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EXPORT FROM MENDELEY TO ENDNOTE

Since Mendeley Reference Manager does not support RIS export with PDFs, here's the current best-practice approach:

Step 1: Export Bibliographic Data from Mendeley

- 1. Open Mendeley Reference Manager.
- 2. Select the references you wish to export.
- 3. Go to File > Export (or right-click selected references > Export).
- 4. Choose the format RIS (*.ris).
- 5. Save the file to your desktop.

Note: This will export metadata, but not attached PDFs.

Step 2: Import into EndNote 21 or 25

- 1. Open EndNote 21/25.
- 2. Go to File > Import > File.
- 3. Choose the .ris file exported from Mendeley.
- 4. Set Import Option to Reference Manager (RIS).
- 5. Set Duplicates to your preference (e.g., Discard Duplicates).
- 6. Set Text Translation to No Translation.
- 7. Click Import.

Step 3: Add PDFs Manually (Optional)

Unfortunately, PDF attachments must be re-added manually unless you still have access to Mendeley Desktop, which allowed bundling PDFs during export.

You can manually attach files in EndNote:

- Right-click a reference > File Attachments > Attach File...
- Or drag and drop the PDF onto a reference.

Special Notes

- If you still have access to Mendeley Desktop, we highly recommend using that instead for export, as it supports .XML export with PDF paths intact.
- EndNote does not currently support automatic import of Mendeley Reference Manager's PDFs due to limitations on Mendeley's side (the data is stored in a different file structure and not exposed via export).





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- If you If you have over time fed your personal folder that you have identified to use the WATCH FOLDER function IN Mendeley Reference Manager, you can import it directly into EndNote. The pdfs it contains will be transferred into EndNote.
 - If you have multiple folders in Mendeley, you will have to export each folder separately. The only alternative is to export your entire library (all your references) and rearrange them in EndNote.