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The Mendeley: an innovative Reference Management Software for Research

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Technology has now made available advanced Bibliographic Management Tools to overcome the said situation. Such kinds of open source and commercial Bibliographic Management tools are of immense value for resource discovery, collaboration, information management and citation. The Mendeley which was developed in 2007 now functions as a powerful social networking tool. It consists of two parts: (a) Desktop Application, (b) Web Application. The Mendeley supports Windows, Mac and Linux Operating Systems. It is also free of charge. The Mendeley is fully compatible with Windows Word 2003-2010, Mac Word 2008-2011, LibreOffice and BibTex as well. Respective software helps researchers to write research papers in a desired format and provides assistance to the researchers to manage, share and discover research materials adding PDFs of articles, book chapters, notes. It is capable to work in collaboration with web-based environment. Accordingly, identifying research sources and facilitating research group work finds it easy. The Mendeley reduces workload trouble for researchers in terms of edit and proof read the research as well. The Mendeley immensely serve the researchers to overcome the inaccuracies that they encounter during their research and to manage share and discover both content and contacts in research. Therefore, this study intends to find out how the Mendeley functions to organize, write, collaborate and discover research information for the researchers.

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