The `authoryear-comp` style

This style is a compact version of the `authoryear` style which prints the author only once if subsequent references passed to a single citation command share the same author. If they share the same year as well, the year is also printed only once. This style will implicitly enable the `sortcites` package option at load time.

Additional package options

The `dashed` option

By default, this style replaces recurrent authors/editors in the bibliography by a dash so that items by the same author or editor are visually grouped. This feature is controlled by the package option `dashed`. Setting `dashed=false` in the preamble will disable this feature. The default setting is `dashed=true`.

The `mergedate` option

Since this style prints the date label after the author/editor in the bibliography, there are effectively two dates in the bibliography: the full date specification (e.g., "2001", "June 2006", "5th Jan. 2008") and the date label (e.g., "2006a"), as found in citations. The `mergedate` option controls whether or not date specifications are merged with the date label. This option is best explained by example. Note that it only affects the bibliography. Citations use the date label only:

Doe 2000
Doe 2003a
Doe 2003b
Doe 2006a
Doe 2006b

`mergedate=false` strictly separates the date specification from the date label. The year will always be printed twice:

Doe, John (2000). *Book 1*. Location: Publisher, 2000.
Doe, John (2003a). *Book 2*. Location: Publisher, 2003.
Doe, John (2003b). *Book 3*. Location: Publisher, 2003.
Doe, John (2006a). "Article 1". In: *Monthly Journal* 25.6 (June 2006), pp. 70–85.
Doe, John (2006b). "Article 2". In: *Quarterly Journal* 14.3 (Fall 2006), pp. 5–25.

`mergedate=minimum` merges the dates whenever the full date and the date label are exactly the same string. If the date is a bare year number and there is no

`extrayear` field, the date specification will be omitted:

Doe, John (2000). *Book 1*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003a). *Book 2*. Location: Publisher, 2003.
Doe, John (2003b). *Book 3*. Location: Publisher, 2003.
Doe, John (2006a). "Article 1". In: *Monthly Journal* 25.6 (June 2006), pp. 70–85.
Doe, John (2006b). "Article 2". In: *Quarterly Journal* 14.3 (Fall 2006), pp. 5–25.

`mergedate=basic` is similar in concept but more economical. It will always omit the date specification if the date is a bare year number:

Doe, John (2000). *Book 1*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003a). *Book 2*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003b). *Book 3*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2006a). "Article 1". In: *Monthly Journal* 25.6 (June 2006), pp. 70–85.
Doe, John (2006b). "Article 2". In: *Quarterly Journal* 14.3 (Fall 2006), pp. 5–25.

`mergedate=compact` merges all date specifications with the date labels. It will still treat the `issue` field specially:

Doe, John (2000). *Book 1*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003a). *Book 2*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003b). *Book 3*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (June 2006a). "Article 1". In: *Monthly Journal* 25.6, pp. 70–85.
Doe, John (2006b). "Article 2". In: *Quarterly Journal* 14.3 (Fall), pp. 5–25.

`mergedate=maximum` strives for maximum compactness. Even the `issue` field is merged with the date label:

Doe, John (2000). *Book 1*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003a). *Book 2*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (2003b). *Book 3*. Location: Publisher.
Doe, John (June 2006a). "Article 1". In: *Monthly Journal* 25.6, pp. 70–85.
Doe, John (Fall 2006b). "Article 2". In: *Quarterly Journal* 14.3, pp. 5–25.

`mergedate=true` is an alias for `mergedate=compact`. This is the default setting.

Multiple citations

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