

BIBTOOL Quick Reference Card

for BIBTOOL version 2.55 — see also <http://www.gerd.neugebauer.de/software/TeX/BibTool/>
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Command line options

-- rsc_command
Perform resource command as if given in a file.

-A type
Determine key disambiguation. type in 0, a, A,

-d
Check double entries.

-f key_format
Generate keys according to key_format

-F
Enable key generation with free key format.

-h
Print short help and exit.

-i input_file
Mark a file to be processed later.

-k
Make keys with the short format.

-K
Make keys with the long format.

-o output_file
Send the output to output_file.

-q
Suppress warning messages.

-r resource_file
Read the resource file resource_file.

-R
Load the default resource file now.

-s
Sort the result.

-S
Sort the result in reverse order.

-v
Turn on verbose messages about the actions performed.

-x aux_file
Extract those entries mentioned in aux_file.

-X regex
Extract entries matching regex.

Libraries

check_y
default
field
brace
improve
iso2tex
iso_def
month
opt
sort_fld
tex_def
biblatex

Check the value of the year.
All default settings.
Redefine field names.
Use braces as delimiters.
Apply improvements.
Translate ISO 8859/1 characters.
Define ISO 8859/1 characters for formatting.
Introduce strings for month names.
Remove OPT in field names.
Specify sort order for fields.
Define TeX macros for formatting.
Capitalize fields known to bibLATEX.

General

resource.search.path = {dir₁:dir₂...}
resource {file}
bibtex.search.path = {dir₁:dir₂...}
bibtex.env.name = {ENV_NAME}
env.separator = {c}
dir.file.separator = {c}
print {message}
quiet = OnOff
verbose = OnOff
crossref.limit = {n}

Reading and Printing

input {bib_file}
output.file = {file}
pass.comments = OnOff
new.entry.type {type}
print.align = n
print.align.key = n
print.align.preamble = n
print.align.comment = n
print.braces = OnOff
print.comma.at.end = OnOff
print.deleted.entries = OnOff
print.deleted.prefix = {prefix}
print.indent = n
print.line.length = n
print.newline = n
print.parentheses = OnOff
print.terminal.comma = OnOff
print.use.tab = OnOff
print.wide.equal = OnOff
suppress.initial.newline = OnOff
new.field.type {new=old}
symbol.type = type
upper, lower, cased

Sorting

sort = OnOff
sort.cased = OnOff
sort.reverse = OnOff
sort.format = {format}
sort.order {...}
sort.macros = OnOff

Searching (Extraction)

tex.define {macro[arg]=text}

extract.file {file}
select {field₁...field_n "regex"}
select {type₁...type_n }
select.by.string {field₁...field_n "regex"}
select.by.string.ignore {chars}
select.case.sensitive = OnOff
select.fields = {field₁,field₂,...}

Field Manipulation

add.field {field=value}
delete.field {field}
rewrite.rule { pattern }
 delete all matching fields
rewrite.rule { pattern # replacement }
 rewrite all fields
rewrite.rule {f₁...f_n # pattern # replacement }

 rewrite some fields
rewrite.case.sensitive = OnOff
rewrite.limit = {n}

Checks

check.double = OnOff
check.do.delete = OnOff
check.rule {field # pattern # message}
check.case.sensitive = OnOff

Strings

macro.file {file}
print.all.strings = OnOff
expand.macros = OnOff
expand.crossref = OnOff

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apply.alias = OnOff  
apply.include = OnOff  
apply.modify = OnOff  
key.make.alias = OnOff
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Counting

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count.all = OnOff  
count.used = OnOff
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Key Generation

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preserve.keys = OnOff  
preserve.key.case = OnOff  
key.format = {format}  
    special values: short, long, short.need,  
    long.need, empty  
key.generation = OnOff  
default.key = {key}  
key.base = base  
    values: upper, lower, digit  
key.number.separator = {s}  
key.expand.macros = OnOff  
fmt.name.title = {s}  
fmt.title.title = {s}  
fmt.name.name = {s}  
fmt.inter.name = {s}
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fmt.name.pre = {s}  
fmt.et.al = {s}  
fmt.word.separator = {s}  
new.format.type = {n="spec"}
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Name Formatting Specification

Use n letters. Use m name parts. Insert *pre* before, *mid* between, and *post* after the words. Translate according to the *s* parameter ('+', '-', '*').

- %sn.mf[mid][pre][post]
format first names.
- %sn.mv[mid][pre][post]
format "von" part.
- %sn.ml[mid][pre][post]
format last name.
- %sn.mj[mid][pre][post]
format "junior" part.

Format Specifications

Pseudo fields:

- \$key
- \$default.key
- \$sortkey
- \$source
- \$type
- @type

\$day
\$month
\$mon
\$year
\$hour
\$minute
\$second
\$user
\$hostname

Formatting Fields:

- %±x.y n(field)
format y characters of x last names.
- %±x.y N(field)
format y characters of x names.
- %±x.y p(field)
format x names according to the name format y .
- %±x.y d(field)
format at most x digits of the y^{th} number.
- %±x.y D(field)
format x digits of the y^{th} number without truncation.
- %±x.s(field)
format x string characters.
- %±x.y t(field)
format x sentence words of length y .
- %±x.y T(field)
format x sentence words of length y .
(Words ignored)

- %±x.y w(field)
format x words of length y .
- %±x W(field)
format x words of length y . (Words ignored)
- %±x.y #n(field)
test whether the number of names is between x and y .
- %±x.y #N(field)
test whether the number of names is between x and y .
- %±x.y #p(field)
test whether the number of names is between x and y .
- %±x.y #s(field)
test whether the number of characters is between x and y .
- %±x.y #t(field)
test whether the number of words is between x and y .
- %±x.y #T(field)
test whether the number of not ignored words is between x and y .
- %±x.y #w(field)
test whether the number of words is between x and y .
- %±x.y #W(field)
test whether the number of not ignored words is between x and y .