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1.1 Getting Started

1.1.1 Overview

sphinxcontrib-bibtex is a Sphinx extension for BibTeX style citations.

It allows BibTeX citations to be inserted into documentation generated by Sphinx, via a `bibliography` directive, and a `cite` role, which work similarly to LaTeX's `\bibliography` and `\cite` commands.

Inspired by `bibstuff.sphinxext.bibref` by Matthew Brett.

- Download: <http://pypi.python.org/pypi/sphinxcontrib-bibtex/#downloads>
- Documentation: <http://sphinxcontrib-bibtex.readthedocs.org/>
- Development: <http://github.com/mcmtroffaes/sphinxcontrib-bibtex/>

1.1.2 Installation

Install the module with `pip install sphinxcontrib-bibtex`, or from source using `python setup.py install`. Then add:

```
extensions = ['sphinxcontrib.bibtex']
```

to your project's Sphinx configuration file `conf.py`.

1.1.3 Minimal Example

In your project's documentation, you can then write for instance:

```
See :cite:'1987:nelson' for an introduction to non-standard analysis.
```

```
.. bibliography:: refs.bib
```

where `refs.bib` would contain an entry:

```
@Book{1987:nelson,  
  author = {Edward Nelson},  
  title = {Radically Elementary Probability Theory},  
  publisher = {Princeton University Press},  
  year = {1977},
```

```
series = {Annals of Mathematical Studies}
}
```

1.2 Usage

:cite:

Create a citation to a bibliographic entry. For example:

```
See :cite:`1987:nelson` for an introduction to non-standard analysis.
```

which would be equivalent to the following LaTeX code:

```
See \cite{1987:nelson} for an introduction to non-standard analysis.
```

.. bibliography:: refs.bib [...]

Create bibliography for all cited references. The `all` flag forces all references to be included (equivalent to `\nocite{*}` in LaTeX). The `notcited` flag causes all references that were not cited to be included. The `cited` flag is recognized as well but is entirely optional. For example:

```
.. rubric:: References

.. bibliography:: refs.bib
   :cited:

.. rubric:: Further reading

.. bibliography:: refs.bib
   :notcited:
```

Warning: Sphinx will attempt to resolve references to the bibliography across all documents, so you must take care that no citation key is included more than once.

You can also pick a bibliography style, using the `style` option. This is not yet quite as useful, as only `unsrt` is supported, which is also the default.

```
.. bibliography:: refs.bib
   :style: unsrt
```

All citations have numbered labels, as in the `plain` LaTeX bibliography style, regardless of the style chosen. This limitation might be lifted in a future version.

You can also set the encoding of the bibliography files, using the `encoding` option.

```
.. bibliography:: refs.bib
   :encoding: latin
```

1.3 Extension API

1.3.1 Sphinx Interface

`sphinxcontrib.bibtex.setup(app)`

Set up the bibtex extension:

- register directives

- register nodes
- register roles
- register transforms
- connect events to functions

Parameters `app` (`sphinx.application.Sphinx`) – The sphinx application.

`sphinxcontrib.bibtex.init_bibtex_cache` (`app`)

Create `app.env.bibtex_cache` if it does not exist yet. Reset citation label dictionary.

Parameters `app` (`sphinx.application.Sphinx`) – The sphinx application.

`sphinxcontrib.bibtex.purge_bibtex_cache` (`app`, `env`, `docname`)

Remove all information related to `docname` from the cache.

Parameters

- `app` (`sphinx.application.Sphinx`) – The sphinx application.
- `env` (`sphinx.environment.BuildEnvironment`) – The sphinx build environment.

`sphinxcontrib.bibtex.process_citations` (`app`, `doctree`, `docname`)

Replace labels of citation nodes by numbers.

Parameters

- `app` (`sphinx.application.Sphinx`) – The sphinx application.
- `doctree` (`docutils.nodes.document`) – The document tree.
- `docname` (`str`) – The document name.

`sphinxcontrib.bibtex.process_citation_references` (`app`, `doctree`, `docname`)

Replace text of citation reference nodes by numbers.

Parameters

- `app` (`sphinx.application.Sphinx`) – The sphinx application.
- `doctree` (`docutils.nodes.document`) – The document tree.
- `docname` (`str`) – The document name.

1.3.2 New Doctree Roles

```
class sphinxcontrib.bibtex.roles.CiteRole (fix_parens=False,          lowercase=False,
                                           nodeclass=None,          innernodeclass=None,
                                           warn_dangling=False)
```

Bases: `sphinx.roles.XRefRole`

Class for processing the `cite` role.

result_nodes (`document`, `env`, `node`, `is_ref`)

Transform reference node into a citation reference, and note that the reference was cited.

1.3.3 New Doctree Nodes

```
class sphinxcontrib.bibtex.nodes.bibliography (rawsource=' ', *children, **attributes)
Node for representing a bibliography. Replaced by a list of citations by BibliographyTransform.
```

1.3.4 New Doctree Directives

class sphinxcontrib.bibtex.directives.**BibliographyDirective** (*name*, *arguments*,
options, *content*,
lineno, *content_offset*,
block_text, *state*,
state_machine)

Class for processing the `bibliography` directive.

Parses the bibliography files, and produces a `bibliography` node.

See Also:

Further processing of the resulting `bibliography` node is done by `BibliographyTransform`.

run ()

Process .bib files, set file dependencies, and create a nodes for all entries of the bibliography.

process_bibfile (*bibfile*, *encoding*)

Check if `env.bibtex_cache.bibfiles[bibfile]` is still up to date. If not, parse the *bibfile* (see `update_bibfile_cache()`), and store parsed data in the bibtex cache.

Parameters *bibfile* (`str`) – The bib file name.

Returns The parsed bibliography data.

Return type `pybtex.database.BibliographyData`

update_bibfile_cache (*bibfile*, *mtime*, *encoding*)

Parse *bibfile* (see `parse_bibfile()`), and store the parsed data, along with modification time *mtime*, in the bibtex cache.

Parameters

- *bibfile* (`str`) – The bib file name.
- *mtime* (`float`) – The bib file’s modification time.

Returns The parsed bibliography data.

Return type `pybtex.database.BibliographyData`

parse_bibfile (*bibfile*, *encoding*)

Parse *bibfile*, and return parsed data.

Parameters *bibfile* (`str`) – The bib file name.

Returns The parsed bibliography data.

Return type `pybtex.database.BibliographyData`

1.3.5 New Doctree Transforms

class sphinxcontrib.bibtex.transforms.**BibliographyTransform** (*document*, *startn-*
ode=None)

default_priority = 10

Priority of the transform. See <http://docutils.sourceforge.net/docs/ref/transforms.html>

apply ()

Transform each `bibliography` node into a list of citations.

1.3.6 Cached Information

Classes and methods to maintain any information that is stored outside the doctree.

class `sphinxcontrib.bibtex.cache.Cache`

Global bibtex extension information cache. Stored in `app.env.bibtex_cache`, so must be picklable.

bibfiles

A `dict` mapping `.bib` file names (relative to the top source folder) to `BibfileCache` instances.

bibliographies

Each bibliography directive is assigned an id of the form `bibtex-bibliography-xxx`. This `dict` maps each such id to information about the bibliography directive, `BibliographyCache`. We need to store this extra information separately because it cannot be stored in the `bibliography` nodes themselves.

purge (*docname*)

Remove all information related to *docname*.

Parameters `docname` (`str`) – The document name.

class `sphinxcontrib.bibtex.cache.BibfileCache` (*mtime=None, data=None*)

Contains information about a parsed `.bib` file.

mtime

A `float` representing the modification time of the `.bib` file when it was last parsed.

data

A `pybtex.database.BibliographyData` containing the parsed `.bib` file.

class `sphinxcontrib.bibtex.cache.BibliographyCache` (*docname=None, bibfiles=None, cite='cited', style=None, encoding=None, curly_bracket_strip=True*)

Contains information about a bibliography directive.

docname

A `str` containing the name of the document in which the directive occurs. We need this information during the Sphinx event `env-purge-doc`.

bibfiles

A list of `strs` containing the `.bib` file names (relative to the top source folder) that contain the references.

cite

A `str`. Should be one of:

"**cited**" Only generate cited references.

"**notcited**" Only generated non-cited references.

"**all**" Generate all references from the `.bib` files.

style

The bibtex style.

1.4 License

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