

Keeping track of key results and conclusions

Excel, Zotero, RefWorks, EndNote

What to keep track of?

- Authors
- Year
- Journal
- Issue
- Page numbers

- Summary of key findings

Excel

Advantages

You've probably used it already

Straightforward, simple

Gets the job done

Disadvantages

Can be difficult to read long strings of text

Limited ability to search

Have to enter everything yourself

Zotero

Advantages

Online = available
wherever you are

Can store pdf files with
entries

Can say which papers are
related to each other

Disadvantages

Limited ability to
automatically fill in
new entries

No cite-while-you-write
functionality

RefWorks

Advantages

Cite-while-you-write

Free

Supported by the
university

Disadvantages

Limited file storage

Difficulty automatically
importing entries

EndNote

Advantages

Cite-while-you-write

Many citation formats

Automatically fill in
new entries

Disadvantages

Costs money

Not compatible with
Linux