# **Reading lists for study**

IT Training document.

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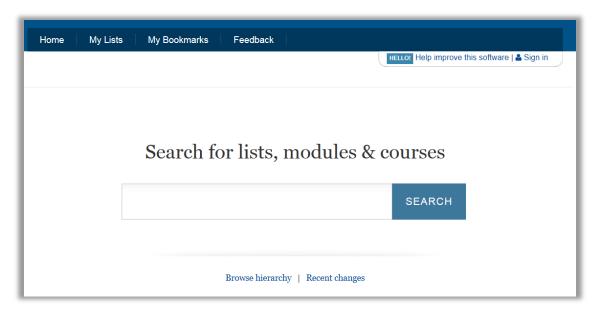
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#### Reading lists for study

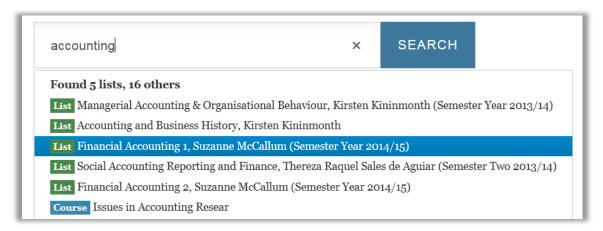
The university library also offers a resource which lets lecturers to put up reading lists which their students can access. We will look at an example of this (by one of your lecturers) which will explain how this should be used.

Go to this web page: http://readinglists.glasgow.ac.uk/

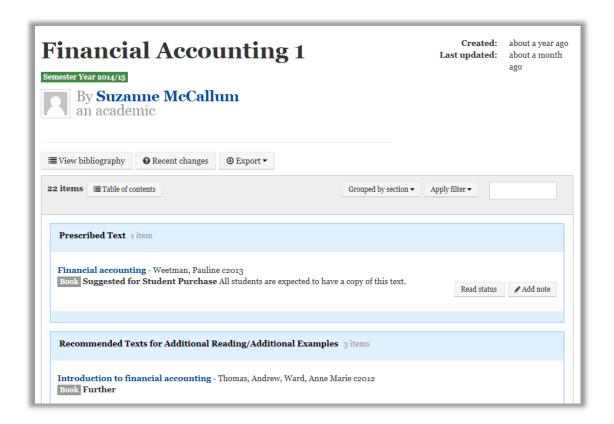
You will see a search box: use this to search for reading lists by entering a topic keyword or keywords.



For instance we could enter the keyword "accounting":



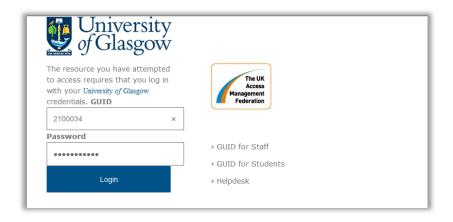
This gives a selection of related reading lists. Click on the **List** you require to view it.



To be able to access all the important features of the list you should **Sign in**.



You should sign in using your GUID and related password.

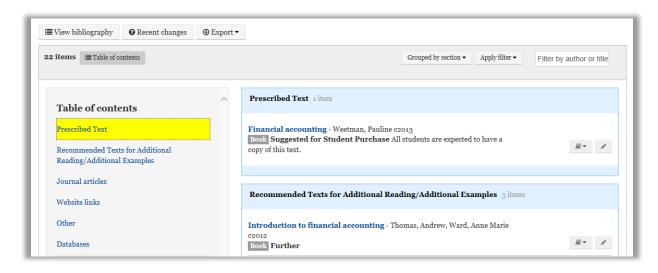


Once signed in you can use all the facilities associated with the **Reading List**.

#### **Table of Contents**

For instance, if you have a very large Reading List then you should use the **Table of contents** button.

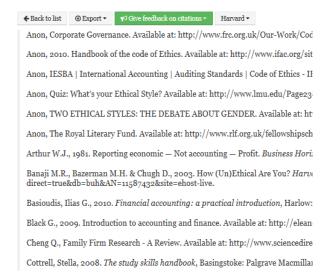


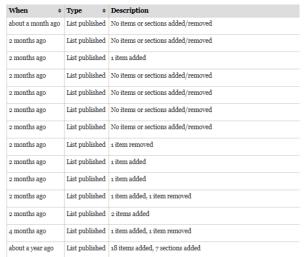


By clicking on any of the **Table of Contents** items you will be taken directly to that part of the Reading List.

#### More bibliography options

The Reading List is (as you can see above) divided into sections containing one type of resource. By clicking on the **View bibliography** button you can see the whole list in A-Z (Author) order.





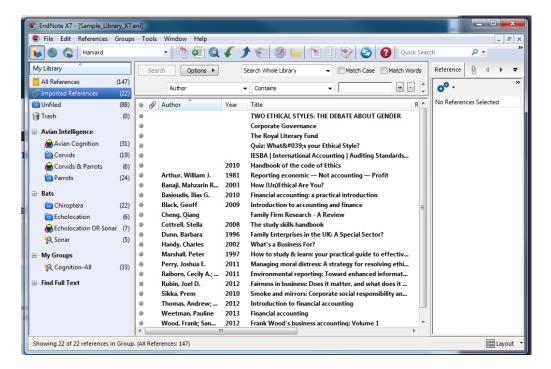
Clicking on the **Recent changes** button shows any changes to the list and when they were made.

The **Export** button lets you export the Reading List in various ways.

If you choose **Export citations**, then the Reading List will be exported in a format suitable for *EndNote* or *Reference Manager* – depending on which application your PC is set up with.



Now the bibliographic application should open up displaying the citations you have exported.



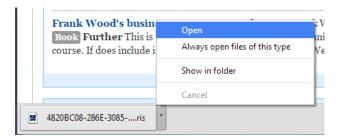
However if this doesn't happen, a dialog will open to let you save the bibliographic file. When you save it you will be asked to choose a destination (EndNote or Reference Manager) and when you do so the application will open displaying the citations.

**NOTE**: Not all browsers work in exactly the same way. We will look at *Chrome*, which is available on most campus PCs.

*Chrome* works exactly the same as *Internet Explorer* up until you try to export citations. Then the downloads toolbar at the bottom of the window becomes active.



Once the citations file has downloaded a **Download** button will appear – this opens a short menu with two options relevant to us here.

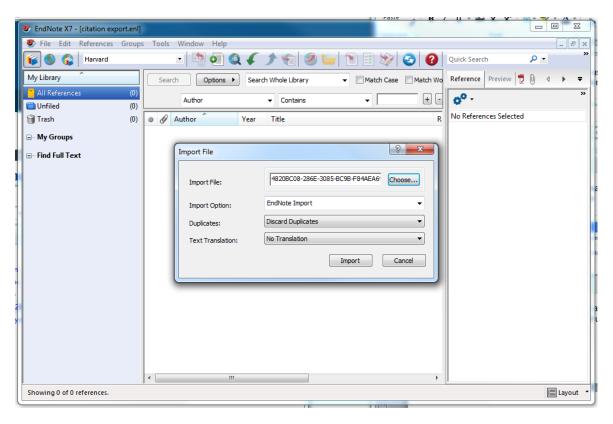


You can choose to **Open** the file and this will launch *EndNote* or *Reference Manager*, depending on how your PC is set up. (Just as described above).

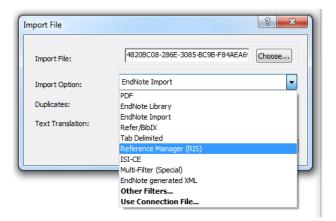
If you choose **Show in folder** the downloads folder wil open. From here you can right-click and choose an application to view the file or you can copy/move it to another file which you can access later via *EndNote* or *Reference Manager*.

If for some reason EndNote (or Reference Manager) does not automatically launch when you open the exported citations file, then do the following:

Open *EndNote* and create a new library (unless you already have a suitable existing with citations on the same topic). Then select **File** > **Import** > **File** and **Choose** the downloaded file from its folder.



**Note:** the **Reading List** style is for *Reference Manager*, so if you are using *EndNote*, in the **Import Option** menu choose **Reference Manager (RIS)**.

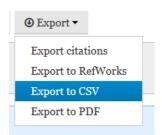


Then click the **Import** button and your citations will appear in your *EndNote* library.

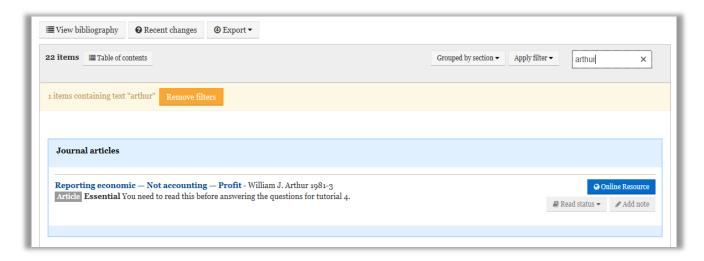
You can also choose to export as a CSV file or as a PDF document.

The latter might be useful if you wish to keep a simple record of the reading list.

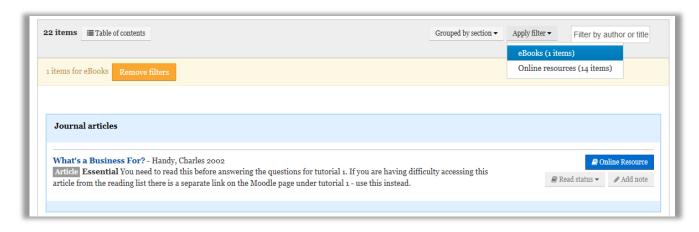
The former can be viewed in an *Excel* worksheet and possibly merged with other lists.



If the reading list is large you can filter it by entering an author or title in the filter text box.



You can also use the **Apply filter** menu which will filter the list according to the type of resource you choose (in the example below, **e-books**).



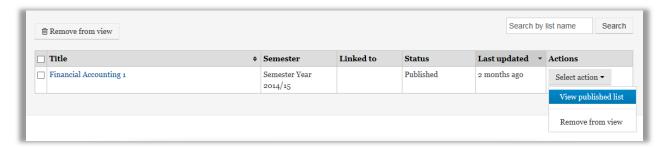
You can keep links to a number of reading lists together by creating your own list.

Click the **Add to My Lists** button and the current reading list you are viewing will be copied to your **My Lists** page.

Add to My Lists

Click on the My Lists tab at the top of the page to view your lists.





In any list you can choose the **Select action** option and select **View published list** to view the contents of the list (in effect returning to a **Reading List** page.

Now we will look at some final options on a **Reading List** page.

#### Working with the Reading list

When you place the cursor over an item in the list two buttons appear.

**Read status** sets your reading intentions: you can set it to record what you intend to do/what you have done with the resource.

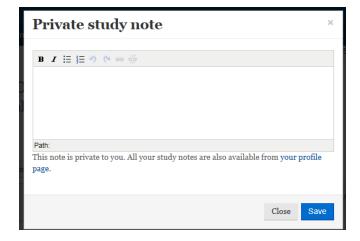
It is also useful as a reminder to yourself about which resources you have covered in your background research



You can also attach brief notes to an item in a reading list.



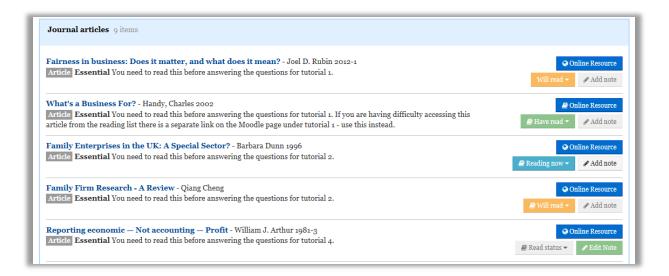
When you click the **Add note** button a text box open into which you can type comments and notes about the item. You can also add links.



When you have saved your first notes on an item, the button will change colour and become an **Edit Note** button. So you can add or delete anything you put in your notes at any time.



Your **Reading List** view will soon look like the image below, showing **Notes** added and **Read** status for each item.

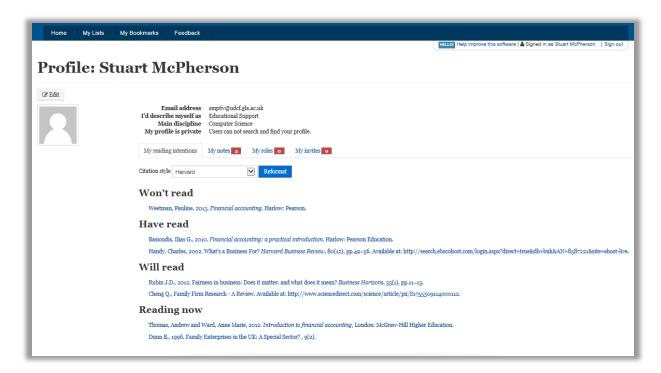


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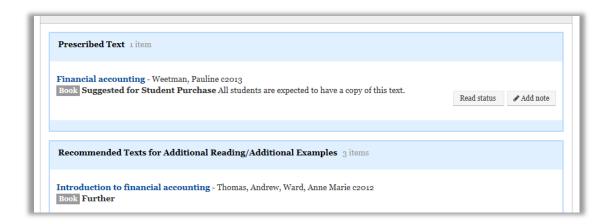
You can link to your profile when you are signed on. You do this by clicking on your name or GUID on the right, under the tabs bar.



On your Profile page you will see your name and details (which you can edit). You will also see listings of what resources you are reading, have read or intend to read.



Resources from more than one list will appear here together, provided you have set a **Read status** or added a **Note** about them.



**Note**: when you click on a resource title (which will be a hyperlink) either in the **Reading list** or your **Profile** page it will take you to a page giving full details about the book, including whether it is available in the Library or in John Smith's bookshop.

