Introduction to Mendeley
Citation Management Software (CMS)
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➢ Do you want a way to:
- ✓ Make your research process more efficient?
- ✓ Make your writing process more efficient?
- ✓ Have your citations and .pdfs in one place?
- ✓ Let someone else take care of citation style?
- ✓ Create more time for creative work?

➢ If you work in English, there is software that will help.

➢ Mendeley is a new concept in academic research and writing.

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What is Mendeley?

- Citation Management Software (CMS)
- Citations are organized by Groups, named by the user
- Records in Groups contain full citation information, abstract, .pdf and more
- Two parts: Mendeley Desktop (personal database) and Mendeley Cloud (composite database)

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Advantages of Mendeley?

➢ FREE software

➢ Saves all citation information in one place

➢ Works with the databases to download citation information

➢ User may also search in Mendeley Cloud for additional citations, using the Cloud as an additional database

➢ Works with Word when writing a paper

➢ Builds the user's own personal library of favorite and significant references in one's field

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How does Mendeley work?

➢ User identifies useful titles in a database and downloads them to Mendeley Desktop

➢ User may also enter citations manually

➢ User may review abstracts in Mendeley before searching for the .pdf

➢ More than 6000 styles available. User may also create unique styles

➢ In Word, the user indicates where to insert an in-text citation. CMS formats the citation

➢ CMS builds the bibliography

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Why learn Mendeley?

- Saves time when researching: user selects interesting titles and reviews the abstracts later
- Mendeley Cloud serves as an additional database for recent citations
- Saves time when writing in English by formatting the citations automatically
- Stores all citations and .pdfs in one place, organized into groups
- Creates a personal repository of important citations in one's field