The biblatex-trad Package

Traditional bibliography styles for biblatex

https://github.com/moewew/biblatex-trad/

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1  Introduction

The package biblatex-trad is a contribution to the great package biblatex.

It provides the implementation of the traditional bibliography styles (plain, unsrt, alpha and abbrv) as a style for biblatex.

1.1  Motivation

The package is motivated by a question at TeX – LaTeX Stack Exchange ‘How to emulate the traditional BibTeX styles (plain, abbrv, unsrt, alpha) as closely as possible with biblatex?’

1.2  Requirements

The use of the styles requires the biblatex package. It is tested with the current version of biblatex (at the time of writing that is v3.16). Care has been taken to retain backwards compatibility with older versions, but please do not expect the styles to work flawlessly with ancient versions of biblatex. Note also that the style may fail silently with older versions, it need not necessarily emit noisy warnings or error messages, the output might just be wrong.

Note that in recent versions of biblatex the BibTeXbackend has been degraded to the status of ‘fallback backend’. Some features of this style will only work properly if you use the default Biber backend.
1.3 License

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1.4 Feedback

Please use the \texttt{biblatex-trad} project page on GitHub to report bugs and submit feature requests.\footnote{https://github.com/moewew/biblatex-trad}

If you do not want to report a bug or request a feature but are simply in need of assistance, you might want to consider posting your question on the \texttt{comp.text.tex} newsgroup or \texttt{\LaTeX – \texttt{\LaTeX}Stack Exchange}.\footnote{http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/tagged/biblatex}

2 Usage

\texttt{biblatex-trad} is not a standalone package. As described in § 1 it is a small collection of styles. So you can load the styles as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage[style=\{style\}]{biblatex}
\end{verbatim}

The available styles are listed below.

- \texttt{trad-plain} Implementation of the standard style \texttt{plain}
- \texttt{trad-unsrt} Implementation of the standard style \texttt{unsrt}
- \texttt{trad-alpha} Implementation of the standard style \texttt{alpha}
- \texttt{trad-abbrv} Implementation of the standard style \texttt{abbrv}

After loading the style you can use all options provided by \texttt{biblatex}. That means also that all fields of the standard bibliography drivers are available, even if they are unknown to the traditional .bst files.

3 Limitations

Up to now the entry types \texttt{@article}, \texttt{@book}, \texttt{@incollection}, \texttt{@inproceedings}, \texttt{@online}, \texttt{@proceedings}, \texttt{@thesis}, \texttt{@report} and \texttt{@unpublished} are set up.

Since the styles are based on \texttt{biblatex} standard styles, the fields retain the meaning they have in \texttt{biblatex} even if that may be at odds with how the traditional .bst files handle those fields.

\footnote{http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt} \footnote{https://github.com/moewew/biblatex-trad} \footnote{http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/tagged/biblatex}
4 Revision History

0.5 2021-03-06
Synced with biblatex v3.16 (2020-12-31)

0.4a 2018-02-17
Fixed alphabetic labels for names with prefix ('von' part) (issue #34 on github)

0.4 2018-02-02
Fixed incorrect bibstring for chapters (issue #32 on github)
Various small modifications

0.3 2016-06-26
Fix issues with new name formats in biblatex versions ≥ 3.3 (issue #25 on github)
Fix problems with the related mechanism (issue #24 on github)
Proper support for @thesis-types (issue #23 on github)
Modify maxalphanames/minalphanames and \labelalphaothers in trad-alpha to mirror alpha more closely (issue #22 on github)
Use labelprefix instead of prefixnumber

0.2 2012-09-29
Fixed missing comma after journal name if journal name has a period
Make titles sentence case
Removed extra \in
Removed extra \printfield
Fixed extra comma if @article doesn’t have a year
Use package libertine-type1 for documentation

0.1 2012-09-09
First upload