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`bibtex` – make a bibliography for (La)TeX

SYNOPSIS

`bibtex` [**–min-crossrefs**=*number*] [**–terse**] *auxname*[.aux]

DESCRIPTION

This manual page is not meant to be exhaustive. The complete documentation for this version of TeX can be found in the info file or manual *Web2C: A TeX implementation*.

BIBTeX reads the top-level auxiliary (.aux) file *auxname* that was output during the running of `latex(1)` or `tex(1)` and creates a bibliography (.bbl) file that will be incorporated into the document on subsequent runs of L^AT_EX or T_EX.

BIBTeX looks up, in bibliographic database (.bib) files specified by the `\bibliography` command, the entries specified by the `\cite` and `\nocite` commands in the L^AT_EX or T_EX source file. It formats the information from those entries according to instructions in a bibliography style (.bst) file (specified by the `\bibliographystyle` command, and it outputs the results to the .bbl file.

The L^AT_EX manual explains what a L^AT_EX source file must contain to work with BIBTeX. Appendix B of the manual describes the format of the .bib files. The ‘BIBTeXing’ document describes extensions and details of this format, and it gives other useful hints for using BIBTeX.

OPTIONS

The **–min-crossrefs** option defines the minimum number of **crossref** required for automatic inclusion of the crossref base entry in the citation list; the default is two. To avoid these automatic inclusions altogether, give this option a sufficiently large number, and be sure to remove any previous .aux and .bbl files. Otherwise the option may appear to have no effect, since BIBTeX will have added the citation for the base entry to the .aux file, and nothing will remove it.

With the **–terse** option, BIBTeX operates silently. Without it, a banner and progress reports are printed on *stdout*.

ENVIRONMENT

BIBTeX searches the directories in the path defined by the BSTINPUTS environment variable for .bst files. If BSTINPUTS is not set, it uses the system default. For .bib files, it uses the BIBINPUTS environment variable if that is set, otherwise the default. See `tex(1)` for the details of the searching.

If the environment variable TEXMFOUTPUT is set, BIBTeX attempts to put its output files in it, if they cannot be put in the current directory. Again, see `tex(1)`. No special searching is done for the .aux file.

FILES

**.bst* Bibliography style files.

btldoc.tex

“BIBTeXing” – L^AT_EXable documentation for general BIBTeX users

btshak.tex

“Designing BIBTeX Styles” – L^AT_EXable documentation for style designers

btldoc.bib

database file for those two documents

xampl.bib

database file giving examples of all standard entry types

btxbst.doc

template file and documentation for the standard styles

All those files should be available somewhere on your system.

The host math.utah.edu has a vast collection of **.bib** files available for anonymous ftp, including references for all the standard T_EX books and a complete bibliography for TUGboat.

SEE ALSO

latex(1), **tex(1)**.

Leslie Lamport, L^AT_EX – *A Document Preparation System*, Addison-Wesley, 1985, ISBN 0-201-15790-X.

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