

Save to RefWorks Best Practices

Question

What are the best practices to use with Save to RefWorks?

Answer

Save to RefWorks is a browser bookmarklet designed to help users collect bibliographic data from websites that do not have export options to RefWorks. We recommend using direct export if available, and otherwise exporting a reference file or downloading a pdf file that can be imported or uploaded to RefWorks. If these options are unavailable, we recommend using Save to RefWorks.

Save to RefWorks uses translators to detect and import data from websites. The list of available translators is continuously changing, as translators often have to be reworked if the structure of the underlying site changes. Save to RefWorks may not work on secure sites (https://). If a site does not normally have bibliographic data it probably does not have a filter. In most cases these sites will return the web page information. Your results may vary from site to site and even page to page.

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