Reference Management

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Endnote developments
Just when you have become familiar with Endnote 9, which was released in November, ISI have given warning that the face of Endnote as we know it will change. EndNote Web Express will become available in 2006 and will come free with a subscription to ISI Web of Knowledge. The interface to Endnote will be new, allowing users to save up to 1,000 references and to print out in a number of output styles.

Endnote Web
If that doesn’t tickle your fancy, then you can purchase EndNote Web, which will have the same features as desktop Endnote (at least from version 8 onwards) but with limited storage capacity of around 10,000 records. It is envisaged that users will want to make use of this software when they are away from their desks (perhaps in the Library or attending conferences). It is envisaged that users may still wish to purchase Endnote for the desktop as it is the desktop package that will have all the capabilities one expects from a reference software tool (database integrity features, authority lists, etc).


ResourceMate
There is a new version of Resource Mate Regular (Library automation software), released in August 2005. This new version includes advanced searching options and an ISBN Retrieval service, which provides a fast way of importing cataloguing data. ResourceMate also advise that there is to be a price increase on their product which is the first one in ten years!


Reference Manager 11
The new update from Reference Manager now allows access to PubMed via Proxy servers, and includes WordPerfect 12 compatibility.


Other Internet bibliographical sites
There are a number of Internet sites which make software available to collect, organise and share basic bibliographic data. A couple of examples of these are: Connotea allows users to quickly see topics that researchers have references for and who is carrying out the research. The site allows the creation of bookmarks and categorisation of resources.

http://www.connotea.org
Kaboodle provides you with plug-ins for your browser, essentially to capture websites and to retain them for future viewing. You can then add an “invite” to get others to add comments to the page. Useful perhaps to share references.
http://www.Kaboodle.com

Protopage works in a similar way, by allowing users to add notes to references. The later versions allow you to add photos and RSS feeds. There is also a blog on the site that outlines future developments.
http://www.protopage.com

Scholarly Electronic Publishing Weblog
The Scholarly Electronic Publishing Weblog provides information about new scholarly literature and resources related to scholarly electronic publishing, such as books, journal articles, magazine articles, newsletters, technical reports, and white papers. So if you want to know about the controversy surrounding Google Scholar or digitising theses then this is the place to start.
http://www.escholarlypub.com/digitalkoans/

National Centre for Text Mining
If you need help in finding your documents, for referencing or reading, the first publicly-funded text mining centre might be able to help! Although the focus is in biological and medical domains they are seeking to work in social sciences and humanities as well. Promoting best practice in this area is a key aim, which is translated into a number of specific services, including facilitation access to tools, and access to scalable processing of large sets of documents. Further details from http://www.nactem.ac.uk/

Read all about it …
Two books that have come to my attention may well prove useful to readers of this column.

Endnote 1-2-3 Easy is subtitled Reference Management for the Professional, and is aimed at biomedical and healthcare professionals (which might explain the rather heavy price tag!). It’s a practical how to use Endnote which comes complete with a CD-ROM with exercises on it, including all the tables and figures from the book in digital format. It is written by the Director of Medical informatics at Kings County Hospital in New York. The book considers entering, managing and creating bibliographies. It also usefully covers citing Internet sources (and how to edit output styles to deal with them), using Endnote on a PDA (personal digital assistant) and using RefViz with Endnote. The volume finishes with a list of useful URLs of (mainly) academic websites supporting Endnote and a list of online resources to help writing for publication. There is also a useful index.
Cite them right: The Essential Guide to Referencing and Plagiarism offers clear advice on how to avoid plagiarism and how to provide correct references, published by Northumbria University Press. This is a useful pamphlet, and a must for any user of reference software. 

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Current Awareness

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This column contains summaries of articles (print and electronic) about information access and retrieval, electronic publishing, preservation and virtual libraries etc. including, with permission, abstracts identified with an * next to the author initials, drawn from Current Cites, the monthly publication distributed electronically by a team of Librarians and Library Staff and edited by Roy Tennant (http://lists.webjunction.org/currentcites/).

If you are interested in providing reviews for the column, please contact Jane Grogan for further details.

Digital Libraries

McCullogh, Emma; Shiri, Ali; Nicholson, Dennis (2005) Challenges and issues in terminology mapping: a digital library perspective. Electronic Library 23(6): 671-677 – Nicholson et al. provide a clear, well-focused summary of recent research projects investigating mapping between terminologies as a possible approach to subject interoperability across heterogeneous digital collections. They emphasise the importance of investment in one or other approach to interoperability now before too much legacy metadata accumulates. – [CE]

Missingham, Roxanne and Boston, Tony (2005) Innovation in practice: redeveloping the Australian national bibliographic service. Electronic Library 23(6): 641-651 – This article describes a major project to redevelop the Kinetica service, which provides the resource sharing and collaboration infrastructure for Australian libraries. The aim was to provide an integrated national resource discovery and access (“find and “get”) to subscribers using new technologies. The development took place in two major phases, the first dealing with the search service (Libraries Australia), the second introducing a new national bibliographic utility, supporting record contribution and management, together with a new online cataloguing system. – [CE]

Nikisch, Jan Andrzej and Górny, Mirosław (2005). Regional digital libraries in Poland. Electronic Library 23(4): 474-479 – This article provides a clear, accessible descriptive account, including scope, organisation, resources, technology and functionality, of the Wielkopolska Digital Library (WDL), which