

Reference Software

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Endnote 9

Well it's that time of year again, balmy summer evenings, clear blue skies, the sound of wood against willow, and so it must be time for an upgrade to Endnote! Version 9 is now available offering more connection files (c.250), and now the ability to share customised libraries and extended Unicode support. Endnote 9 can be used to track changes in Microsoft Word, making the writing stage a bit less seamless. It also contains 20 new Marc features that support native language libraries worldwide. The real concern here is that the bugs from Endnote 8 have not really been sorted and the output styles have still not been updated to reflect the new reference types. A review of the software will appear in the next issue. You can purchase the software direct from the AdeptScience store at <http://www.adeptstore.co.uk>.

Possibly all the reference software packages will need slight amendment when the proposed changes to ISBN configuration in January 2007 to 13 digits following the release of a new ISBN standard.

Filling in the blanks

Is your reference database a bit like mine – full of empty fields that you keep meaning to complete – when those summer days are finally here. Well, one way to populate your database with reviews, notes and additional links is to utilise the various book websites which provide such information for free. Examine Amazon or Barnes and Noble for example and locate search engine visibility. You will find reviews, table of contents and other information which can be cut and pasted into your reference software. Of course if you are wedded to Google then adding the word review will often provide additional sites. There are also options to buy the software as well!

Reference Retriever on RefViz

The long summer days might get you to thinking of walking the dog or using the new reference retriever in RefViz. RefViz is the data visualization tool, working with EndNote, ProCite, and Reference Manager. Reference Retriever is the interface for searching multiple data sources simultaneously and allowing almost seamless access to searching for information and storing it. See <http://www.refviz.com>.

TAP Solutions

With all the water around this summer TAP Solutions may be of interest. They have refined the TAPMaster market *and* reference data management tools with TAPMaster Editor and TAPMaster Consolidator. TAPMaster is a suite of modular product components designed for the acquisition, management and application of reference and business data and offers, amongst other things, Web-based management and reporting control. The Editor module provides users with full editorial control of data and allows clients to detect, modify, change and correct the database. See <http://www.tapsolutions.com>.

Buying the software

A new company, SoftWide, is going to start selling software from kiosks that produce disks and packaging, on demand, inside high-street shops. The kiosk-based system can store thousands of pieces of *software* on a hard disk, burning a disk only when a customer wants to buy a particular title. It sees itself as selling around 50% of educational and *reference software* (much of which is otherwise only available by mail order). Interesting, more than half of SoftWide's customers are women, and many are pensioners! See <http://www.softwide.com>.