I can’t find my citation style script

This screencast will cover how to either choose an alternative citation style or find your citation style as well as some tips for creating a new citation style, if you can’t find the exact citation style you are looking for in the Zotero style repository.

First, if you can’t find the exact citation style you are looking for in Zotero’s Style Repository using the basic search box functionality, try looking at similar styles in your field or in a related field, by using the “fields” and “format” limiting facets. Using these facets will show you the styles available in your field, and you may find that there is a match to your style that simply goes by another name. For example, I was looking for the style for the Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science [search for journal title], but it wasn’t in the repository. Using the biology and author-date facets, I found that the Crop Science journal was a match for my style, so I installed the Crop Science style instead.

A second method for finding a matching style is to search the Zotero forums for your style. Here you can see if anyone else has requested that your style be developed, or occasionally you will find that your style has been developed and posted to the forum (and for reasons not always clear to me, not to the style repository as well). For example, a search for the American Anthropology Association style takes me to a forum discussion with a link to download the citation style. [Go to forums – show American Anthropology Association style threads].

A third method is to upload a style yourself. If you or someone you know is able to do some coding using XML, you can follow the directions Zotero provides for creating styles in the Citation Style Language. Then you can upload the style you have created to your styles list.

In summary, if you can’t find the citation style you are looking for, begin by thinking more broadly about your disciplinary area to find a match, next search the forums for information about your style, and third, consider writing your own style.