# Bibtex2html User Documentation Version 1.00

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Foreword: this documentation aims to describe the bibtex2html tool. As it is written by the developper, and not by users, it may not be convenient fro the latter. Please feel free to comment and react on it: by doing so, you could help us to improve it.

### General information

bibtex2html is a  $BiBT_{E}X$  to HTML translator. It is written in C.

#### Documentation

- http://www-sop.inria.fr/epidaure/personnel/malandain/codes/bibtex2html.html, bibtex2html on-line manual.
- ftp://ftp-sop.inria.fr/epidaure/Softs/bibtex2html/bibtex2html.ps.gz, gzipped postcript.
- ftp://ftp-sop.inria.fr/epidaure/Softs/bibtex2html/bibtex2html.pdf, pdf.

#### Distribution

Current version is 2.00, it can be downloaded from

• ftp://ftp-sop.inria.fr/epidaure/Softs/bibtex2html/.

The distribution contains:

- Full source,
- Some icons,
- User manual, in Postcript, PDF and HTML

#### New features

june 17, 2002 New version, allowing full customization

november 27, 2001 Add icons for links

september 24, 2001 Add keywords as a sorting criterium.

# Acknowledgment

This little software has been built in the same spirit than bib2html of Eric Marchand which kindly provides me with its sources (in C++). As I was not smart enough to modify it to obtain some desirable features (as links between pages), I have prefered to develop a new code (in C).

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# 1 Presentation

The purpose of this software is to automatically produce html pages from  $BiBT_EX$  files, and to provide access to the  $BiBT_EX$  entries by several criteria: year of publication, category of publication, keywords (see section 3 for the definition of these categories), author name, and keywords, from an index page.

Moreover cross-linking is generating between pages to provide an easy navigation through the pages without going back to the index.

Each entry is formatted as the bibliographic style unsrt.bst did, except that the title would be in bold. Thus, processing the  $BiBT_EX$  files with the following

```
\documentclass{article}
\bibliographystyle{unsrt}
\begin{document}
\nocite{*}
\bibliography{file1.bib,file2.bib,file3.bib,...}
\end{document}
```

should give an idea of what the output will look like. Moreover, it may provide with error messages which corresponds to syntax error (see sections A.1 and A.2 as a first help).

# 2 Getting started (on unix/linux)

This package was originally designed to translate  $BiBT_EX$  files (generally with a .bib extension) into a bundle of html files allowing a user-friendly navigation in the bibliography. As I am coming from the unix world (as most of the people who are using IATEX and BiBTEX), I have no idea how to use this on windows systems.

Installing the sources I assume you get a package from the above mentionned ftp site. It is named bibtex2html-X.XX.extension where X.XX denotes a version number. The extension can be either .zip or .tar.gz. Thus running

```
% unzip -d bibtex2html-X.XX.zip
or
% tar -xvzf bibtex2html-X.XX.tar.gz
```

should create a directory named bibtex2html-X.XX containing the sources and some other files.

Compiling bibtex2html Go into the previous directory

% cd bibtex2html-X.XX

and compile with make

% make

Notice that there exists a preprocessor macro ICONSDIR that is used to define the default path for the icon files. One may want to change it to make it correspond to one's configuration. To do that, you will have to edit the Makefile.

Generating html pages from  $BiBT_EX$  files According that you have installed (copied) bibtex2html in some place listed in your  ${PATH}$  variable, or that you are using the full path towards bibtex2html, you can process your .bib files. While parsing its arguments, bibtex2html considers that all arguments that do not match a command line option (see section 7.1) are input files. The following command will then create a bundle of html files from the  $BiBT_EX$  files given in the command line.

% bibtex2html file1.bib file2.bib ... -force

You may navigate through them using the index.html as starting point. Notice the -force option, that will create the needed subdirectories (see section 3) if they do not exist.

You may also want to use icons as links towards distant files or pages. The simpliest way to do that is

```
% bibtex2html file1.bib file2.bib ... -force -copy-icons
```

The option -copy-icons will copy the icon files from the distribution (according that the preprocessor macro ICONSDIR has been set properly) to the local subdirectory ./Icons/, that will be created if necessary thanks to the -force option.

If the icons already exist locally (in the subdirectory ./Icons/), specifying the -icons option is then sufficient, i.e.

% bibtex2html file1.bib file2.bib ... -force -icons

Moving the html pages According you like the generated output, you may want to move it at some more convenient place on your web server storage space. Thus, if you do not use icons

% cp -rp index.html Author Biblio Category Keyword Year DEST/

will copy all the output file in the DEST directory. If you use icons, you just have to add the Icons into the above command.

# **3** Description of the generated html pages

By default, html pages are generated in

- the current directory, namely './', it only concerns the index file,
- and subdirectories: ./Author/, ./Biblio/, ./Category/, ./Keyword/, ./Year/;
- an other subdirectory ./Icons/ may be needed if icons are desired to indicate links towards urls or documents.

Each directory contains a number of html files, that correspond to a certain sort of the bibliography.

# 3.1 Bibliography by authors

bibtex2html will generate one html file per indexed author (or editor if relevant) in the subdirectory ./Author/. In these files, entries are sorted by categories.

By default, all the authors (and some editors, see section 4.1) are indexed but it is possible to change this behavior by specifying either the authors to be indexed (and all the other will not be indexed): see the sections 4.1.

Each generated file will be named after the author's name, namely the lastname followed by a '-' and the initials of the firstnames, e.g. BACH-JS.html for the above example. In case of unknown author, an additional file named ZZZZZZ-UNKNOWN.html is generated.

#### 3.1.1 Comparison of names

In large bibliographies, the same author name can be written in different ways. E.g. you may find either Jean-Sebastien Bach, J.S. Bach, J.-S. Bach, or J. Bach.

Two names are considered to be the same if the last names are exactly equal, and if the initials of the first names are also the same. From above, it comes that Jean-Sebastien Bach, J.S. Bach, and J.-S. Bach will be considered as designing the same person. But J. Bach will be someone else.

It is possible to allow a more sloppy comparison, by comparing only the first initials (in case of the numbers of initials differs), and thus to consider J. Bach as the same person than J.S. Bach (see section 7.1).

#### 3.2 Bibliography by keywords

bibtex2html will generate one html file per indexed keyword in the directory ./Keyword/. In these files, entries are sorted by categories.

By default, all the recognized keywords are indexed, but it is possible to change this behavior by specifying either the keywords to be indexed (and all the other will not be indexed), or the ones not to be indexed (and all the other will be indexed): see the section 4.2 for details.

Each generated file will be named after the keyword.

# 3.3 Bibliography by categories

Categories have been defined as a group of several  ${\rm BiBT}_{\!E\!}X$  entry types, they are by order :

Books and proceedings	<b>@BOOK</b> , <b>@PROCEEDINGS</b>
Thesis	@PHDTHESIS
Articles in journal or book's chapters	<b>@INBOOK</b> , <b>@INCOLLECTION</b>
	@ARTICLE
Conference's articles	@INPROCEEDINGS
Internal reports	@techreport
Manuals, booklets	<b>@BOOKLET</b> , <b>@MANUAL</b>
Miscellaneous	@mastersthesis, @audiovisual
	@film, @misc, @unpublished

One html file is generated per category in the ./Category/ directory. In these files, entries are sorted by year of publication.

# 3.4 Bibliography by years

For each year found in the  $BiBT_EX$  files, two files are produced in the ./Year/ subdirectory: The first one is named year.html and year.complete.html where *year* is a four digit number corresponding to the year (or UNKNOWN if the year is not specified).

In addition to the formatted entry, year.complete.html contains the following fields (if given): annote, comments, abstract, and the original  $BiBT_EX$ entry. They can be reached by links from other pages.

In each file/page, the entries of the year are sorted with respect to the above described categories.

# 3.5 Complete bibliographies

In addition to the above generated files, two files that contain the whole bibliography are also created. Both of them are produced in the ./Biblio/ subdirectory. Their name are built from a generic name (see section 5.2). The first one, complete-bibliography.html, is the complete bibliographie in html format, while the second one complete-bibliography.bib, is a BIBT<sub>E</sub>X file. They both are sorted with respect to the field year: this can be changed by the command line option -sort-criterium (see section 7.1).

# 3.6 Index file

An index file, index.html, is created in the current directory. It contains links towards all the other generated and is thus a good starting to browse the bundle of files.

# 4 Finer Control of the output

Most of the control can be done by some appropriate Ostring, that should be into a file (the choice of the syntax allows you to put it into your  $\texttt{BIBT}_{E}X$  file) that have to be passed to the command line. It will also be used later (see section 5.1).

### 4.1 Selecting authors

By default, all the authors (or editors if relevant) are indexed, and then one file will be generated per different name in the subdirectory ./Author/. Relevant editors are the ones of @BOOK, @PROCEEDINGS, or @INBOOK if there are no authors.

However, one may want only to index some of them, and then all the others are conidered as being non-indexed. It can be done by specifying the authors to be indexed in lines like

```
@string{ author_to_be_indexed = "G. Malandain" }
```

 $\operatorname{or}$ 

```
@string{ authors_to_be_indexed = "G. Malandain and J.-S. Bach" }
```

The second part of strings is interpreted as authors in  $BiBT_EX$  entries and follows then  $BiBT_EX$ 's syntax. These lines may be repeated as many times as necessary, ie:

```
@string{ authors_to_be_indexed = "G. Malandain and J.-S. Bach" }
@string{ authors_to_be_indexed = "Mozart, W. A. and J.-B. Lully" }
```

# 4.2 Selecting keywords

By default, all the keywords are indexed. However, one may want only to index some of them, and then all the others are conidered as being non-indexed. It can be done by specifying the keywords to be indexed in lines like

@string{ keyword\_to\_be\_indexed = "Medical image processing" }

or

```
@string{ keywords_to_be_indexed = "matching, registration" }
```

Similarly, one may want not to index some of the keywords, and then all the others are conidered as being indexed.. It can be done by specifying the keywords not to be indexed in lines like

@string{ keyword\_not\_to\_be\_indexed = "bull shit" }

or

```
@string{ keywords_not_to_be_indexed = "bull shit, not relevant" }
```

# 4.3 Generating one single file

Instead of generating a number of files, it may be desirable to produce only one file:

- the input BIBT<sub>F</sub>X files contain only a few items
- it is the bibliography of a single project, or author
- the input  ${\rm BiBT}_EX\ {\rm file}(s)\ {\rm need}\ to\ {\rm be}\ {\rm merged}\ {\rm and}\ {\rm sorted}\ ({\rm to}\ {\rm output}\ {\rm BiBT}_EX\ {\rm file},\ {\rm use}\ -{\tt style}\ {\tt bibtex})\ {\rm so}\ {\rm that}\ {\rm it}\ {\rm will}\ {\rm be}\ {\rm more}\ {\rm easily}\ {\rm checked}\ {\rm and}\ {\rm corrected}$
- ...

this is can done with the command line option -single-output. This single file follows the same rules than the complete bibliography already described in section 3.5, except that it is created in the current directory, ./, instead of in the ./Biblio/ directory. It can thus be sorted according to the same different criteria

#### 4.4 Changing the title of the pages

You surely want to change the title of the generated pages, especially the one of the index file. This is possible by setting the values of different *keys* within **@string** (see section 5.1).

There are two different kinds of title: the one that appears on the top of the navigator window (between <TITLE> and </TITLE> in the html syntax) and the one that will appear at the top of the display page (and that takes place after the <BODY> declaration in the html syntax). The name of the key describing the first kind of title will have the \*\*\*\*\*\_file\_title, while the one of the second kind of title will have the \*\*\*\*\*\_page\_title (see section 6.2).

Changing the titles of the index page (see section 3.6) can be achieved by changing the values of the index\_file\_title and index\_page\_title keys. E.g., the defaults are set by

```
@STRING{ index_file_title = "List of publications: index" }
@STRING{ index_page_title = "List of publications: index" }
```

Similarly,

• for the bibliographies by authors in the ./Author/ subdirectory (see section 3.1), titles are given by

```
@STRING{ author_file_title = "Publications of %s %s" }
@STRING{ author_default_file_title = "Publications of unknown author(s)" }
@STRING{ author_page_title = "Publications of %s %s" }
@STRING{ author_default_page_title = "Publications of unknown author(s)" }
```

the two conversion specifications '%s' being for the first name and the last name, of the author, the default titles being used when there are no authors

• for the bibliographies by keywords in the ./Keyword/ subdirectory (see section 3.2), titles are given by

```
@STRING{ keyword_file_title = "Publications about '%s'" }
@STRING{ keyword_page_title = "Publications about '%s'" }
```

the conversion specification '%s' is for the keyword itself

• for the bibliographies by categories in the ./Category/ subdirectory (see section 3.3), titles are given by

```
@STRING{ category_file_title = "%s" }
@STRING{ category_page_title = "%s" }
```

the conversion specification '%s' is for the name of the category, that can not be changed

• for the bibliographies by years in the ./Years/ subdirectory (see section 3.4), titles are given by

```
@STRING{ reduced_year_file_title = "Publications of year %d" }
@STRING{ reduced_year_default_file_title = "Publications with no year" }
@STRING{ reduced_year_page_title = "Publications of year %d" }
@STRING{ reduced_year_default_page_title = "Publications with no year" }
```

 $\mathbf{or}$ 

```
@STRING{ complete_year_file_title = "Publications of year %d" }
@STRING{ complete_year_default_file_title = "Publications with no year" }
@STRING{ complete_year_page_title = "Publications of year %d" }
@STRING{ complete_year_default_page_title = "Publications with no year" }
```

the conversion specification '%d' being for the year, the *default* titles being used when no year is given

• for the complete bibliography (only the html one) in the ./Year/ subdirectory (see section 3.5), titles are given by

```
@STRING{ complete_biblio_file_title = "All publications sorted by %s" }
@STRING{ complete_biblio_default_file_title = "All publications" }
@STRING{ complete_biblio_page_title = "All publications sorted by %s" }
@STRING{ complete_biblio_default_page_title = "All publications" }
```

the conversion specification '%s' being for the name of the sort criterium, that can not be changed, the *default* titles being used when no sorting criterium is given

• for the single output (see section 4.3) titles are given by

```
@STRING{ single_output_file_title = "All publications sorted by %s" }
@STRING{ single_output_default_file_title = "All publications" }
@STRING{ single_output_page_title = "All publications sorted by %s" }
@STRING{ single_output_default_page_title = "All publications" }
```

with the same remark as above.

# 4.5 Changing the background of pages

The description of the body of html pages can either be done in style sheet (see sections 6.7.2 and 7.4) or in the body declaration. The body starting element can be changed through the body\_tag.start key. E.g.

```
@string{ body_tag.start = "<body bgcolor="yellow">\n" }
```

will display a yellow background. Here there are some attributes of the body element:

- **bgcolor** Specifies the background color for the document body. See below for the syntax of color values.
- text Specifies the color used to stroke the document's text. This is generally used when you have changed the background color with the BGCOLOR or BACKGROUND attributes.
- link Specifies the color used to stroke the text for unvisited hypertext links.
- vlink Specifies the color used to stroke the text for visited hypertext links.
- **alink** Specifies the highlight color used to stroke the text for hypertext links at the moment the user clicks on the link.
- **background** Specifies a URL for an image that will be used to tile the document background.

# 4.6 Changing the styles of (sub)titles

The page title of each page is enclosed between the page\_title\_tag.start key and the page\_title\_tag.end key, while the subtitles if pages are enclosed between the page\_subtitle\_tag.start key and the page\_subtitle\_tag.end key. Thus, changing these *keys* will allow you to change the style of the (sub)titles. E.g.,

```
@string{ page_title_tag.start = "\n<h1 align="center">\n" }
@string{ page_title_tag.end = "\n</h1>\n" }
@string{ page_subtitle_tag.start = "\n<h2 align="center">\n" }
@string{ page_subtitle_tag.end = "\n</h2>\n" }
```

will result in a very simple display.

The options -print-default-context, -print-context, and -print-full-context (see section 7.1), will allow you to see the default values of these keys.

### 4.7 Generating or not part of the bundle

It is also possible to generate only a sub-part of the bundle of files, by setting the values of different keys within Qstring (see section 5.1).

The '1' value means the creation/generation of the files, while the '0' value means no creation.

• the bibliographies per author, described in section 3.1 and generated in the ./Author/ subdirectory, will not created if the author\_create\_pages key is set to 0, i.e.

```
@string{ author_create_pages = 0 }
```

• the bibliographies per keyword, described in section 3.2 and generated in the ./Keyword/subdirectory, will not created if the keyword\_create\_pages key is set to 0, i.e.

@string{ keyword\_create\_pages = 0 }

• the bibliographies per category, described in section 3.3 and generated in the ./Category/subdirectory, will not created if the category\_create\_pages *key* is set to 0, i.e.

```
@string{ category_create_pages = 0 }
```

• part of the bibliographies per year, the ones of name year.html, described in section 3.4 and generated in the ./Year/ subdirectory, will not created if the reduced\_year\_create\_pages key is set to 0, i.e.

```
@string{ reduced_year_create_pages = 0 }
```

• part of the bibliographies per year, the ones of name year.complete.html, described in section 3.4 and generated in the ./Year/ subdirectory, will not created if the complete\_year\_create\_pages key is set to 0, i.e.

```
@string{ complete_year_create_pages = 0 }
```

• the complete bibliographies, described in section 3.5 and generated in the ./Biblio/subdirectory, will not created if the complete\_biblio\_create\_pages key is set to 0, i.e.

```
@string{ complete_biblio_create_pages = 0 }
```

• the index file, described in section 3.6 and generated in the current directory ./ will not created if the index\_create\_pages key is set to 0, i.e.

@string{ index\_create\_pages = 0 }

Warning: with the current version, this is not compatible with the use of links between the pages.

# 5 Customizing the output

The default behavior of bibtex2html should correspond to some consensual expectation of such a tool. However, one may want to adapt it to more specific need. The aim of this section is to explain how things can be changed.

# 5.1 Principle

There are a large number of variables that allows to parameterize the behavior of bibtex2html. I choose to put those indications in some @STRING{ ... } so that they can be put into bibtex files (even if they may yields warnings). The file containing those indications, if independent from the bibtex files to be processed, has simply to be added to the list of files to be processed. Thus, the syntax is always

```
@string{ key = the_value_I_want_to_set_for_key }
```

There are a lot of *keys* that allows to control the output, all of them can be printed out by running **bibtex2html** with the **-print-keys** options, i.e.

#### % bibtex2html -print-keys

Some (most?) of them are of no interest at all. Then, one surely want to see only the used ones. This can be achieved at different time of the processing.

#### % bibtex2html -print-default-context

print out the values of non-null customization keys after the style have been loaded, but before any input file has been read.

#### % bibtex2html -print-context

print out the values of non-null customization *keys* after the *style* have been loaded, and after the input files have been read. Thus, the user can check that his own customization has been taken into account.

#### 5.1.1 Admissible values

The expected values for the keys as in

@string{ key = the\_value\_I\_want\_to\_set\_for\_key}

are either integer values, e.g.

@string{ author\_index.cells\_per\_row = 3 }

or strings, e.g.

@string{ index\_page\_title = "Hello, world" }

Sometimes, especially in case of complete change of the look of the pages, some of these keys may take a very long string as value (i.e. several lines in the created files). To handle this case, it is also possible to give filenames as key values. Thus, specifying

@string{ body\_tag.start = biblio-body-start.html }

will not write "biblio-body-start.html" in the output file(s), but will copy the contents of the file biblio-body-start.html in the output file(s). This could be the easiest way to assign a certain number of input lines to some key's value (see section 6.7.2).

In some cases, it could be useful to assign empty strings, i.e. "", to some keys.

# 5.2 Files and directories names

The names of the subdirectories as well as the names of some files (the main index, and the generic name of the *complete bibliographies*) can be changed (see section 3). Default are given by:

```
@string{ directory_authors = "Author" }
@string{ directory_biblio = "Biblio" }
@string{ directory_categories = "Category" }
@string{ directory_keywords = "Keyword" }
@string{ directory_years = "Year" }
@string{ directory_icons = "Icons" }
@string{ filename_complete_biblio = "complete-bibliography" }
@string{ filename_index = "index" }
@string{ filename_extension = "html" }
```

### 5.3 Links and Icons

### 5.3.1 Links

One of the desirable features of bibtex2html is to offer an easy and intuitive navigation inside the bundle of generated html pages. This is controlled by the use\_html\_links\_between\_pages key. Thus,

@string{ use\_html\_links\_between\_pages = 1 }

will make the links to be generated between pages, while

```
@string{ use_html_links_between_pages = 0 }
```

will disable this feature. The use\_html\_links\_towards\_urls key controls the creation of links towards distant files or urls, i.e. the ones referenced by the fields postcript, pdf, and url in the BIBT<sub>E</sub>X entries.

See also the -html-links command line option.

#### 5.3.2 Icons, links towards distant pages

From an aesthetic point of view, it may be desirable to see the links towards distant files or urls as icons (small images). This can be achieved globally either by the use\_icons key, i.e.

```
@string{ use_icons = 1 }
```

or by the -icons command line option.

A finer control can also be achieved for each of the possible link type, i.e. postscript, url, and pdf. E.g.

```
@string{ bib_postscript.icon = "my_own_ps.gif" }
```

specifies the name if the icon file for the links towards postscript files (assuming that this icon file is in the ./Icons/ subdirectory), while

```
@string{ bib_postscript.use_icon = 1 }
```

turns on the use of icons for the links towards postscript files only (0 turn it off). The same can be achieved for url and pdf, by replacing postscript by either url or pdf in the two above keys.

# 6 Controlling the layout

Because of the large number of *keys* controlling the output, it will be a tremendous task to describe all of them. Thus, *layout* files can be produced to see where the different *keys* are used. You should try

#### % bibtex2html some\_file.bib -style layout -force

in some safe directory. You will notice that it will create

• the following subdirectories directory\_authors, directory\_biblio, directory\_categories, directory\_years, and directory\_icons, that are named after their *key* names, and not after these *keys*' values. They contains files that are named automatically (see section 3) but with the .layout extension.

- the file filename\_index.layout in the current directory
- the file filename\_complete\_biblio.layout in the directory\_biblio subdirectory

Similarly, a single output (see section 4.3) can also be generated with the *layout* style.

```
% bibtex2html some_file.bib -style layout -force -output single.layout
```

In these .layout files, the value of all the *keys* needing a string (see section 5.1.1) will be the name of *key* itself between less than and greater than signs. They provide then an easy way to really see where each *key* is written. Of course, it will depends on the values of the integer *keys* that also controls the output, and that won't be changed with respect to your or to the default tuning. Such .layout files were used to produced most of the following descriptions (where some extra spacing has been added for clarity).

Remember that there exists one command line option, -print-keys, that list all the existing *keys*, and several other options, -print-default-context, -print-context, and -print-full-context, that list the keys' values (see section 7.1).

#### 6.1 Files generic layout

The generic layout of the produced files is described by the following

```
<file_tag.start>
```

```
<head_tag.start>
   <file_title_tag.start>
      <*****_file_title>
   <file_title_tag.end>
<head_tag.end>
<body_tag.start>
   <header_of_body>
   <*****_header_of_body>
   <page_title_tag.start>
      <*****_page_title>
   <page_title_tag.end>
   <header_of_contents>
   <*****_header_of_contents>
   this inner part will be described later
   . . .
   <*****_footer_of_contents>
```

```
<footer_of_contents>
      <separator>
      <disclaimer.content_field.start>
      <disclaimer.prefix>
        <disclaimer.content.start>
          <disclaimer_1>
        <disclaimer.content.end>
        <disclaimer.content.start>
          <disclaimer_2>
        <disclaimer.content.end>
      <disclaimer.content_field.end>
      <separator>
      <date_tag.start>
         automatically produced date
      <date_tag.end>
      <author_tag.start>
         <author_name>
      <author_tag.end>
      <separator>
      <credits>
      <*****_footer_of_body>
      <footer_of_body>
   <body_tag.end>
<file_tag.end>
```

E.g., in the default implemented  $\mathit{style},$  the values of <code>file\_tag.start</code> and <code>file\_tag.end</code> are

@string{ file\_tag.start = "<html>\n\n" }
@string{ file\_tag.end = "\n</html>\n" }

# 6.2 Files specific layout

Most of the keys presented above are common for all the generated files. They are denoted as *generic*. However, some of them, the ones containing **\*\*\*\*\*** above and that will qualified as *specific*, depend of the type of generated files. These different types are:

- the bibliographies by authors in the ./Author/ subdirectory (see section 3.1), and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing **\*\*\*\*\*** by author.
- the bibliographies by keywords in the ./Keyword/ subdirectory (see section 3.2), and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing **\*\*\*\*\*** by keyword.
- the bibliographies by categories in the ./Category/ subdirectory (see section 3.3), and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing **\*\*\*\*\*** by category.

- the bibliographies by years in the ./Years/ subdirectory (see section 3.4), and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing **\*\*\*\*\*** by either **reduced\_year** or **complete\_year**.
- the complete bibliography (only the html one) in the ./Year/ subdirectory (see section 3.5), and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing \*\*\*\*\*\* by complete\_biblio.
- the index in the current directory ./ (see section 3.6), and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing **\*\*\*\*\*** by **index**.
- the single output (see section 4.3) and the name of the *keys* are built by replacing **\*\*\*\*\*** by **single\_output**.

Thus the beginning of a bibliography by author, i.e. a file in the ./Author/ subdirectory is described by the following

#### <file\_tag.start>

```
<head_tag.start>
  <file_title_tag.start>
    <author_file_title>
    <file_title_tag.end>
<head_tag.end>
<body_tag.start>
    <header_of_body>
    <author_header_of_body>
    <page_title_tag.start>
        <author_page_title>
        <page_title_tag.end>
    <header_of_contents>
        <author_header_of_contents>
        <author_header_of_conten
```

while the beginning of a bibliography by keyword, i.e. a file in the ./Keyword/ subdirectory, is described as follows

#### <file\_tag.start>

```
<head_tag.start>
   <file_title_tag.start>
        <keyword_file_title>
        <file_title_tag.end>
   <head_tag.end>
   <body_tag.start>
        <header_of_body>
```

# 6.3 More details about the end of files

At the end of the files, will be written, in order (see section 6.2)

- \*\*\*\*\*\_footer\_of\_contents
- footer\_of\_contents
- separator, if there is something else, among the disclaimers, the date, the author, and the credits to be written afterwards. It can be something like

```
@string{ separator = "\n<br><hr size="2" width="100%"><br>\n\n" }
```

• *Disclaimer*. Disclaimer(s) is(are) written if the value of the **\*\*\*\*\***\_write\_disclaimer key is not 0. The layout of disclaimers is as follows

```
<disclaimer.content_field.start>
   <disclaimer.prefix>
   <disclaimer.content.start>
        <disclaimer_1>
   <disclaimer.content.end>
   <disclaimer.content.start>
        <disclaimer_2>
   <disclaimer.content.end>
```

<disclaimer.content\_field.end>

There are two strings of disclaimer: by default, the first one is in english and the second one is in french. If you want to disable the second one, insert

@string{ disclaimer\_2 = "" }

in your customization (or  $BIBT_{FX}$ ) file.

• separator, if applicable, between disclaimers and date or author

- Date. If the value of the **\*\*\*\*\***\_write\_date is not 0. The value of the date is automatically determined.
- Author of the pages. If the value of the **\*\*\*\*\***\_write\_author is not 0. An author's name can be given with the author\_name key, if not it is automatically determined.
- separator, if applicable, between *date* or *author* and *credits*
- *Credits.* If the value of the **\*\*\*\*\***\_write\_credits is not 0. The value of the credits string is given by the credits key.
- \*\*\*\*\*\_footer\_of\_body
- footer\_of\_body

# 6.4 The inner content of files

The inner content of files (excepted the index file) is made of several subparts similar to the following one

```
<page_subtitle_tag.start>
    ... some predefined subtitle ....
<page_subtitle_tag.end>
<list_tag.start>
    <item_tag.start>
    ... bibtex item #1 ....
<item_tag.end>
    <item_tag.start>
    ... bibtex item #2 ....
<item_tag.end>
    ....
<list_tag.end>
```

There is a subtitle, generally predefined strings (e.g. categories) or years, followed by a list containing items.

### 6.5 The inner content of the index file

This content depends on the generated specific files, where the specific part of the keys will be denoted by **\*\*\*\*\*** (see section 6.2).

Obviously, the index\_create\_pages and \*\*\*\*\*\_create\_pages key should not be 0 (see section 4.7),

According that the **\*\*\*\*\***\_build\_index is also not 0, the index of the **\*\*\*\*\*\*** pages will be generated in the index page as a table:

```
<page_subtitle_tag.start>
    predefined sub title
<page_subtitle_tag.end>
```

there are two cells elements, one, **\*\*\*\*\***\_index.cell, for the filled cells, and the other, **\*\*\*\*\***\_index.empty\_cell, for the cells needed to finish rows. If the use\_html\_links\_towards\_urls key is not 0, each cell content is a html link towards the corresponding page.

The number of cells in a row can be controlled by the **\*\*\*\*\***\_**index.cells\_per\_row** key.

#### 6.5.1 Authors and keywords

The above behavior is a little different for the **author** and **keyword** specific files. First of all, rows will contains only names or keywords with the same name's first letter.

An extra first column can be added to the index table to contain these first letters: this is controlled by the **\*\*\*\*\***\_put\_initials\_in\_index key. As above, there are two cell elements to describe the layout of the cells of this extra first column: **\*\*\*\*\***\_index.extra\_cell and **\*\*\*\*\***\_index.empty\_extra\_cell.

Moreover, before the index table, an additional table containing only these first letters can be generated, that allows then a direct access to the names beginning with this letter. This is controlled by the **\*\*\*\*\***\_**build\_initials\_index** key. This table is described by

the number of cells in a row being controlled by the **\*\*\*\*\***\_**initials.cells\_per\_row** key.

The display of the names (for the author) in the index table can also be parametrized with the **\*\*\*\*\*\_arg1\_in\_cell** element for the first name, and the **\*\*\*\*\*\_arg2\_in\_cell** element for the last name.

The display of the keywords in the index table can be parametrized with the **\*\*\*\*\*\_arg1\_in\_cell** element.

### 6.6 BIBT<sub>F</sub>X items layout

The implemented layout follows the one of unsrt.bst, thus the final display (in browsers) of the generated files should look like the output of the IATEX file of section 1. Description of the BIBTEX items together with the associated fields is provided in section A.1.

In the following, we will first present how the standard fields of  $BiBT_EX$  items are displayed, how links towards distant pages are displayed, how keywords (if any) are displayed, and how the remaining (additional) fields are displayed.

#### 6.6.1 Standard fields

- booktitle enclosed between the bib\_booktitle.start and the bib\_booktitle.end keys.
- journal enclosed between the bib\_journal.start and the bib\_booktitle.end keys.
- title enclosed between the bib\_title.start and the bib\_title.end keys.
- names of authors or editors are enclosed between the bib\_firstname.start
   and the bib\_firstname.end for the firstname, and between the bib\_lastname.start
   and the bib\_lastname.end for the lastname.
- series enclosed between the bib\_series.start and the bib\_series.end keys
   (only when both the volume and series fields are filled).

#### 6.6.2 Links towards distant pages

There are 3 fields that are supposed to be links towards distant fields: pdf, postscript, and url. They all will be displayed in the same way. The below explanation is done with url, but it can be replaced either by pdf or postscript.

- 1. If links toward distant pages have to be created, that is controlled by the use\_html\_links\_towards\_urls key (see section 5.3.1)
  - (a) If icons are to used, i.e. the values of both use\_icons and bib\_url.use\_icon keys are not 0 (see section 5.3.2), the link, i.e. the value of the URL field, will be displayed as an icon

```
<a href="link">
<img align=middle src="../<directory_icons>/<bib_url.icon>">
</a>\n
```

(b) else, if a string is provided in the bib\_url.link key to represent the link, then it is display as

```
<bib_url.link_field.start>
<a href="link"><bib_url.link></a>\n
<bib_url.link_field.end>
```

please note that the whole link is enclosed between the bib\_url.link\_field.start and bib\_url.link\_field.end keys

(c) else the link itself is written to specify the link, i.e.

```
<bib_url.link_field.start>
<a href="link">
<bib_url.content_field.start>
link
<bib_url.content_field.end>
</a>\n
<bib_url.link_field.end>
```

please note that the value of the URL field (the link string) is additionally enclosed between the bib\_url.content\_field.start and bib\_url.content\_field.end keys

2. else, if no links toward distant pages have to be created the value of the URL field is displayed by

```
<bib_url.link_field.start>
  <bib_url.prefix>
  <bib_url.content_field.start>
    link
  <bib_url.content_field.end>
<bib_url.link_field.end>
```

#### 6.6.3 Keywords

Keywords are displayed as follows

```
<br/><bib_keywords.prefix><bib_keywords.content_field.start>
keyword #1</bib_keywords.content_field.end><bib_comma>
...
<bib_keywords.content_field.start>
last keyword
<bib_keywords.content_field.end><bib_dot>
```

Moreover, if links to be generated between pages have to be created, that is controlled by the use\_html\_links\_between\_pages key (see section 5.3.1), the indexed keywords (see section 4.2) are links towards their own pages.

#### 6.6.4 Additional fields

Additional fields are the abstract, annote, and comments  $BiBT_EX$  fields, and the  $BiBT_EX$  item key and entry.

They all will be displayed in the same way. The below explanation is done with abstract, but it can be replaced either by annote, comments, key, or entry.

First, it should be remarked that the display of these additional fields will depends on the type of generated files, i.e. a *specific* key, **\*\*\*\*\***\_write\_bibtex\_abstract, (see section 6.2) controls the output. If its values is

**0**: nothing is written

1: if the value of the use\_html\_links\_between\_pages key is not 0, the contents of the field is a link towards the corresponding BIBT<sub>E</sub>X item in the adequate year.complete.html file (see section 3.4). This link is written as follows:

```
<bib_abstract.link_field.start>
<a href="../<directory_years>/year.complete.<filename_extension>#bibtex_key">
<bib_abstract.link>
</a>
<bib_abstract.link_field.end>
```

2: the contents of the field is written in the file as follows

```
<br/><bib_abstract.content_field.start><bib_abstract.prefix><bib_abstract.content.start>
abstract<br/><bib_abstract.content.end><bib_abstract.content_field.end></br>
```

#### 6.6.5 Additional keys

These keys allows to control the look of the generated files

dot is controlled by the bib\_dot

comma is controlled by the bib\_comma

# 6.7 Building your own layout

#### 6.7.1 Adding your own input

There are four places (see the generic layout in section 6.1) where you can put your own input:

• after the beginning of the body and before the page title, with the header\_of\_body

and the **\*\*\*\*\***\_header\_of\_body keys;

- just after the page title, with the header\_of\_contents and the \*\*\*\*\*\*\_header\_of\_contents keys;
- at the end of the content (and before some ad-hoc stuff: disclaimers, date, etc) with the footer\_of\_contents and the \*\*\*\*\*\*\_footer\_of\_contents keys;
- at the very end of the page, with the footer\_of\_body and the \*\*\*\*\*\*\_footer\_of\_body keys;

For each of these four places, there is a common part for all the generated files, and a specific part, prefixed by **\*\*\*\*\***, that depends of the files' type and will be written in all the files of the same type. As above, **\*\*\*\*\*\*** can be either author, or keyword, or category, or reduced\_year, or complete\_year, or complete\_biblio, or index, or single\_output.

#### 6.7.2 Style sheets and similar stuff

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) is a simple mechanism for adding style (e.g. fonts, colors, spacing) to web documents. It is done by attaching styles to pages with the following statement

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="mystyle.css">
```

inserted after </title> and before </head>. At the same place, one may write <meta> elements, or insert <script> elements, etc.

Thus, one may have a large number of lines, e.g.

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="mystyle.css">
<meta name="GENERATOR" content="bibtex2html 2.00">
<meta name="description" content="A bibliography designed for my own use">
<meta name="keywords" lang="en" content="bibtex2html, bibliography">
....
```

to be inserted between </title> and </head>.

One solution for the insertion is to add these line to the head\_tag.end, without forgetting the </head>. The drawback of this solution is that it makes you write a long string for the key's value.

One better solution is to write all these line in one single file and to assign the filename to the key's value. In our example it comes to build a file, say biblio-head-end.html, containing

```
k rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="mystyle.css">
<meta name="GENERATOR" content="bibtex2html 2.00">
<meta name="description" content="A bibliography designed for my own use">
<meta name="keywords" lang="en" content="bibtex2html">
....
```

</head>

and to have

@string{ head\_tag.end = biblio-head-end.html }

in your customization (or BIBT<sub>F</sub>X) file.

# 6.8 Default specific layout

There exists many *specific* files, and then a lot of *specific* customization keys. However, one may want to change all the same keys in all the specific files. This can be achieved by using the **default** key as **\*\*\*\*\***. This only works for the NULL strings.

# 7 Practical information

### 7.1 Command line option

--help display some help

- -check-icons will check the icon files in the local subdirectory ./Icons/. Implies also the option [-icons.
- -complete-equality-of-names | -ceon names are supposed to be the same if both last names are equal, if the initials of the first names are the same, and there are the same number of initials. Eg, J. Bach and J.S. Bach do not represent the same name, but J.S. Bach and J.-S. Bach do.
- -copy-icons will copy the icon files from the distribution installation (according that the preprocessor macro ICONSDIR has been set properly) to a local subdirectory ./Icons/. Implies also the option [-icons.
- -create-directories will create the necessary subdirectories (i.e. ./Author/, ./Biblio/, ./Category/, ./Keyword/, ./Year/, and ./Icons/ if needed) if they do not exist.
- -force the same as -create-directories
- -help the same as --help
- -html-links use html between the generated pages and towards distant files or urls.
- -icons use icons to indicate links toward distant files or urls.
- -no-html-links do not use html between the generated pages and towards distant files or urls.
- -no-icons do not use icons to indicate links toward distant files or urls.

-output the same as -single-output

- -partial-equality-of-names | -peon names are supposed to be the same if both last names are equal and if the initials of the first firstnames are the same. Eg, J. Bach and J.S. Bach represent the same name.
- -print-default-context print the context, i.e. the values of the non-null customization keys after the style have been loaded.
- -print-context print the context, i.e. the values of the non-null customization *keys* after the *style* have been loaded, and after the input files (if any) have been read.
- -print-full-context the same as -print-context but print also the null customization keys.
- -print-keys prints all the existing customization keys
- -single-output %s will generate only one file, containing the whole bibliography. Its name is the argument coming after -single-output. It will be written on *stdout* if the name is "-". See section 4.3.
- -sort %s the same as -sort-criterium
- -sort-criterium %s specify the sort criterium, that will be used to generated single output/file containing the whole bibliography (all the inputs)
  - -sort-criterium type will be sorted with respect to to the categories defined in section 3.3.
  - -sort-criterium year will be sorted with respect to the year of publication.
  - -sort-criterium name will be sorted with respect to the authors' names (in alphabetical order).
- -style %s allow to specify an output style
  - -style bibtex will generated BIBT<sub>F</sub>X files.
  - -style html will generated html files.
  - -style layout will generated layout files: they are generated with the name of the *key* between less than and greater than signs as *key value* for all the *key* needing a string (see section 6).

-use-html-links the same as -html-links

-use-icons the same as -icons

# 7.2 Examples of output

- I use the computational geometry bibliography, geom.bib, for testing. The version I got contains 13824  $BiBT_EX$  items, there are 8016 different names among 27487 authors and 1851 different keywords among 8807 keywords. Due to the size of the generated bundle of files, I can not keep it as an output example. The  $BiBT_EX$  file can retrieved by anonymous ftp from ftp://ftp.cs.usask.ca/pub/geometry/ or use some web search interface
  - http://www.cs.ruu.nl/usr/cgi-bin/bib-search/geom
  - http://www-ma2.upc.es/~geomc/geombib/geombibe.html
  - http://cgm.cs.mcgill.ca/geombib.html
  - http://netlib.bell-labs.com/netlib/search.html
- http://www-sop.inria.fr/epidaure/BIBLIO/ presents the bibliography of our research team.
- http://public.rz.fh-wolfenbuettel.de/~hoeppnef/bib/index.html, maintained by Frank Höppner, contains references, abstracts and BibTex entries of papers about fuzzy clustering, pattern recognition, machine learning, data mining, intelligent data analysis, knowledge discovery in databases, etc.

# 7.3 Other \*T<sub>E</sub>X to HTML translators

Most of them have been found by searching on the web.

- $BIBT_EX$  to html translators
  - http://membres.lycos.fr/sgalland/english/tools/bib2html/, set of script LaTeX and Perl, by Stéphane Galland.
  - http://www.irisa.fr/vista/bib2html/bib2html.html, C++, by Eric Marchand.
  - http://www.cs.cornell.edu/home/wkiri/bib2html/, flex and C, by Kiri Wagstaff.
  - http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~dfk/bib2html.html, by David Kotz.
  - http://www.research.att.com/~mff/strudel/Bib2Html/README.html
  - http://www.lri.fr/~filliatr/bibtex2html/, Objective Caml, by Jean-Christophe Filliatre.
- $\bullet~\ensuremath{\mathbb{I}}\xspace{-1.5}\ensuremath{\mathbb{E}}\xspace{-1.5}\xspac$ 
  - http://pauillac.inria.fr/hevea/, Objective Caml, by Luc Maranget.
  - http://cbl.leeds.ac.uk/nikos/tex2html/doc/latex2html/latex2html.html, LaTeX2HTML

# 7.4 Other useful URLs

- http://www.w3.org/ the world wide web consortium (short, W3C)
- http://www.w3schools.com/ tutorials on HTML, XHTML, CSS, etc.

# A The entries

# A.1 Entry types

Standard entries [1, 2]

- @ARTICLE An article from a journal or magazine. Required fields: author, title, journal, year. Optional fields: volume, number, pages, month, note.
- @BOOK A book with an explicit publisher. Required fields: author or editor, title, publisher, year. Optional fields: volume or number, series, address, edition, month, note.
- @BOOKLET A work that is printed and bound, but without a named publisher or sponsoring institution. Required field: title. Optional fields: author, howpublished, address, month, year, note.
- @CONFERENCE The same as @INPROCEEDINGS, included for Scribe compatibility.
- @INBOOK A part of a book, which may be a chapter (or section or whatever) and/or a range of pages. Required fields: author or editor, title, chapter and/or pages, publisher, year. Optional fields: volume or number, series, type, address, edition, month, note.
- @INCOLLECTION A part of a book having its own title. Required fields: author, title, booktitle, publisher, year. Optional fields: editor, volume or number, series, type, chapter, pages, address, edition, month, note.
- @INPROCEEDINGS An article in a conference proceedings. Required fields: author, title, booktitle, year. Optional fields: editor, volume or number, series, pages, address, month, organization, publisher, note.
- @MANUAL Technical documentation. Required field: title. Optional fields: author, organization, address, edition, month, year, note.
- @MASTERSTHESIS A Master's thesis. Required fields: author, title, school, year. Optional fields: type, address, month, note.

The default type is *Master's thesis*.

- @MISC Use this type when nothing else fits. Required fields: none. Optional fields: author, title, howpublished, month, year, note.
- @PHDTHESIS A PhD thesis. Required fields: author, title, school, year. Optional fields: type, address, month, note.

It is the same as @MASTERSTHESIS, but with the default type set to PhD thesis.

- @PROCEEDINGS The proceedings of a conference. Required fields: title, year. Optional fields: editor, volume or number, series, address, month, organization, publisher, note.
- @TECHREPORT A report published by a school or other institution, usually numbered within a series. Required fields: author, title, institution, year. Optional fields: type, number, address, month, note.

The default type is Technical report.

@UNPUBLISHED A document having an author and title, but not formally published. Required fields: author, title, note. Optional fields: month, year.

In addition to these entries, I add the following

- @AUDIOVISUAL Some audiovisual material. The same as @TECHREPORT, except that the default type is *Video*.
- @FILM Some audiovisual material. The same as @AUDIOVISUAL, included for internal compatibility.

# A.2 Fields

- address Usually the address of the publisher or other type of institution. For major publishing houses, van Leunen [3] recommends omitting the information entirely. For small publishers, on the other hand, you can help the readger by giving the complete address.
- annote An annotation. It is not used by the standard bibliography styles, but may be used by others that produce an annotated bibliography.
- author The name(s) of the author(s), in the format described in the  ${\rm \slashed{IAT}}_{E\!X}$  book.
- booktitle Title of a book, part of which is being cited. See the LATEX book for how to type titles. For book entries, use the title field instead.
- chapter A chapter (or section or whatever) number.
- crossref The database key of the entry being cross referenced. NOT IMPLE-MENTED YET.
- edition The edition of a book (for example, *Second*). This should be an ordinal, and should have the first letter capitalized, as shown here; the standard styles convert to lower case when necessary.
- editor Name(s) of editor(s), typed as indicated in the LATEX book. If there is also an author field, then the editor field gives the editor of the book or collection in which the reference appears.

- howpublished How something strange has been published. The first word should be capitalized.
- institution The sponsoring institution of a technical report.
- journal A journal name. Abbreviations are provided for many journals; see the Local Guide.
- key Used for alphabetizing, cross referencing, and creating a label when the author information is missing. This field should not be confused with the key that appears in the **\cite** command and at the beginning of the database entry. NOT IMPLEMENTED YET.
- month The month in which the work was published or, for an unpublished work, in which it was written. You should use the standard three-letter abbreviation, as described in Appendix B.1.3 of the LATEX book.
- **note** Any additional information that can help the reader. The first word should be capitalized.
- number The number of a journal, magazine, technical report, or of a work in a series. An issue of a journal or magazine is usually identified by its volume and number; the organization that issues a technical report usually gives it a number; and sometimes books are given numbers in a named series.
- organization The organization that sponsors a conference or that publishes a manual.
- pages One or more page numbers or range of numbers, such as 42–111 or 7,41,73–97 or 43+ (the '+' in this last example indicates pages following that don't form a simple range). To make it easier to maintain Scribe-compatible databases, the standard styles convert a single dash (as in 7-33) to the double dash used in T<sub>E</sub>X to denote number ranges (as in 7–33).

publisher The publisher's name.

- school The name of the school where a thesis was written.
- series The name of a series or set of books. When citing an entire book, the the title field gives its title and an optional series field gives the name of a series or multi-volume set in which the book is published.
- title The work's title, typed as explained in the LAT<sub>F</sub>X book.
- type The type of a technical report (for example, *Research Note*).
- volume The volume of a journal or multivolume book.
- year The year of publication or, for an unpublished work, the year it was written. Generally it should consist of four numerals, such as 1984.

 $\rm http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/~jacobsd/bib/formats/bibtex.html provides a description of other field that may exist. The ones that are already recognized are$ 

keyword To specify keywords. Keywords are separated by commas (",") or semicolon (";")

keywords id.

- pdf To specify the way to the pdf file, may be something like FTP://WWW....
- postscript To specify the way to the postscript file, may be something like
  FTP://WWW....
- url To specify some url, may be something like HTTP://WWW....
- abstract The abstract of the article
- comments Some comments ...
- alt... Always ignored.
- opt... Always ignored.
- archive Always ignored
- cites Always ignored
- isbn Always ignored
- issn Always ignored
- location Always ignored
- nickname Always ignored
- precedes Always ignored
- site Always ignored
- succeeds Always ignored
- update Always ignored

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