

Producing a Literature Review for a Research Proposal

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Literature Review

- Aims at identifying, evaluating, and interpreting relevant research about a particular research question, topic area, or phenomenon of interest



Common reasons

- Summarize the existing evidence
- Identify any gaps in current research to suggest areas for further investigation
- Provide a framework/background to appropriately position new research activities
- Support/contradict hypotheses
- Assist the generation of new hypotheses



Steps



Search method

- Database search
- *Backward snowballing*: starting from a primary study, we retrieve related papers
- *Forward snowballing*: we look at other studies that cite a target primary study (*Google Scholar* and *Scopus*)



Search terms

- The collection of keywords derived from the research problem / questions
- The *search string* using boolean *ANDs* and *ORs* to query the digital sources
- Follow an iterative approach: initial search, add/remove/adjust keywords, repeat; consider synonyms (e.g. “Software Development / Software Engineering”)



Data sources

Sorted by relevance:

- Scientific literature, including journals and conference proceedings (via scientific databases)
- Grey literature, e.g., technical reports, work in progress, presentations (via search engines, for example arxiv.org)
- The internet (blogs, personal websites, ...)



Data sources evaluation

- Look up the big conferences/journals in your area of research, e.g. for Human Aspects of Software Engineering:
 - ICSE: International Conference on Software Engineering
 - CHI: Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
 - FSE: Foundations of Software Engineering
 - CSCW: Computer-Supported Cooperative Work
 - TSE: Transactions on Software Engineering
 - TOSEM: Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology
 - ToCHI: Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction
- Publications from these conferences are often peer-reviewed and of high quality



Digital libraries

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- [Scopus](#)
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HTML Strategies for optimal penetration of intermittent renewables in complex energy systems based on techno-operational objectives

A Franco, P Salza - Renewable energy, 2011 - Elsevier

Renewable energy sources (RES) are mainly used in the electrical sector. Electricity is not a storable commodity. Hence it is necessary to produce the requested quantity and distribute it through the system in such a way as to ensure that electricity supply and demand are always ...

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Recommending and localizing change requests for mobile apps based on user reviews

F Palomba, P Salza, A Ciurumelea... - 2017 IEEE/ACM 39th ..., 2017 - ieeeexplore.ieee.org

Researchers have proposed several approaches to extract information from user reviews useful for maintaining and evolving mobile apps. However, most of them just perform automatic classification of user reviews according to specific keywords (eg, bugs, features) ...

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Cosmic functional measurement of mobile applications and code size estimation

L D'Avanzo, F Ferrucci, C Gravino, P Salza - Proceedings of the 30th ..., 2015 - dl.acm.org

The paper presents the application of the COSMIC functional size measurement method in mobile environment. In particular, we describe how COSMIC has been applied to Android mobile applications, also through an example of measurement, and the identification of ...

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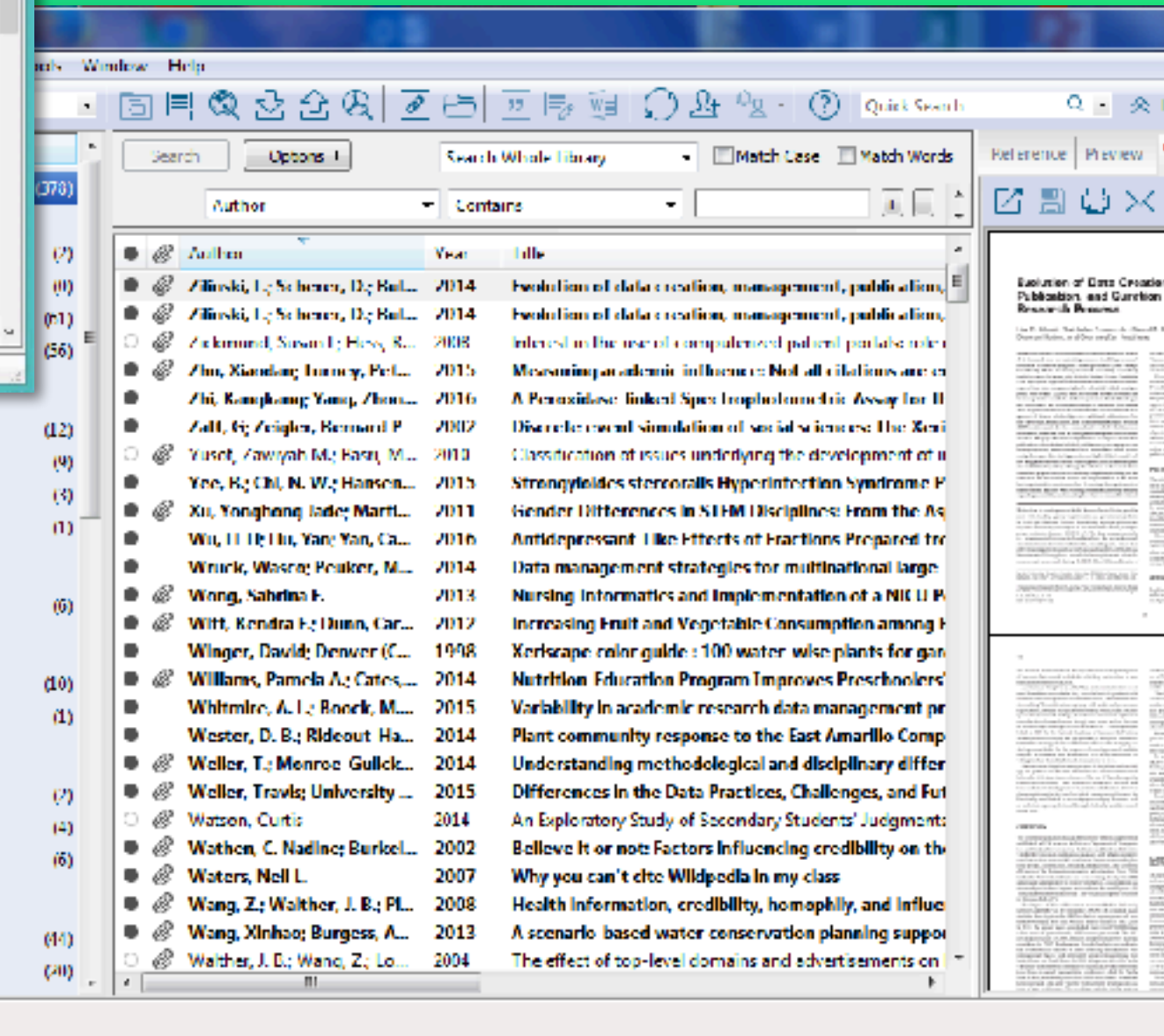
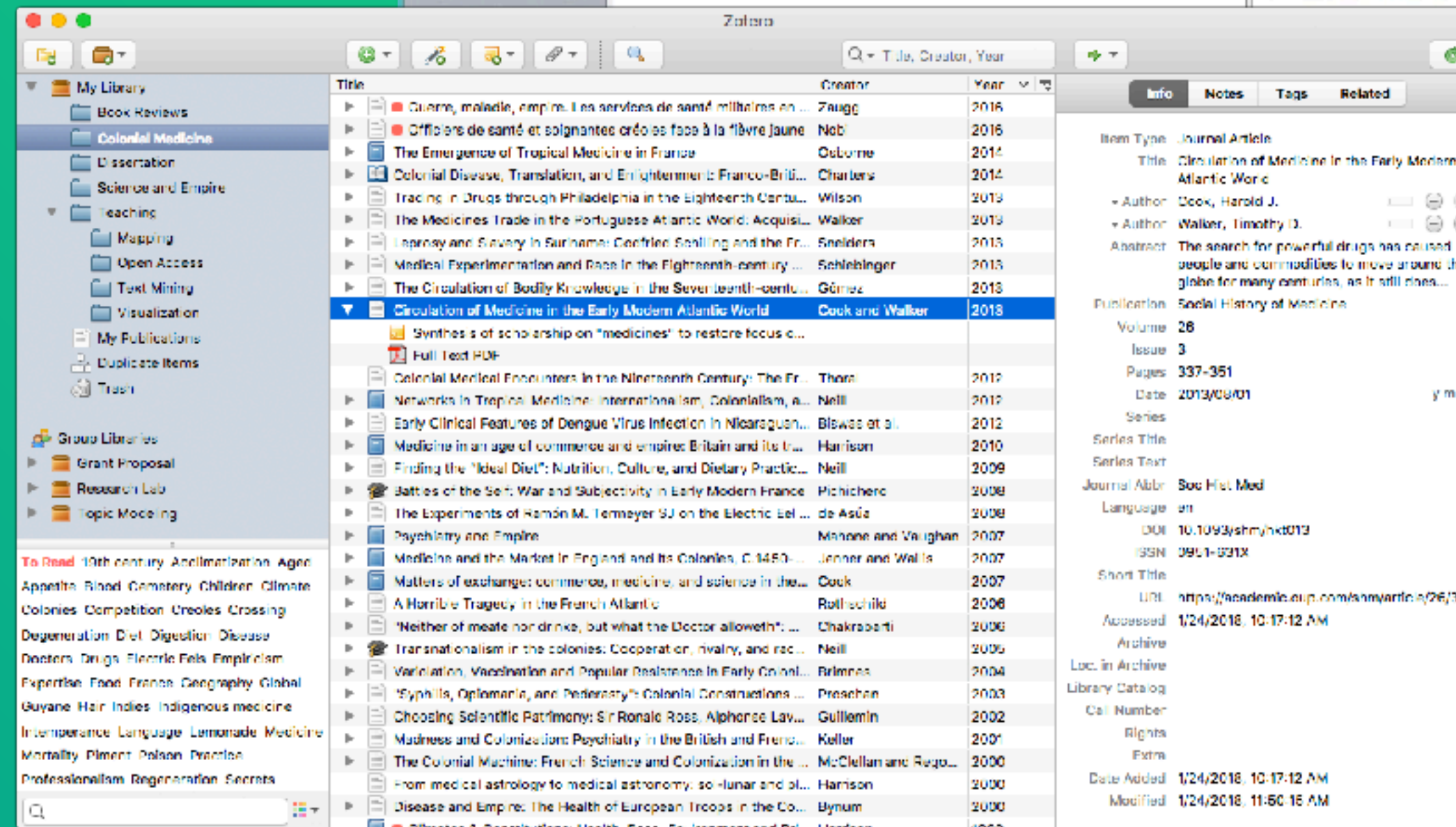
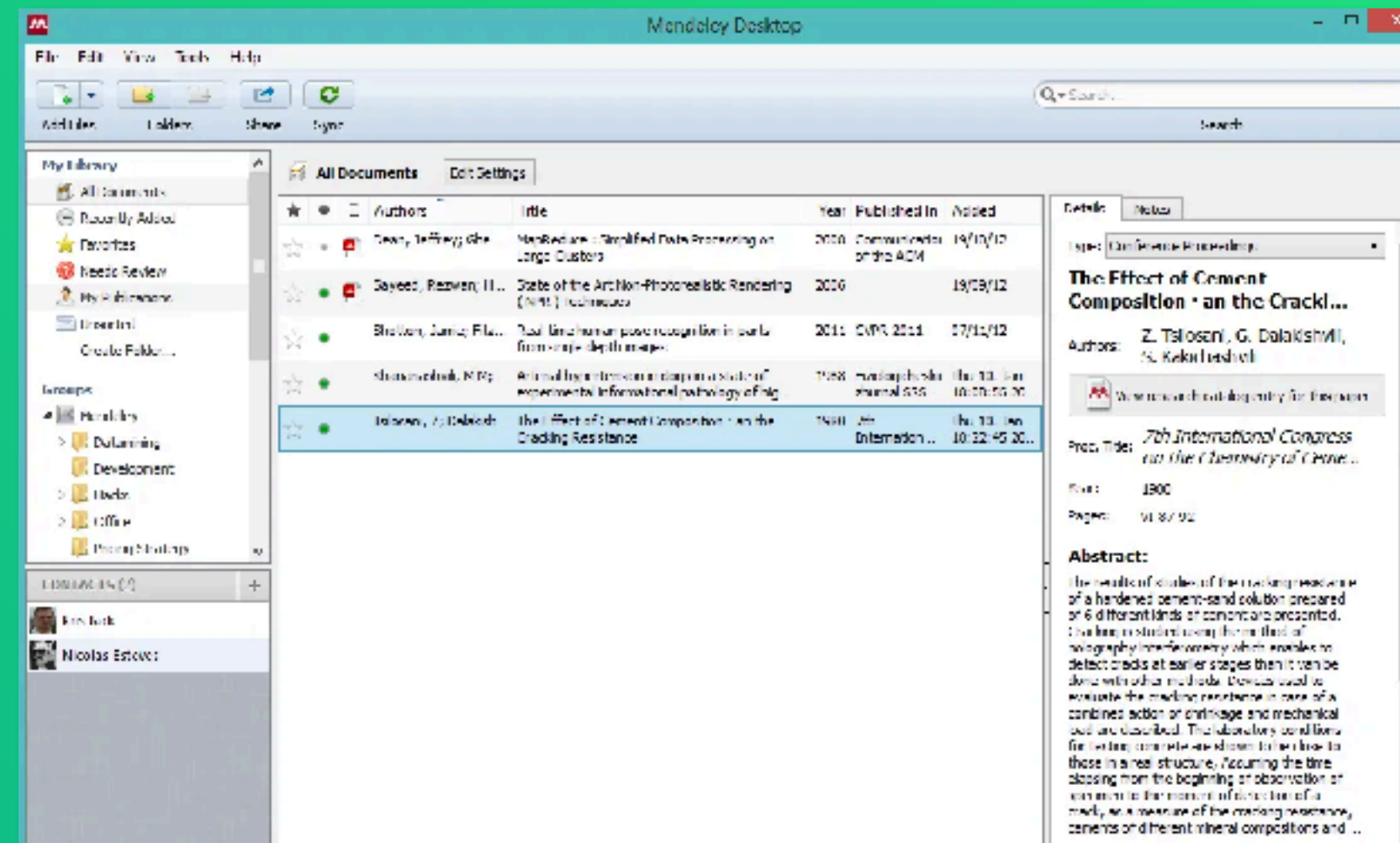
Organizing Literature



Reference managers

- Useful to store and put notes on retrieved papers

- Zotero
- Mendeley
- Endnote



Accessing Papers @ UZH

- Within the network of the University of Zurich you can access most of the digital libraries such as ACM, IEEE, ...

For remote access, use the UZH VPN service:

<https://www.zi.uzh.ch/de/students/workplace-collaboration/vpn.html>

- The Google Scholar browser extension allows quick search for papers, as well as copying a reference (in clear text, or for LaTeX BibTeX)

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