

Description of real authors with biblatex

New data field

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1 Introduction

The standard biblatex fields allow to describe the author of a work, with the so called authors field. However, some works are published without name, or with pseudonyme, but the scholars know the real author. This package adds a new field `realauthor`, to specify the knew real author.

2 Basic use

2.1 The .bib file

Basically, you just have to add the real author name in the field `realauthor`, like in the two following examples:

```
@book{LeClerc1686,  
  Publisher = {Henry Desbordes},  
  Realauthor = {Jean le Clerc},  
  Title = {Défense des sentimens  
    De quelques Théologiens de Hollande  
    sur l'histoire critique du Vieux Testament  
    contre la réponse du Prieur de Bolleville},  
  Year = {1686}}  
  
@book{Simon1686,  
  Address = {Rotterdam},
```

```

    Author = {{Prieur de Bolleville}},
    Publisher = {Reinier Leers},
    Realauthor = {Richard Simon},
    Title = {Réponse au livre intitulé
      sentimens de quelques Theologiens de Hollande
      sur l'Histoire Critique du Vieux Testament},
    Year = {1686}}

@book{noauthor-norealauthor,
  Title = {Here an anonymous work},
}

@book{noauthor-norealauthor2,
  Title = {Why not an other anonymous work?},
}

@book{Author+realauthor,
  Author = {Theauthor, Name},
  Realauthor= {Therealauthor, Name},
  Title = {That is a work with an author plus a real author},
}

@book{Only-realauthor,
  Realauthor= {Therealauthor, Name},
  Title = {Here a work with only a real author},
}

```

2.2 Loading of the biblatex package

When loading the biblatex package, use the `realauthor` bibstyle, which is based on the `verbose` bibstyle:

```
\usepackage[citestyle=verbose,bibstyle=realauthor]{biblatex}
```

Not that the package patches `author` and `author/editorothers/translator+others+macro`. If you redefine them, don't forget the patches¹.

2.3 Example of result

By default, the real author name is printed in brackets, with an equal, between fine non-break spaces, when a pseudonym is also use:

¹We suppose that, if you redefine them, you could understand the packages.

[Jean le Clerc]. *Défense des sentimens De quelques Théologiens de Hollande sur l'histoire critique du Vieux Testament contre la réponse du Prieur de Bolleville.*

Henry Desbordes, 1686

Prieur de Bolleville [= Richard Simon]. *Réponse au livre intitulé sentimens de quelques Theologiens de Hollande sur l'Histoire Critique du Vieux Testament.*

Rotterdam: Reinier Leers, 1686

This package, since version 2.0.0, declares the `realauthor` name as the `labelname`, if a `author` name is not defined.

That implies this field is use for:

- Sorting.
- *ibid* / *op. cit* abbreviation.

Note that this field is not affected by `useauthor` option.

2.4 Sorting

The default sorting schemes nty is problematic, because it doesn't consider the `realauthor` field as a name. That is why the package provides two sorting scheme:

- `anonymous`, which but considers the `realauthor` field to sort list by authors' name. If an entry has both `realauthor` and `author`, only the `author` field we be used.
- `anonymous+realauthor`, which push the anonymous texts at the begininng of the list (as the anonymous sorting of the *biblatex-anonymous+* package), but considers the `realauthor` field to sort list by authors' name (as the `realauthor` sorting).

See the example file to have an illustration.

3 Customization

You can redefine the `\mkrealauthor` command to change the way the real author name is printed. Default value is:

```
\newcommand{\mkrealauthor}[1]{\mkbibbrackets{#1}}
```

You can also redefine the `\realauthorequalsign` command to change the sign before the real author name when a pseudonym is also used. Default value is:

```
\newcommand{\realauthorequalsign}{\addnbthinspace=\addnbthinspace}
```

For more customization, you have to redefine the macros defined in `realauthor.bbx`.

4 Use with biblatex-manuscripts-philology

To use this package with the features of biblatex-manuscripts-philology, you must use the package biblatex-multiple-dm.

5 Credits

This package was created for Maïeul Rouquette's phd dissertation² in 2014. It is licensed on the *LaTeX Project Public License*³.

All issues can be submitted, in French or English, in the GitHub issues page⁴.

6 Change history

2.1.0 2014-10-30

Add new realauthor scheme. 2.4

2.0.0 2014-10-27

Print the realauthor name in bracket when cited in a abbreviated form.

Define @realauthor as @labelname. ??

1.1.0 2014-10-09

In a bibliographical list, print the last name before the first name of a real author, except if a author is defined.

Add anonymous+realauthor sorting scheme. 2.4

Compatibility with @article entry.

1.0.0 2014-06-25

First public release.

²<http://apocryphes.hypotheses.org>.

³<http://latex-project.org/lppl/lppl-1-3c.html>.

⁴<https://github.com/maieul/biblatex-realauthor/issues>.