

## Reference Management

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*An update on freely available reference software*

In times of economic constraint it is vital that, as information professionals, we look at what services we provide and where savings can be made. One area might be that of supporting reference software. There are numerous free packages around and I have highlighted some others which have been brought to my attention.

### Aigaion

Aigaion is a free, web-based platform for managing annotated bibliographies. It allows the user(s) to organise publications in a self-chosen topic structure, multi-user facilities, creation of public and private notes on publications, and offers a particularly intuitive user interface. Aigaion is built on the [BibTeX](#) format with some useful BibTeX import and export facilities and RIS formats. The latest version (2.2) offers more language, support for custom fields and author aliases. Further details from <http://www.aigaion.nl/>

### BiblioWeb

BiblioWeb is a Web-enabled bibliographic software, offering all the basic functions of bibliographic software, delivered through Web browser. A Web user can be assigned "read" or "write" privileges. Users with "read" accounts can search, browse, display, and export bibliographic records. Users with "write" accounts can add, edit, delete, import, even format document through Web browser. Biblioweb also supports a threaded discussion forum. Further details from <http://www.biblioscape.com/bibliohost.htm>

### Literaturedb

Literaturedb is a bibliographic management software that can help you organize your literature and bibliographic references for scientific documents. It runs as a PHP website, and provides a collaborative space for storing and sharing documents and references. It uses Bibtext entry types and fields, so you can reuse references. Usefully it stores full text files (pdf, doc, etc.) for quick access.

<http://www.literaturedb.com>

## **Memento**

Memento offers the ability to manage bibliographies, create and share reports and networked facilities as well. Like Aigaion, it provides import and export features for BibTeX, RIS and Endnote, and can export to them as well. A particularly useful feature is the ability to create watch lists for articles, authors, keywords and receive new articles in RSS feed. Further details from <http://findnwrite.com/memento/>

## **Sixpack**

Sixpack is a graphical and command-line bibliography database manager written in Perl/TK. It interacts with the supplied package 'bp' (a Perl Library, still being developed, that lets you make tools to access bibliographies), which can import and export from a number of formats including Bibtex, Endnote, Medline, Procite, and many others. It can download references directly off the Web, and open articles using external viewers. It can also interface with Emacs/XEmacs and Lyx [LaTeX with a GUI interface] [sourceforge.net/projects/sixpack](http://sourceforge.net/projects/sixpack)

## **WIKINDEX**

WIKINDEX is a free bibliographic and quotations/notes management and article authoring system designed either for single use (on a variety of operating systems) or multi-user collaborative use across the Internet. It provides 36 resource types, general search and sort capabilities, a multi-user mode and a number of output styles. WIKINDEX has an architecture that enables either in-line or menu plug-ins to be inserted. Write your own or download plug-ins from the sourceforge site. <http://wikindx.sourceforge.net/>