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BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF REFERENCING STYLES INCLUDING APA, MLA, CHICAGO, IEEE, OXFORD, HARVARD ETC. AND BECAUSE EVERY JOURNAL MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT STYLE OF GIVING REFERENCES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS LEARN TO USE TECHNOLOGY TO STAY AHEAD. THERE ARE VARIOUS TOOLS LIKE MENDELEY, ENDNOTE, ZOTERO ETC. AVAILABLE TODAY FOR ORGNISING REFERENCES. ALSO, THERE IS A REFERENCE FEATURE IN THE MS-OFFICE WORD WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED FOR GENERATING REFERENCES. HOWEVER, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU SHOULD USE MENDELEY WHICH IS A PRODUCT OF ELSEVIER AND IS A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED REFERENCE MANAGER.

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