

The bibunits Package

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Abstract

The `bibunits` package allows separate bibliographies for different units (parts) of the text. The units can be chapters, sections or `bibunit` environments. The package separates the citations of each unit of text into a local auxiliary file to be processed by `BIBTEX`. The same cited item can occur in more than one bibliography. A global bibliography can also appear in the document and citations can be placed in both at the same time. The package is compatible with `overcite` and `natbib`. It is based on the `bibunits` style by José Alberto Fernández.

1 Usage Notes

<code>\bibliographyunit</code>	Use <code>\bibliographyunit[⟨unit⟩]</code> , where <code>⟨unit⟩</code> can be <code>\chapter</code> or <code>\section</code> to specify for which document unit references must be generated, namely for every chapter or for every section. Use <code>\bibliographyunit</code> with no arguments to deactivate bibliographyunits. By default <code>\bibliographyunit</code> is deactivated.
<code>\bibliography</code> <code>\bibliographystyle</code>	You can create a global bibliography as usual with the commands <code>\bibliography[⟨BibTeX files⟩]</code> and <code>\bibliographystyle[⟨style⟩]</code> . If <code>\bibliographyunit</code> is active, these commands also specify the <code>BIBTEX</code> files and style to be used by default in the local units.
<code>\bibliography*</code> <code>\bibliographystyle*</code>	When <code>\bibliographyunit</code> is active, you can use starred forms <code>\bibliography*{⟨BibTeX files⟩}</code> and <code>\bibliographystyle*{⟨style⟩}</code> to specify the defaults for the local units only. These commands do not generate any information for the global bibliography.
<code>bibunit</code>	The environment <code>\begin{bibunit}[⟨style⟩]</code> allows the creation of a unit while <code>\bibliographyunit</code> is not active. The optional parameter <code>⟨style⟩</code> specifies a style for the bibliography different from the default, if any. Warning: The use of this environment while <code>\bibliographyunit</code> is active can produce strange results. Note that default style and <code>BIBTEX</code> files only exist if specified while <code>\bibliographyunit</code> is active.
<code>\cite*</code> <code>\nocite*</code>	Use <code>\cite</code> and <code>\nocite</code> to generate citations that appear in the local bibliography. Use <code>\cite*</code> and <code>\nocite*</code> inside a unit to generate citations for both the local and global bibliography.
<code>\putbib</code>	You must insert the command <code>\putbib[⟨BibTeX files⟩]</code> before the end of each unit at the location where you want the bibliography to be inserted. If the optional argument is omitted, <code>\putbib</code> uses the default <code>BIBTEX</code> files, if any.

1.1 BIB_TE_X processing

For each bibunit, in sequence, there is now a corresponding file `bu⟨i⟩.aux` that needs to be compiled through BIB_TE_X. Suppose your document has $\langle n \rangle$ different bibunits, you must now invoke BIB_TE_X on `bu1`, \dots , `bu⟨n⟩`. This can be done by a `csh`-script.

```
#!/bin/csh
foreach auxfile (bu*.aux)
  echo bibtex 'basename $auxfile .aux'
  bibtex 'basename $auxfile .aux'
end
```

If by some strange coincidence you have named some of your files `bu⟨i⟩.aux`, you have to redefine the internal command `\@bibunitname`, otherwise your files will be overwritten. To get for your document `foo.tex` filenames `foo.⟨i⟩.aux` as for the first version of bibunits, you can redefine the internal macro `\@bibunitname`.

```
\makeatletter
\renewcommand{\@bibunitname}{\jobname.\the\@bibunitauxcnt}
\makeatother
```

If you also want a global bibliography for your document `foo.tex`, the file `foo.aux` needs to be compiled through BIB_TE_X as well.

1.2 Limitations

- Package `natbib` permanently issues a warning ‘Citation(s) may have changed. Rerun to get citations correct.’, when the position of a reference in the global bibliography is different from its position in the last local bibliography. This warning can be ignored.
- When package `natbib` is loaded, `\cite*` has the meaning as defined by `natbib`, namely to force full citation of multiple authors. To get the behavior as defined by `bibunits` (without `natbib`), use an accompanying `\nocite` outside of a bibunit.

2 Examples

2.1 Bibunits by the `bibunit` environment

In the first example, two bibliographies are generated, the first using the BIB_TE_X file `texlit.bib` and the style `plain`, the second using the BIB_TE_X file `lit.bib` and the style `abbrv`.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{bibunits}

\begin{document}
\begin{bibunit}[plain]
  some text \cite{lampport:1994} more text more citations
\end{bibunit}
\end{document}
```

```

    \putbib[txlit]
\end{bibunit}
some text between the units
\begin{bibunit}[abbrv]
    some text \cite{gnu:1998} more text more citations
    \putbib[lit]
\end{bibunit}
\end{document}

```

If all bibunits use the same BIB_TE_X files and style, you can specify defaults and omit the optional arguments of the `bibunit` environment and the `\putbib` macro. In the second example, a default BIB_TE_X file `txlit.bib` and a default style `abbrv` is defined. Note that you have to activate bibliographyunits with the command `\bibliographyunit[\section]` (`\chapter` would also work) before you can specify the defaults, and afterwards you have to deactivate bibliographyunits with the command `\bibliographyunit` before you can use the `bibunit` environment.

: same as in the previous example

```

\begin{document}
\bibliographyunit[\section]
\bibliography*{txlit}
\bibliographystyle*{plain}
\bibliographyunit

\begin{bibunit}
    some text \cite{lamport:1994} more text more citations
    \putbib
\end{bibunit}
some text between the units
\begin{bibunit}
    some text \cite{knuth:1991} more text more citations
    \putbib
\end{bibunit}
\end{document}

```

If you use the class `article`, the heading of the bibliography has the same size as a section, which might be too large, especially if you have bibunits *within* sections or even subsections. In this case you may want to change the bibliography heading to have the same appearance as a subsection.

```

\let\stdthebibliography\thebibliography
\renewcommand{\thebibliography}{%
    \let\section\subsection
    \stdthebibliography}

```

Note that other classes may use other formatting instead of section for the bibliography heading. In this case the definition has to be changed accordingly, e.g., for the book class, where bibliography headings appear at the chapter level, let `\chapter` to `\subsection`.

```

\let\stdthebibliography\thebibliography
\renewcommand{\thebibliography}{%
  \let\chapter\subsection
  \stdthebibliography}

```

2.2 Bibunits by chapters or sections

You can also define bibliographies for every chapter or section. In this case, the redefinition of `\thebibliography` is essential for the proper behavior of the `bibunits` package. The reason is quite simple: if you create bibliographies for every section, and `\thebibliography` also appears at the section level, a new unit is opened by `\thebibliography`, and the information of the previous unit is no longer available. (More technically: The auxiliary file of the previous unit is closed, and the replacement text for the citation which is generated inside `\thebibliography` cannot be written to this file. Instead, it is written to the global `.aux` file.)

The next example corresponds to the first example of the previous section with different `BIBTEX` files and styles. Note that you have to specify the `\bibliographystyle*` *before* the corresponding section.

```

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{bibunits}

\let\stdthebibliography\thebibliography
\renewcommand{\thebibliography}{%
  \let\section\subsection
  \stdthebibliography}

\begin{document}
\bibliographyunit[\section]
\bibliographystyle*{plain}

\section{First section}
  some text \cite{lamport:1994} more text more citations
  \putbib[teXlit]
  some text between the units
  \bibliographystyle*{abbrv}
\section{Second and last section}
  some text \cite{gnu:1998} more text more citations
  \putbib[lit]
\end{document}

```

You can also use the same `BIBTEX` file and style for all units.

: same as in the previous example

```

\begin{document}
\bibliographyunit[\section]
\bibliography*{teXlit}
\bibliographystyle*{plain}

\section{First section}

```

```

    some text \cite{lampport:1994} more text more citations
  \putbib
some text between the units
\section{Second and last section}
  some text \cite{knuth:1991} more text more citations
  \putbib
\end{document}

```

In all four examples, one can specify a global bibliography and its style with the usual \LaTeX commands. Citations for the global bibliography are entered using \cite and \nocite commands while outside a unit or using \cite* and \nocite* while inside a unit. The starred forms generate citations also for the local unit. Thus it is not possible to generate citations *only* for the global bibliography while inside a unit (which seems to be a reasonable restriction). Note that if \bibliographyunit is active, *and* you use a global bibliography, *and* you use the same $\text{BIB}\text{\TeX}$ file and style for all (local as well as global) bibliographies, *then* the \bibliography* and $\text{\bibliographystyle*}$ commands are not necessary. In this case proper defaults for the local bibliographies are specified by the commands \bibliography and $\text{\bibliographystyle}$, too. Note that a second run of \LaTeX is necessary before $\text{BIB}\text{\TeX}$ processing, in case that the global bibliography has its usual place at the end of the document.

3 Changes

Changes from v2.0 to v2.1

- overcite compatibility.
- natbib compatibility.
- Local version of \cite declared robust.

Consequently, \cite can be used, e.g., inside \caption of a \figure environment, and spaces can be used in the argument of a \cite command (to separate multiple citations).

Changes from v1.0 to v2.0

- The same referenced item can be used in more than one bibliography.
- The package can be used on systems where filenames of three items are not allowed.

Instead of creating files $\text{\jobname}.\langle i \rangle.\text{aux}$, the files are named $\text{bu}\langle i \rangle.\text{aux}$. A filename of three items causes problems on non-UNIX-systems like MS-DOS, CMS or VMS, as reported, e.g., in the \LaTeX Companion.

- Auxiliary files are created only for bibunits which contain cite commands.

Imagine, you want to specify bibliographies for sections using $\text{\bibliographyunit}[\text{\section}]$, but only a small number of, say, ten sections of your total of 100 sections have cite commands. Formerly, 100 auxiliary files have been created by bibunits , now only ten. This is faster and makes both manual and automatic processing by $\text{BIB}\text{\TeX}$ easier.

- The default styles and files are defined globally, so that the information is already present at the first run of \LaTeX .

Formerly, default styles and files have been written *only* to the global auxiliary file, so that a second run of \LaTeX was necessary before \BibTeX processing.

- Extra spaces are no longer introduced.
- Upgrade to $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$.

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