

## Reference Management

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### Reference Management tools for the iPad

No doubt there are some reading this column who have an iPad, and do it seems only right to look at



Figure 5 Mendeley

some reference management tools that are available for it. The iPad is perhaps ideal for working with bibliographic data, especially in terms of reading and marking papers and browsing, searching and collecting bibliographic

data. There are now several packages that have iPad applications.

**Mendeley** has an iPad application, although there is some work to be done to remove the bugs but clearly they also see the future for iPads and reference management. Mendeley, like quigga below works through what is known as a freemium model. This means it's a free program, but for more online storage space and the possibility of creating a larger number of private groups you have to pay.

**Papers** (<http://www.mekentosj.com/papers/>) only supports journals, not books (hence the name of the package, I suppose) and does not allow you to annotate PDFs. But watch this space, as they are moving towards version 3.

#### Sente

(<http://www.thirdstreetsoftware.com/site/Products.html>) lets you store your PDFs in a bundle or as a folder that it will automatically organise for you. The database file is used via Dropbox. This works but you need to be careful not to have it open in two places at one. You can take notes on a PDF,

either in Sente app on the desktop or on the iPad and *all* copies of the PDF update. One major caveat: you *must* markup the PDF *only in a Sente app*. You can open them in other apps, but the changes will not be synchronized. A useful feature is the status tags, which allow you to annotate individual references, such as “follow up” or “contact author”.

Once you have set up the Sente iPad app, you have access to all of your bibliographic material, attachments and all, automatically synced. Inside the iPad app you can highlight, quote, and annotate your PDFs provided they have been OCRd.

**Qiqqa** (pronounced “Quicker”) (<http://www.qiqqa.com/>) is also based on the freemium model of reference management software. It allows researchers to work with thousands of PDFs, combining PDF reference management tools, a citation manager and a mind map brainstorming tool. It integrates with Microsoft Word XP, 2003, 2007 and 2010 and BibTeX/LaTeX to automatically produce citations and bibliographies in thousands of styles. Researchers and research groups can store, synchronize and collaborate on their PDF documents, annotations, tags and comments using the Internet cloud-based Qiqqa Web Libraries.

If you know of any others please do let me know.

## EndNote now in version X5

As Natasha’s review found EndNote is still one of the popular packages for managing references. Now in version X5, it now offers a useful

expanded reference and PDF management capabilities, allowing you to attach files and figures to EndNote Web records, and transfer them between your computer and your Web account. The Quick Edit tab includes previews of attached PDF files and you can annotate a PDF with highlights and/or comments. A key new development is the “Find Reference Updates” which uses the z39.50 targets to find update. There are two new reference types, Dataset and Music, and new fields in the Journal Article reference type: Article Number and NIHMSID.

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