

Zotero Software: A Means of Bibliographic Research and Data Organisation; Teaching Bibliographic Research

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Abstract

The aim of the paper is to introduce the Zotero software as a technological tool and implement it in the syllabus of the subject “Bibliographic Research” to teach master students at Bejaia University. This free, easy-to-use tool can help master students specialized in didactics and applied linguistics in Bejaia manage the great amount of the available data online. This project is suggested after diagnosing a serious problem learners face when starting data collection to accomplish their projects and research works. Needs analysis through teaching this subject since 2007 demonstrated how learners meet difficulties to find out resources and organize them. Hence, the paper suggests the integration of the Zotero software in the syllabus to help students collect, organize, cite and share resources efficiently.

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