

BIBTOOL Quick Reference Card

for BIBTOOL version 2.52 — 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` Check the value of the year.
`default` All default settings.
`field` Redefine field names.
`brace` Use braces as delimiters.
`improve` Apply improvements.
`iso2tex` Translate ISO 8859/1 characters.
`iso_def` Define ISO 8859/1 characters for formatting.
`month` Introduce strings for month names.
`opt` Remove OPT in field names.
`sort_fld` Specify sort order for fields.
`tex_def` Define T_EX macros for formatting.

General

`resource.search.path` = {*dir*₁:*dir*₂...}
`resource` {*file*}
`bibtex.search.path` = {*dir*₁:*dir*₂...}
`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` {*field*₁...*field*_{*n*} "*regex*"}
`select` {*type*₁...*type*_{*n*}}
`select.by.string` {*field*₁...*field*_{*n*} "*regex*"}
`select.by.string.ignore` {*chars*}
`select.case.sensitive` = *OnOff*
`select.fields` = {*field*₁,*field*₂,...}

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` {*f*₁...*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*

Counting

count.all = *OnOff*
count.used = *OnOff*

Key Generation

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*}
fmt.name.pre = {*s*}
fmt.et.al = {*s*}
fmt.word.separator = {*s*}
new.format.type = {*n*="spec"}

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*.
