

# BIBTOOL Quick Reference Card

for BIBTOOL version 2.61 — 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 TeX macros for formatting.  
**biblatex** Capitalize fields known to bibLaTeX.

## General

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

## Field Manipulation

**add.field** {*field*="value"}  
**delete.field** {*field*}  
**rename.field** {*old=new*}  
**rename.field** {*old=new if field="pattern"*}  
**rewrite.rule** {*pattern*}  
delete all matching fields  
**rewrite.rule** {*pattern* # *replacement*}  
rewrite all fields  
**rewrite.rule** {*f*<sub>1</sub>...*f*<sub>*n*</sub> # *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*

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## BIBTEX1.0

apply.alias = *OnOff*  
apply.include = *OnOff*  
apply.modify = *OnOff*  
key.make.alias = *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*<sup>th</sup> number.  
%±*x.y* *D*(*field*)  
    format *x* digits of the *y*<sup>th</sup> 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*.