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Free Online Writing Software

Reference/Data Collection:

1. ZoteroBib - https://zbib.org/

    This software has an add-on for browser and is very similar to Mendeley in website style. You do not need to create an account to use the website.

2. Mendeley - https://www.mendeley.com/

    You need to create a free account that you can use on your desktop, laptop, tablet or phone. The software generates references, citations and bibliographies as well as builds you research network.

3. EasyBib - http://www.easybib.com/

    With the free account you can create citations in MLA and the app can also give you suggestions on how to improve your style, grammar, and sentence structure. Be prepared to see a lot of ads.

4. Evernote - https://evernote.com/

    This website allows you to keep all of your paper information in one place when you work on the computer, tablet, or phone. It allows you to set deadlines and take web snippets to keep everything in one place. Has a free Basic version as well as paid plans. **Can also be used for group writing.** *For group writing purposes, every collaborator has to have an account to work on the paper/project.*

Group Writing:

1. Google Docs - https://www.google.com/docs/about/

    You need to create a gmail account to be able to write, edit, and collaborate on the documents online for free. By far, this is the most well-known and widely used software for online collaboration where people could work on the same

document at the same time. Access, create, and edit your documents wherever you go — from your phone, tablet, or computer — even when there's no connection.

2. Trello - https://trello.com

    To be able to work on the website, the user has to create an account for which your Google account could be used. Although you cannot write papers on Trello, this is a great tool for working in teams and managing projects like group presentations. You can break down the project into small pieces, assign the role to every member of the group and set deadlines with reminders. This website has a great mobile app. Both the app and website versions are free.

Grammar/Spellchecker:

1. Grammarly - https://www.grammarly.com/

    To be able to use the service, one needs to create an account. From there, you can add an extension to your browser that works in your mail applications, online documents, apps, other websites and on your social media accounts. The website has a free extensive version as well as a paid subscription. When copy-pasting the paper into the website, beware that the indentation and tabs are not kept; however, you also have an option to upload your paper from the computer.

2. Ginger Online - https://www.gingersoftware.com

    This website is very similar to Grammarly; however, it has more features like team collaboration, dictionary, sentence rephrase, text reader, and translation. Just like Grammarly, Ginger has extensions for your browser.

3. Grammar Check - https://www.grammarcheck.net

    Unlike Grammarly and Ginger, the design and functionality of Grammar Check is much simpler, it has no extensions and add-ons for browser. Although this website detects fewer mistakes than other website, for those mistakes it does detect, the software explains the category in which the mistake is done (i.e. passive voice).

Plagiarism checkers:

1. Plagiarisma - http://plagiarisma.net

   As advertised by the website, this is a free online plagiarism checker for teachers and students. Generic alternative to Copyscape and Turnitin.. Beware that the website has a lot of ads, so if you are easily distracted, plan accordingly.

2. Quetext - https://www.quetext.com

   This software offers free and PRO (paid) versions. According to reviews, Quetext offers one of the leading plagiarism-recognition tools available on the market today. Over 1 million professional and academic writers all over the world currently utilize this valuable program. The website is fast compared to plagiarisma and prepostseo and contains tutorial on how to use the software. The app has no advertisements. Gives you a more detailed feedback than other software.

3. Prepostseo - https://www.prepostseo.com

   Apart from plagiarism help, this software also includes coding and writing tools such as word count, grammar checker and code to text ratio. This tool is free, but is not as detailed in plagiarism detection as Plagiarisma or Quetext. Feedback is given on the unique and plagiarized text with comparison between the source text in a new window.

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