Preparing a BibTeX file for use as a LyX Bibliography from an EndNote Library

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This procedure was used with the following software: EndNote X2 for Mac, Zotero 2.1.6 (a free Firefox plugin available at zotero.org), and LyX 1.6.9. It was tested on a Mac OS X 10.6.6.

In EndNote

1. Open the library you want to make your bibliography from. You can either export the whole library, or select the entries you want in your LyX document (all the entries in a specific group for example).

    (a) From the file menu choose export

    (b) Select "Text only" for the "Save file type as"

    (c) Select "EndNote Export" for the "Output style"

    (d) Check "Export select references" if you've highlighted selected entries (as opposed to exporting the whole library that is open.)

    (e) Name and choose a destination for the export file.

In Zotero

1. From the actions menu choose "Import"

2. Select the .txt file that you just exported from EndNote.

3. A new folder will appear in Zotero with the name you gave the .txt file.

    (a) If you receive the error message "An error occurred while trying to import the selected file. Please ensure that the file is valid and try again" you have one or more entries in the library export file that are problematic. First, try exporting a smaller file from EndNote (maybe half the references). Another tip is to avoid exporting any files that you don't think you'll use. You can always add more later.

4. Highlight all items in the folder, right click, and select "Export Selected Items". Or you can export the entire Zotero library from the actions menu.

    (a) Select "BibTeX" from Format.

    (b) Do not check "Export files" box. Hit okay.

    (c) Name and select destination for the .bib export file.

In LyX

1. Insert → List/TOC → BibTeX Bibliography...

2. Add → Browse, select the .bib file you just exported from Zotero.

3. Select a style.

4. Add references to the document. If the document doesn't compile and gives you an error message, there may be small problems in the .bib file. When I imported about 500 references, there were about 5 references that had a problem with the URL. Part of the URL was in the error message, so I went through the .bib file by searching for what was referenced in the error message and deleting the URLs (they were journal articles, so the URLs weren't necessary).