REFERENCE MANAGEMENT (RM): A SCIENCE OF REFERENCING

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Abstract

The referencing is a science of showing authenticity of the content. It is reflection of honesty and acknowledging the original source and its creator. The development of referencing and its importance begin with footnotes. The growth of science of literature particularly the advent of concept like publish and perish well supported by electronic information, software's and networks furthered this referencing science as another scientific revolutions. The article has sketched and overview of reference management with a model.

Is It Another Scientific Revolution?

The referencing is a science of showing authenticity of the content. It is reflection of honesty and acknowledging the original source and its creator. The history of footnotes was way back looking at the descriptions of references in the body of the article or text. Footnotes was first inference to citations appeared in the article which normally were seen presented at the end of the page. Footnotes are the mark of a scholar," says Bryan A. Garner. The references are related to the theme of the paper and its arguments cited as references used as relevant for the article giving the citedness of the others ideas, thinking and articles which are today referred as “Citations”. Reference management is part of the good research as a thorough review of the past research in the published literature. Referencing and bibliography are critical elements of any research. The role of the reference management helps to manage the references with electronics resources like databases and all sorts and type of resources which allows capturing, store and organizing and sharing references which have been identified.

Today the awareness of these citations have reached a point of scholars high esteem or a very important tool for the earning academic credentials used as an indicator for various escalations in carrier or in academics. The major

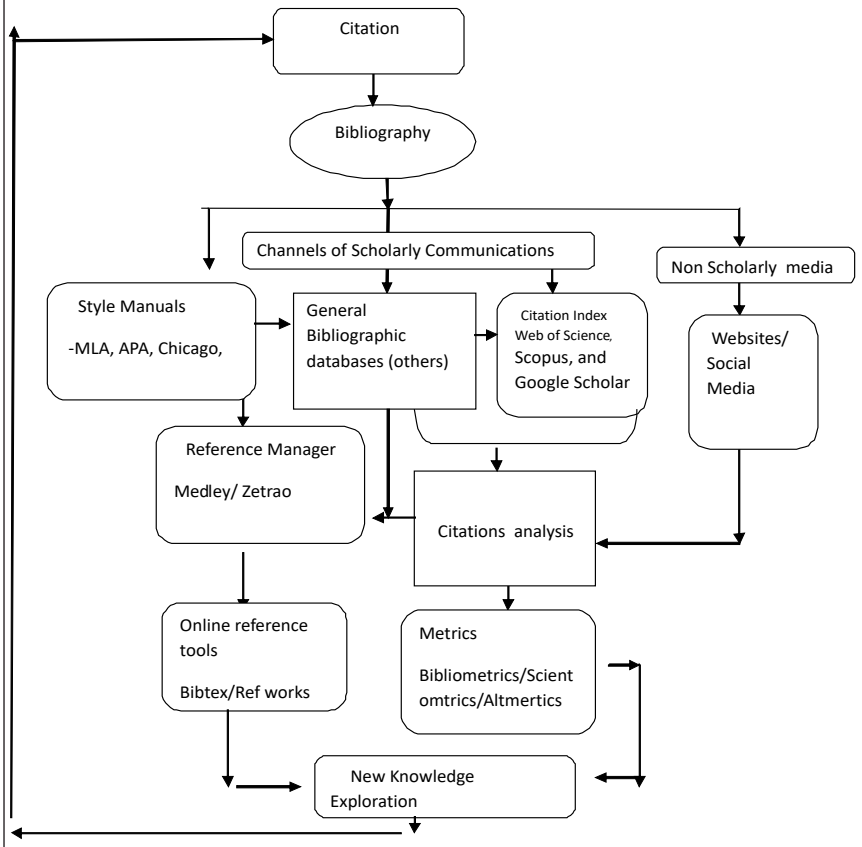


Fig No.1 Overview Model of Referencing

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One can think of many more data elements depending on the sources consulted.

Similarly, there are different types of sources or documents that need to be referred and organized. Thus a grid of sources and their elements is formed. This entire grid emerges from cataloguing and documentation of a variety of documents.

1. Advantages of Reference Management tools:
    a. These tools helps to save the time to manage the

reference work effectively;

b. These tools are designed to organize citations in specific formats for preparing bibliographies;
c. These tools are needed for sharing and collaborations.

2. Choosing the Style Guides:

The style guides are international standards with style manuals which can be classified into two types.

1) Author date style : APA, MLA and Chicago
2) Notational Styles: ACS, Vancouver, Footnote, IEEE

The reference management software manages organize and help in the way the style references are needed which can be used to form the in text citation and the reference list.

3. Reference management software's:

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- RefWorks
- Zotero (free/Open source)
- EndNote
- Mendeley (free/Open source)
- CiteULike(free/Open source)

4. Readymade Tools for Citation Creation or generators:

The following are some examples of referencing manager tools:

- Citation Machine
- Bibme
- Easy bib
- CiteThisForMe
- Docear
- others

5. Conclusion:

The referencing is a science of creating metadata of sources of literatures used for making reference lists. The visibility of such references and more so in other words “Citation” as forward looking concept leading towards the impact of the citations on an individual, group and an institution levels. Citation analysis and bibliometrics will further go in to

future disclosure of various aspect of metrics implied for useful results. Hence reference management is study of creating a standard bibliography format using many styles which are explained in details. Reference Managers are available for easy navigations by selecting and choosing preferred style to match the needs. Here a exhaustive mode of referencing principles have sketched to the users who are involved in writing research papers and projects. The these are published they are involved in the process of referring activities and keep tracking your citation records in the form through various citations indexing software. The study goes on and one hence publishing is inevitable to know your works to other.

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