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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 `LATeX` or `TeX`.

`BIBTeX` looks up, in bibliographic database (`.bib`) files specified by the `\bibliography` command, the entries specified by the `\cite` and `\nocite` commands in the `LATeX` or `TeX` 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 `LATeX` manual explains what a `LATeX` 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’d entry on the citation list; the default is two. 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`” – `LATeX`able documentation for general `BIBTeX` users

btshak.tex

“`Designing BIBTeX Styles`” – `LATeX`able documentation for style designers

btldoc.bib

database file for those two documents

xampl.bib

database file giving examples of all standard entry types

btbst.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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