

INTRO

Welcome to this ECU library podcast on What is EndNote?

You may have heard other students or lecturers talking about EndNote and wondered what EndNote is all about. This podcast will tell you something about EndNote and why we think all ECU students and staff should know about it.

EndNote is a software program that helps you set up a database to store and manage all your references. ECU has a site license for the EndNote software, so you can use EndNote for as long as you are enrolled, or are working with us. It's suitable for undergraduates or postgraduates, or anyone who writes assignments and needs to correctly reference the books, journals or websites they have used.

Getting started with EndNote

As you start to build your EndNote database, which is known as your "EndNote library", you will type in the details of each reference you have used. This data stays in your EndNote library as a permanent record which can be used for future assignments.

How does EndNote help with referencing?

The EndNote software works in tandem with Microsoft Word and will create both in-text and end-text references. Its "cite while you write" capability means that you can build your bibliography as you write your assignment. Your EndNote database then becomes your personal record of all the materials you have read while doing your library research.

Endnote can be set to provide references in any referencing style. ECU mostly uses APA Referencing, but you can set up Endnote to produce references in any style at all. But learning you will still need to have an understanding of the APA Referencing style.

What are some of the special features of EndNote?

You can import references directly from most of the library databases such as Proquest and Academic other databases. This saves a lot of time and means you don't need to type in each reference. Another useful feature is the library catalogue search, which lets you import citations straight from the ECU Library catalogue.

What about learning to use EndNote? How difficult is that?

It will take a bit of time to learn how to use EndNote. But if you start early, in your first year or so of studies, you can slowly build your own database of EndNote references. To guide you there are help pages and online tutorials listed on the ECU EndNote site. The Library website also lists EndNote training classes run by the Library.

So how can I get hold of the EndNote software?

EndNote is already loaded onto the ECU computers. You can also download EndNote for home use and the link for this is on the ECU EndNote site. The URL for the ECU EndNote site is listed on the transcript of this podcast.

You will need to use your ECU ADS login get the software. You can also borrow an EndNote disc from the library. Just drop into the library and speak to our staff if you have any questions at all about EndNote. Or you can drop us an email via the “Ask the Library” link on the library website.

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