is also possible to run EndNote on a network to share libraries, but this requires server space, making it much more difficult to use collaboratively than RefWorks.	Groups can create an account and share the password, giving all group members access to the citations.  RefShare allows a user to share his or her database with others, at other institutions.
Attaching files?	EndNote allows users to save files with the citation. This required hard drive space on the user computer.	RefWorks allows users to attach data including BMP, TIF, JPG, PNG, GIF, PDF, and much more. Illinois users can also use the DISCOVER button, and their CITES NetFiles account to attach files to their RefWorks records.