

Introduction to Publishing Research

Advanced Operating Systems

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The beginning

Bright idea!

What if... others had the same idea?

What is new in...?

Who else can help me?



Finding relevant publications

- Search (sort descending by publication year)
 - ACM Digital Library http://dl.acm.org/
 - IEEE Explore http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/
 - Microsoft Academic Search -http://academic.research.microsoft.com/
 - Google Scholar http://scholar.google.com/
- Filter publications browse by...
 - Journal/Transactions/Proceedings (NSDI, OSDI, Transactions on Networking etc.)
 - Interest Group (SIGCOMM, SIGOPS etc.)

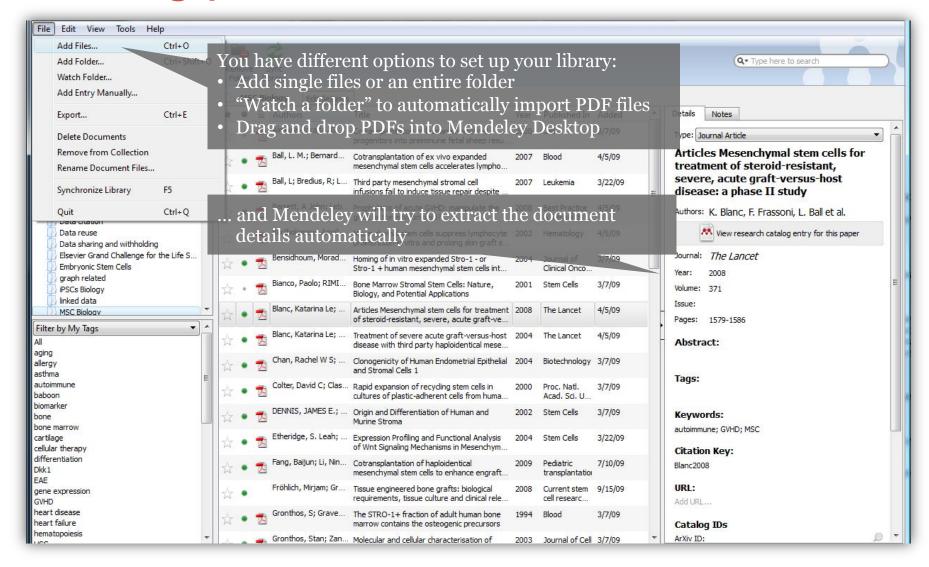


Managing Bibliography

- Mendeley http://www.mendeley.com/
 - Reference manager
 - Collaboration tool
 - Academic Social Network
- Managing Bibliographic References
 - Adding publications
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 - Annotating and highlighting
 - Sharing references
 - Exporting bibliography

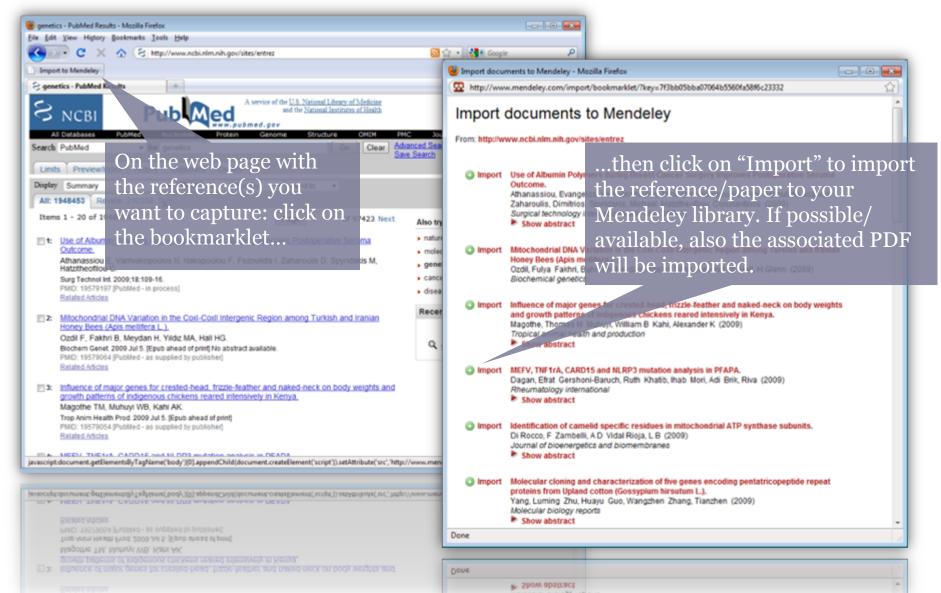


Adding publications - PDFs



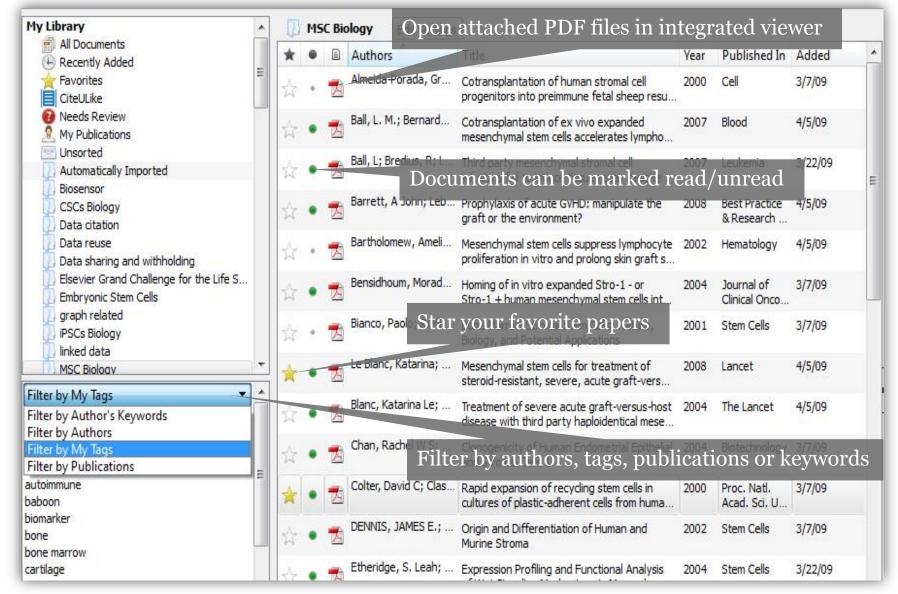


Adding publications – Web Importer



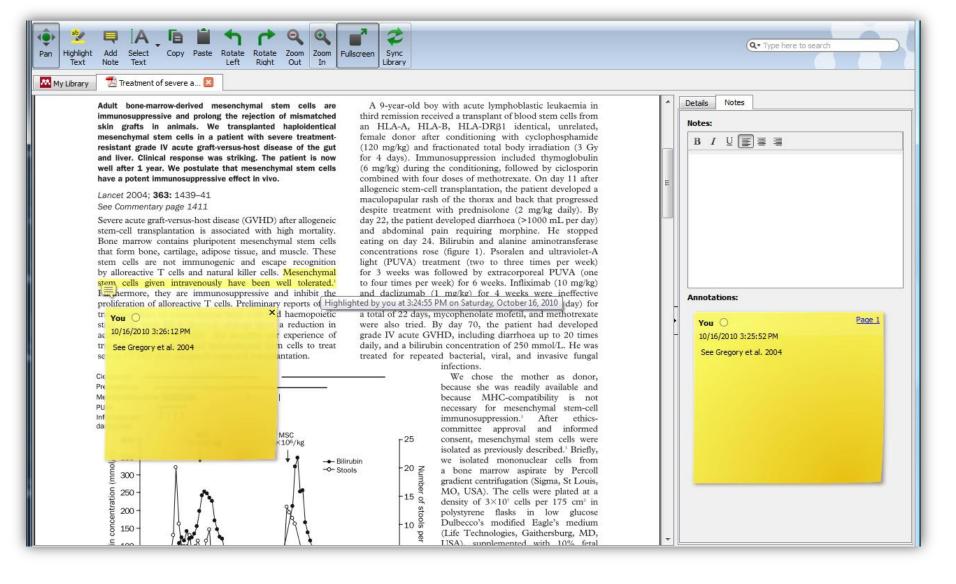


Managing publications





Annotating and highlighting





Sharing references

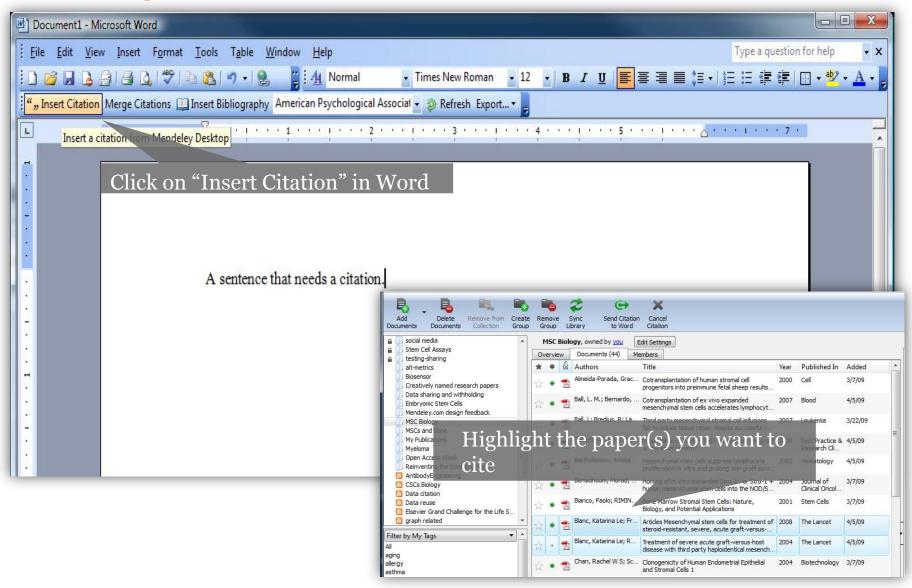


Public groups only have the reference details – no full text. Private groups contain the full text including notes & annotations.

View the group online – other users can request to join or simply follow the activity of the group



Citing





R & ggplot2

- R = software environment for statistical computing
 - http://www.r-project.org/
 - http://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.pdf
- ggplot2 R package for good looking graphics
 - http://had.co.nz/ggplot2/
 - needs install in R (see install instructions)



Some random data for a plot

```
$ cat data1.dat
x y
1 1
2 2.3
3 3.2
4 4.2
5 4.7
6 6.2
7 5.2
8 4.3
```

```
$ cat data2.dat
x y
1 0.5
2 1
3 2.2
4 3.2
5 4.0
6 5.0
7 4.2
8 3.3
```



R script for generating a plot

```
#!/usr/bin/Rscript
library(ggplot2)
save plot = function(plot, filename) {
   pdf(paste(filename, ".pdf", sep=""), width=6, height=3.5)
   print(plot)
   dev.off()
theme set(theme bw())
mydata1 = read.table("data1.dat", header=TRUE)
mydata2 = read.table("data2.dat", header=TRUE)
p = qqplot() +
   geom line(aes(x=mydata1$x, y=mydata1$y, linetype="Rarest-first strategy"), size=1) +
   geom line(aes(x=mydata2$x, y=mydata2$y, linetype="Sequential strategy"), size=1) +
   opts(axis.title.y = theme text(angle = 90)) +
   opts(axis.title.x = theme text(vjust = 0.2)) +
   scale x continuous("Time (s)") +
   scale y continuous("Memory usage (MB)") +
   coord cartesian() +
   opts(legend.position=c(.35,0.80)) +
   opts(legend.background = theme rect(fill = "white", colour="darkgrey", size = 0.3)) +
   scale linetype manual("Legend", c("Rarest-first strategy"="solid", "Sequential strategy"="twodash"))
save plot(p, "super-plot")
```



LaTeX

- Text processor (not editor)
 - TeX = programming language
 - LaTeX = set of macros for TeX
- Useful for generating
 - books, articles, presentations, CVs etc.
- The good things:
 - Plain text source (versioning)
 - Allows focusing on content
 - Good-looking math formulas
- The bad things:
 - Not WYSIWYG
 - New/Extra commands to remember
 - Cryptic error messages



IEEEtran publication template

- LaTeX resources:
 - http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/
 Wiki Book
 - http://tex.stackexchange.com/ Questions & Answers
- Template for IEEE conferences = IEEEtran
 - http://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/IEEEtran.zip
 - bare_conf.tex (for conferences)



Misc LaTeX

- Comments start with the % character
- New functionalities can be added by including packages using by using\usepackage
 before \begin{document}

```
\usepackage{lipsum} % allows inserting paragraphs
% from Lorem Ipsum
...
\lipsum[20] % inserts the 20<sup>th</sup> paragraph
\lipsum[10-14] % inserts paragraphs from 10 to 14
```



Tables

\end{table}

```
    table environment – parameter: wanted table position(s)

        (h = here, t = top...)
• tabular environment – describes column alignment, vertical lines

    Column separator: &

  Line separator: \\
\begin{table}[h]
  \caption{An Example of a Table}
  \label{table:table example}
  \centering
  \begin{tabular}{ | c | c | }
     \hline
    One & Two \\
     \hline
     Three & Four \\
     \hline
  \end{tabular}
```



Figures

- Vector graphic vs. Bitmap
- PDFs are preferred
- ensure \usepackage{graphicx} is in the .tex file
- figure environment parameter: wanted figure position(s)
- includegraphics command multiple options
 - scale, width, height

```
\begin{figure}[h]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[width=3.5in]{path2file_no_extension}
  \caption{My Super Plot} % caption below figure
  \label{fig:my_figure} % label must be below caption
  \end{figure}
```



Formulas

- A lot is possible:
 - http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Mathematics
 - http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Advanced Mathematics

```
    Inline formulas – between $...$
```

```
$ \forall x \in X, \quad \exists y \leq \epsilon $
```

equation environment

```
\begin{equation}
  \label{eq:my_formula}
  L' = {L}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}
\end{equation}
```



Bibliography & Citations

- Two modes of including bibliography
 - (not recommended) embedded entries thebibliography env.
 - external BibTeX file
- Commands for including & generating the bibliography

```
\bibliographystyle{IEEEtran}
\bibliography{comma separated list of bib files}
```

Commands for citing

```
\cite{bib_entry}
\cite{bib_entry1, bib_entry2...}
```



References

Adding labels around the document

```
\section{Section Name}
\label{sec:label_name}
\begin{table}
\label{table:table_lable_name}
...
\end{table}
```

Referencing labels

```
\ref{sec:label_name}
\ref{table:table_label_name}
\ref{fig:my_figure}
\ref{eq:eq:my_formula}
```



Building the PDF

- 1st pass: extract information about bibliography pdflatex bare_conf.tex
- BibTex: build list of references bibtex bare_conf
- 2nd pass: include bibliography, extract position of the references

```
pdflatex bare_conf.tex
```

• 3rd pass: match references with bibliographic entries pdflatex bare conf.tex



Finishing up

- Pick conference/journal from:
 - where others publish (see Finding relevant publications)
 - http://www.wikicfp.com/cfp/
- Funding! yes, publishing a paper costs (most of the time)
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_access_journal
- Paper must be adapted to conference/journal requirements (not only structure, but also contents)
- Editor's Note: How to Write Research Articles in Computing and Engineering Disciplines
 by Ivan Stojmenovic, Editor in Chief at IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems: http://elf.cs.pub.ro/soa/res/paper/Writing_Scientific_Articles.pdf



Assignment & Project proposal

- Assignment
 - info @http://elf.cs.pub.ro/soa/2011-2012/project/assignment
- Project proposal
 - info @http://elf.cs.pub.ro/soa/2011-2012/project/general-info
 - template @http://elf.cs.pub.ro/soa/2011-2012/project/proposals