

# 5 Things to Look For on a Research Writing Platform

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## Post Url

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*This is a guest post drafted by the expert team at AuthorCafé, a unique platform designed exclusively for academics wherein they can write, collaborate, and communicate their research, all at the same time.*

Being able to access your research writing from anywhere and at any time is crucial. However, with the plethora of writing and task management tools available, how do you pick the right one to organize, document, write, and present your research?

Look for these 5 abilities in a writing tool:

## Access Your Research from Anywhere, at Any Time

Find a platform that lets you write in the browser, on the go – whether that’s on your commute, at home, or from your lab. That way when inspiration strikes regardless of where you are, your documents are quickly accessible.

The platform you choose should be built for any academic research writing needs – articles, books, grant proposals, and reports.

The screenshot shows the AuthorCafé web interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'authorcafé' entered. Below it, the navigation bar includes 'My Café' and 'AuthorCafé' tabs, and a 'Create New Project' button. A dropdown menu for 'Owned By Me' is visible. The main content area is a table with the following data:

Title	Created on	Last Modified	Shares
Project 4	06/07/2020	05/11/2020	-
Project 3	05/11/2020	05/11/2020	-
Project 2	05/11/2020	05/11/2020	-
Language Learning	09/06/2020	05/11/2020	2
Untitled_38	29/10/2020	03/11/2020	1
AuthorCafe	22/06/2020	03/11/2020	-

The screenshot shows the 'Asset Master' interface. It features a table with columns for 'Asset Master', 'Manage', 'Collaborators', and 'Manage'. The table lists various files and their associated collaborators:

Asset Master	Manage	Collaborators	Manage
Recent Files	Imported on	Recent Collaborators	Project
image 5_1.png	05/11/2020	Sara Jones	Language Learning, Lorem Ipsum, Untitled_38
Image 4_1.jpeg	05/11/2020	Jane Evans	Language Learning
Screenshot 2020-07-08 at 11.23.27 AM.png	05/11/2020		
Results_1.pdf	05/11/2020		
Introduction_1.docx	05/11/2020		
8weekreport.pdf	03/11/2020		
4weekreport.pdf	03/11/2020		
Introduction.docx	28/07/2020		
image 5.png	28/07/2020		

**AuthorCafé’s browser-based intuitive writing system has been designed specifically for academic research.**

## Do More with a File and Reference Manager

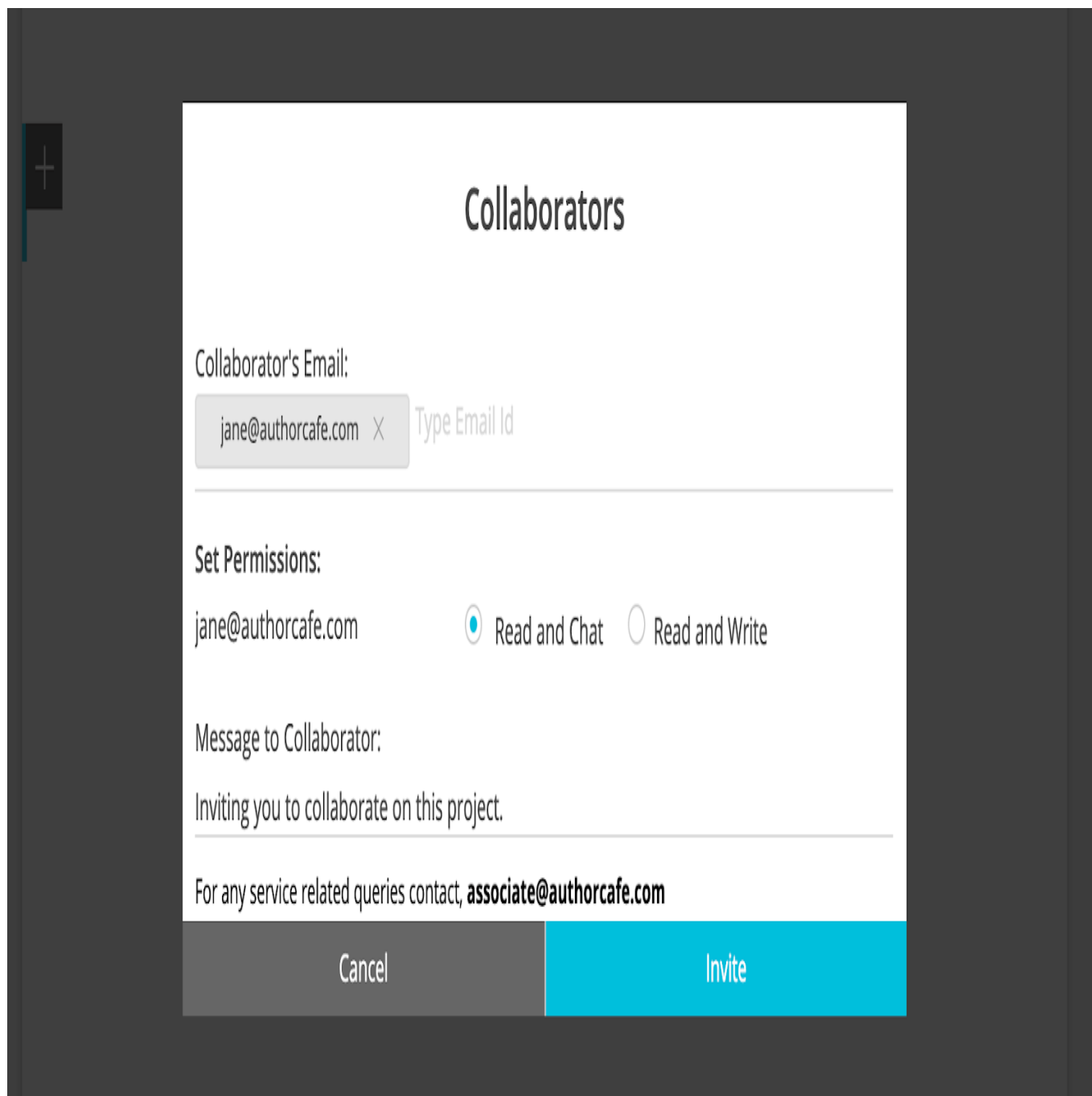
Research documentation involves a range of file formats including .docx, .jpg, .png, .xlsx, .bibtex, .csv, apart from your text content. It's important to choose a platform that recognises these formats, and lets you upload, organise, and store them all in a single, secure space on the cloud, that **only you** (and whoever else **you** choose) have access to.

The screenshot displays a user interface for file management. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for help, information, notifications, and user profile, along with a user identifier 'KE'. Below this are three main tabs: 'ASSETS', 'REFERENCES', and 'CITATIONS'. The 'ASSETS' tab is selected and contains two sub-sections: 'Current Project' and 'Other Projects'. A list of files is shown under 'Current Project', including image files, a screenshot, a PDF, and a document. Each file entry has a checkbox on the left and a 'Keert...' label on the right. The PDF file 'Results\_1.pdf' has a 'Click To Preview' link next to it. On the right side of the file list, there are icons for download and search.

*With AuthorCafé's Asset & Reference Management tools, you can quickly upload, organise, find, preview, and insert files into your research article.*

## Facilitates Collaboration and Communication

Collaborating with fellow scientists is key to your research process, and any platform you choose to write on needs to be cognizant of that. Look for features that let you work and write together, leave contextual comments, and chat with your collaborators and co-authors. The platform should also give you full control to set and revoke permissions at any time, with a click of a button.



Add collaborators, use the chat window to share information, and retain full control of access rights on AuthorCafé.

## Easy Export in Circulation-Friendly Formats

You should be able to export your paper in PDF, docx, ZIP, XML, or HTML formats. You should also be able to turn your [research paper](#) into an editable presentation, for those meetings with your guides/funding institutions, or conference presentations.



*You can export your paper in a range of circulation-friendly formats on AuthorCafé.*

## Strong Data Security

Always pick a tool that keeps your data secure, behind encryptions, so your sensitive and confidential research is safe. You should have complete control over who is allowed to access your work, read, edit, or comment on your research.



*AuthorCafé provides end-to-end data encryption, from your browser to our servers.*

If you are still using Google Docs or MS Word to write your research, think about switching to a tool that has been designed specifically with the unique needs of academic research in mind. [AuthorCafé](#) is a browser-based academic research writing platform that allows researchers to write, format, and style their research content, collaborate with their peers, manage files and references, and export presentation and circulation-friendly files.

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