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**Reference management software – what's the point?
In a nutshell...**

Scientific writing:

The difficulties associated with precisely defining this term (or defining it at all) are well documented (Lawson-Cruttenden, 1996). It seems to have been first applied to the harassment (in a general sense) of celebrities by strangers who were described as being obsessed. This use of the word appears to have been coined by the tabloid press in the United States. Stalking can be defined as the willful and repeated following, watching, and / or harassing of another person. Most of the time, the purpose of stalking is to attempt to force a relationship with someone who is unwilling or otherwise unavailable. Unlike other crimes, which usually involve one act, stalking is a series of actions that occur over a period of time. Although stalking is illegal, the actions that contribute to stalking are legal (Abrams and Robinson, 1998), such as gathering information, calling someone on the phone, sending gifts, emailing or instant messaging. Such actions by themselves are not usually abusive, but can become abusive when frequently repeated over time.

Literaturverzeichnis

ABRAMS, K. & ROBINSON, G. 1998. Stalking. Part I: An overview of the problem. *Can J Psychiatry*, 43, 473-6.

LAWSON-CRUTTENDEN, A. T. 1996. Is there a law against stalking? *New Law Journal*, 418-420.

- References (footnote or „in-text citation“)
- List of references

Demo (ex: Citavi):

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Word interface with the Citavi ribbon selected. The ribbon includes options for citation style (Citavi Basis-Stil), project (B), and actions like 'Umwandeln', 'Aktualisieren', and 'Optionen'. The Citavi task pane is open on the left, showing a search result for 'Hannafon, Cai et al. 2019 - miR-23b and ...'. The selected entry displays the following citation text:

Hannafon, Bethany N.; Cai, Angela; Calloway, Cameron L.; Xu, Yi-Fan; Zhang, Roy; Fung, Kar-Ming; Ding, Wei-Qun (2019): miR-23b and miR-27b are oncogenic microRNAs in breast cancer: evidence from a CRISPR/Cas9 deletion study. In: *BMC cancer* 19 (1), S. 642. DOI: 10.1186/s12885-019-5839-2.

It follows:

- Every item you want to cite at a later stage must be saved to your reference management software
- It is advisable to save every potentially useful item while searching for literature



Different ways to save bibliographic data:

1. Search catalogues and databases via reference management software
2. Export from catalogue or database
3. Search by using ISBN or DOI
4. Saving websites
5. Additional help for saving bibliographic data while browsing the Internet: Picker, Capture
6. Adding bibliographic data manually

Citation:

1. Choose a citation style
2. Interface with your text processing software (Add-In)



A word cloud of various citation styles. The words are arranged in a roughly triangular shape, with 'MLA' at the top, 'APA' below it, and 'Harvard' on the left side. Other styles include 'IEEE', 'Duden', 'DIN1505', 'Citavi', 'Juristischer Stil', and 'Blaues Wunder'.

MLA
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Citavi
Juristischer Stil
Blaues Wunder

There is more:

By reference management software you can organize or structure you bibliographic data (differences according to software)

| Citavi | EndNote Web | Zotero | Mendeley |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Keywords Categories Groups | Keywords, Notes, Research Notes | Tags, Notes | Tags, Notes, Annotations |
| Knowledge Organizer Task planner | | | |
| Search | Search only in biblographic data | Search in PDF-Files as well | Search in PDF-files as well |

Welche Software ist die Richtige für mich?

| | Citavi | EndNote Web | Zotero | Mendeley |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Operating system | Windows | | Firefox/Safari/Chrome -Plugin (Windows, Mac, Linux) | Windows, Mac, Linux |
| Components | Desktop, Web | Web | Desktop, Web | Desktop, Web |
| Co-operation | Filesharing via Citavi Cloud | File sharing possible | File sharing possible | „social network“ |
| Extras | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge organization • Edit citation styles or create your own • Picker | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit citation styles • Capture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit citation styles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit citation styles • Web-Importer • Organize pdf-files |
| Costs | Campus licence | Campus licence | Freeware (up to 300 MB) | Freeware (up to 2 GB) |

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- Video-Tutorials: http://www.ub.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/informationen/av-info.html#videos_litverw

