

RefWorks transition – from Legacy to New



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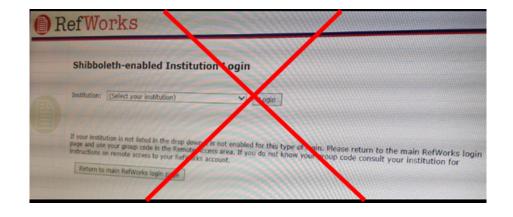
Background

- RefWorks is the software supported by ARU, but we did advertise RefME
- Shibboleth accounts and thin clients
- Why did we need to change?
 - 1. Many users were creating New RefWorks accounts and needed support
 - 2. New RefWorks had some nice features we wanted to use
 - 3. RefME 'died'



Initial problems with New RefWorks

- Registering for accounts the Shibboleth conundrum
- Muddling up access between the 2 versions
- Our ARU citation output style
- Institutions not showing in drop down WAYF
- Write-N-Cite compatibility





Communicating with users and library staff

- Libguide
- Libanswers
- New sessions developed for Study Skills Plus, Research Students, and Staff
- Email sent to research students
- Checklist spreadsheet of known issues
- New account creation flowchart
- Learning hours (staff)



What issues remain?

- Muddling up access between the 2 versions can still be 'sent' to Legacy when logging in from New link
- Our ARU citation output style we have multiple entries
- Write-N-Cite requirement for email and password, and incompatibility with Mac (need RCM)



Wish list

- DOI lookup would this be possible for journal articles?
 Maybe linked to lightning bolt?
- Default save as print rather than 'e'? Or a global change option? Or ideally an option to choose a selection(s) of document types to default as print rather than 'e'?
- Barcode scanner for books for use on hand held devices



Overall verdict

- New RefWorks seems easier to use for most users
 - Not many pleas for help
- The look and feel is better
- Some nice new features: drag and drop, auto-fill, pdf annotations, Save to RefWorks

BUT

- No sharing of folders
- Deduplication woes
- Concerns over WnC, RCM compatibility