

JabRef

CS304 SE Project Final Presentation

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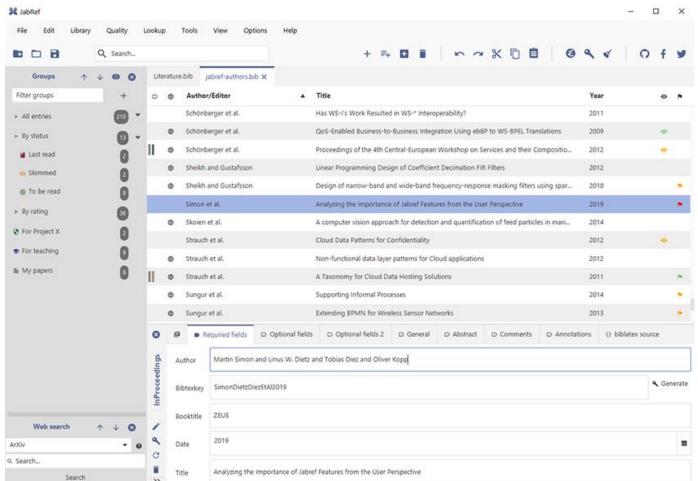
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Introduction to JabRef

- An open-source, cross-platform citation and reference management tool
 - helps collect and organize sources
 - find papers needed and discover the latest research
- Features
 - free of charge
 - actively developed



Introduction to JabRef

Collect

- search across many online scientific catalogues
- import options for over 15 reference formats
- extract metadata from PDFs

Organize

- hierarchical collections, keywords/tags
- advanced search and filter features
- keep track of what has been read

Cite

- native BibTeX and Biblatex support
- many thousand built-in citation styles
- support for Word and LibreOffice/OpenOffice

Share

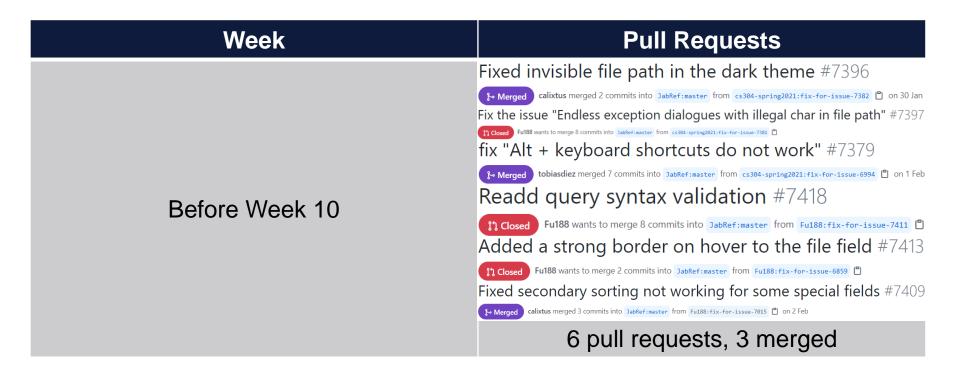
- export format
- share with others via Dropbox
- sync the contents of a library via a SQL database

Timeline of the Project - Plan

Week	To Do
Week 1~11	Fix 7 issues and write JavaDoc and test cases for them. Try to use different tools taught in labs to test the project. Write a progress report and give the midterm presentation.
Week 12	Fix two issues and write JavaDoc and test cases for them.
Week 13	Fix two issues and write JavaDoc and test cases for them.
Week 14	Fix two issues, write JavaDoc and test cases for them, write final report and make final slices to prepare for the final presentation.

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Week	Pull Requests
Week 10	Fixes #7016 toggle of special fields does not work for sorted entries #7656 1- Merged Siedlerchr merged 2 commits into JabRef:main from JavuesZhang:fix-for-issue-7816 2 24 days ago Fix#7195 partly Opacity of disabled icon-buttons #7655 1- Merged Siedlerchr merged 2 commits into JabRef:main from JavuesZhang:main 2 28 days ago Fixes Jabref#7660 Unable to download some arXiv links if the "eprint" field is missing #7663 1- Merged Siedlerchr merged 1 commit into JabRef:main from JavuesZhang:fix-for-issue-7660 2 27 days ago Fix SSLHandshake Exception by using bypass #7657 1- Merged Siedlerchr merged 6 commits into JabRef:main from Ryyyc:fix-for-issue-7616 2 28 days ago
	4 pull requests, 4 merged Fixes Jabref#7305: the RFC fetcher is not compatible with the draftFix for issue 7305 #7674 1- Merged koppor merged 4 commits into JabRef: main from Ryyye: ffix-for-issue-7305 17 days ago
Week 11	1 pull request, 1 merged

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Week	Pull Requests
Week 12	Fix for issue 6877: Allow users to customize the API Key #7720 17 Open Rypyc wants to merge 19 commits into JabRef:main from Rypyc:fix-for-issue-6877 Select the entry which has smaller dictonary order when merge #7708 1- Merged koppor merged 6 commits into JabRef:main from SuxiChangZhen:fix-for-issue-7395 10 days ago 2 pull requests, 1 merged
Week 13	Fix for issue 5804: Rewrite ACM fetcher #7733 Note Merged Support merged 15 commits into JabRef:main from Ryyyc:fix-for-issue-5804 One A hours ago Support fall back fields in citation key generation #7734 Open SuXiChangZhen wants to merge 12 commits into JabRef:main from SuXiChangZhen:fix-for-issue-7111 Open Property A hours ago 2 pull requests, 1 merged merged
Week 14	Add referenced entry's observers to update the crossref entry's preview table #7754 11 Open SuxiChangZhen wants to merge 2 commits into JubRef:main from SuxiChangZhen:fix-for-issue-7730 1 pull request

Important Issues 1 (#7015)

Issue #7015:

- In the entry table, entries can be sorted by clicking on the column title (primary sorting). By holding the SHIFT key, a second sorting criteria can be used.
- ◆ It works with a primary sorting and a secondary sorting on fields like "Year", "Title", "Author", etc.
- But if the primary sorting is done on the special field "Relevancy", "Quality" or "Print status", the marked entries are not sorted based on the second sorting criteria. Only the entries that are not marked are sorted.

Pull Request #7409:

- Since compartors are not set for the special field is "Relevancy" or "Quality" or "Print status", it
 would not work for secondary sorting.
- To deal with it, just add a file called "ToggleFieldComparator" to assist these three toggle special field as their comparators. And it works now.
- Tests created for changes.
- Manually tested changed features in running JabRef.

Important Issues 1 (#7015)

- Example: Set "Relevancy" as the first criteria and "Year" as the second.
 - Ascending order:



Important Issues 1 (#7015)

- Example: Set "Relevancy" as the first criteria and "Year" as the second.
 - Descending order:

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Important Issues 2 (#7111)

Issue #7111:

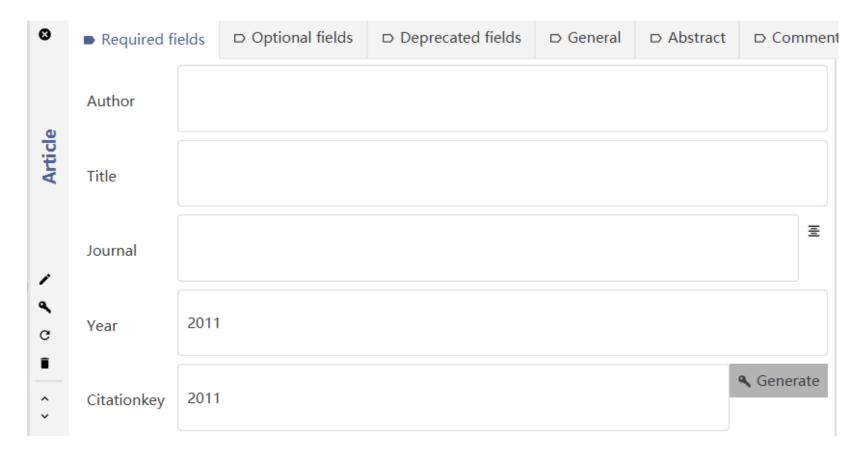
- ◆ To generate citation key, user can customize the pattern. For example, [author:(noa)]. The citation key will be the author's name if exists, otherwise it will be "noa".
- ◆ If user wants to set *author* as citation key, when *author* does not exist, then use *year*, there was no pattern support it. User can solve it by using complicated regular expression.
- Now it support this feature, the pattern should be: [author:([year])]

Pull Request #7734:

- It turns out the jabref cannot parse nested brackets, so first modify the code to support parsing nested bracket
- the content inside parentheses was regarded as a constant string. Now it should be parsed again.
- Different test cases are designed(unbalanced brackets, two fallback fields...)

Important Issues 2 (#7111)

The pattern is [author:([YEAR])], when the field [Author] is Null, use field [Year] as citation key



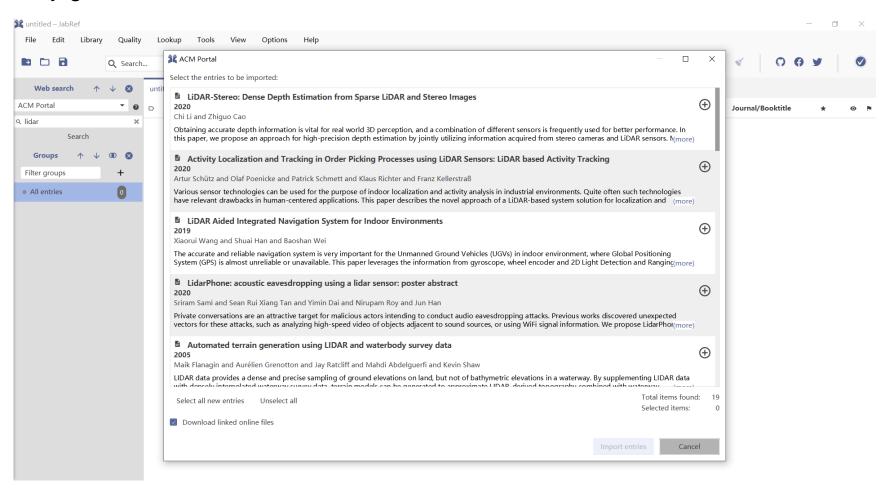
Important Issues 3 (#5804)

- Issue #5804:
 - Fetcher is a tool that JabRef obtains and parses entries from the Internet.
 - ACM fetcher is disabled because its API interface is outdated on 2 Jan 2020.

- Pull Request #7409:
 - Rewrite ACM fetcher.
 - Solution is to get the DOI from the HTML results of the search page, then use the export interface to get the JSON format data, and finally parse them.
 - Add sufficient test cases.

Important Issues 3 (#5804)

Successfully get data from AMC Fetcher:



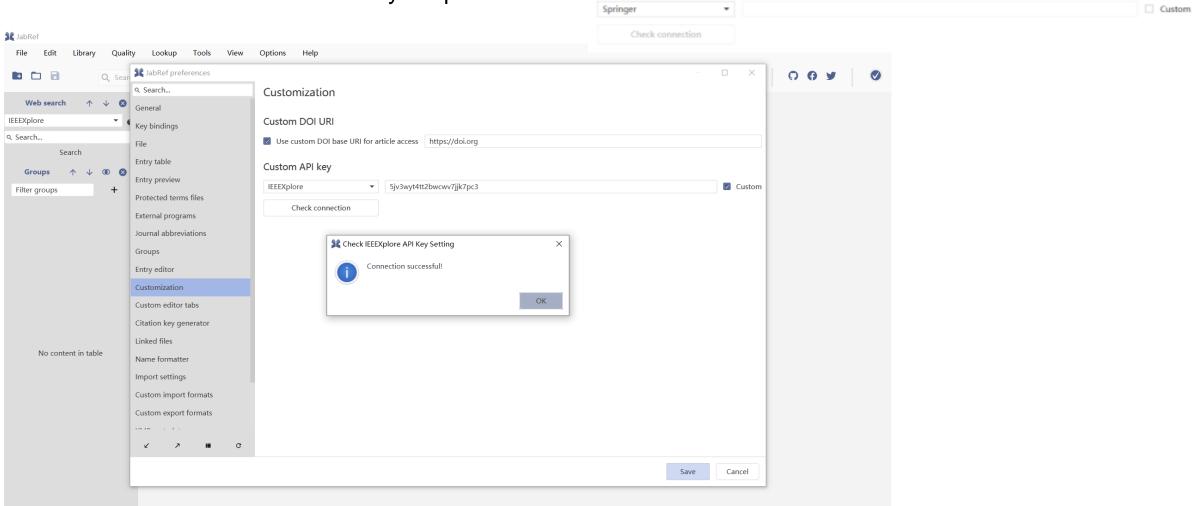
Important Issues 4 (#6877)

- Issue #6877:
 - Related to issue 6376, 6395.
 - Some API rate-limiting JabRef's API key, such as Springer, IEEE.
 - Suggest adding a dialog box that lets advanced users enter their own API keys, to work around the app-limits.

- Pull Request #7720:
 - Add feature: allows the user to customize the API Key in the customization tab of the preferences and check this key.

Important Issues 4 (#6877)

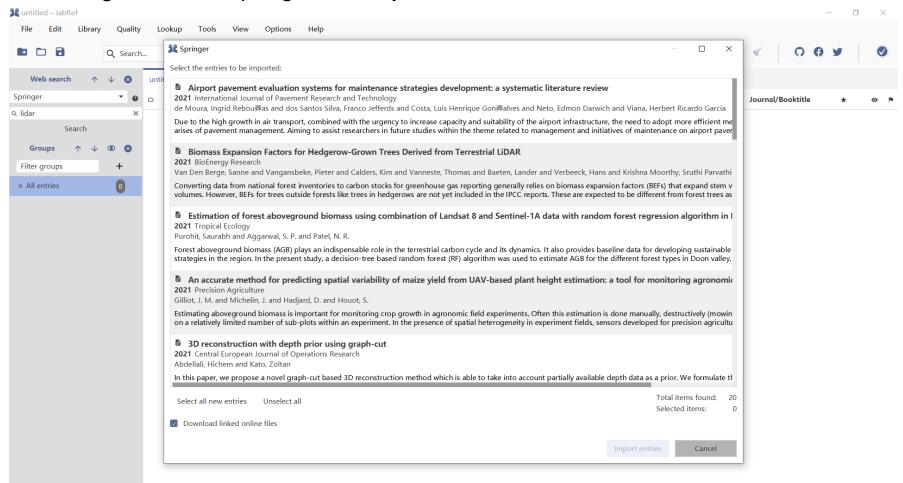
Allows users to customize API Keys in preferences:



Custom API key

Important Issues 4 (#6877)

Search using a custom Springer API key:



Testing

Techniques: Only manual testing. For some issues related to UI, there are no test cases.

issue # of test cases

#7395: 3 test cases

#7111: 8 test cases (ParameterizedTest)

#7305: 2 test cases

#6877: No additional test cases, only modify the existed test cases (6)

#5804: 8 test cases

#7730: No test cases because it related to the UI.

Testing

screenshots of some test cases(All the test cases are proved passed by jabref's github Action)

```
388 +
389 +
           @ParameterizedTest
390 +
           @MethodSource("provideArgumentsForFallback")
391 +
           void expandBracketsWithFallback(String expandResult, String pattern) {
392 +
               BibEntry bibEntry = new BibEntry()
393 +
                       .withField(StandardField.YEAR, "2021").withField(StandardField.EPRINT, "2105.02891");
394 +
               BracketedPattern bracketedPattern = new BracketedPattern(pattern);
395 +
396 +
               assertEquals(expandResult, bracketedPattern.expand(bibEntry));
397 +
398 +
399 +
           private static Stream<Arguments> provideArgumentsForFallback() {
400 +
               return Stream.of(
401 +
                       Arguments.of("auth", "[title:(auth)]"),
402 +
                       Arguments.of("auth2021", "[title:(auth[YEAR])]"),
403 +
                       Arguments.of("not2021", "[title:(not[YEAR])]"),
404 +
                       Arguments.of("", "[title:([YEAR)]"),
405 +
                       Arguments.of(")]", "[title:(YEAR])]"),
406 +
                       Arguments.of("2105.02891", "[title:([EPRINT:([YEAR])])]"),
407 +
                       Arguments.of("2021", "[title:([auth:([YEAR])])]")
408 +
               );
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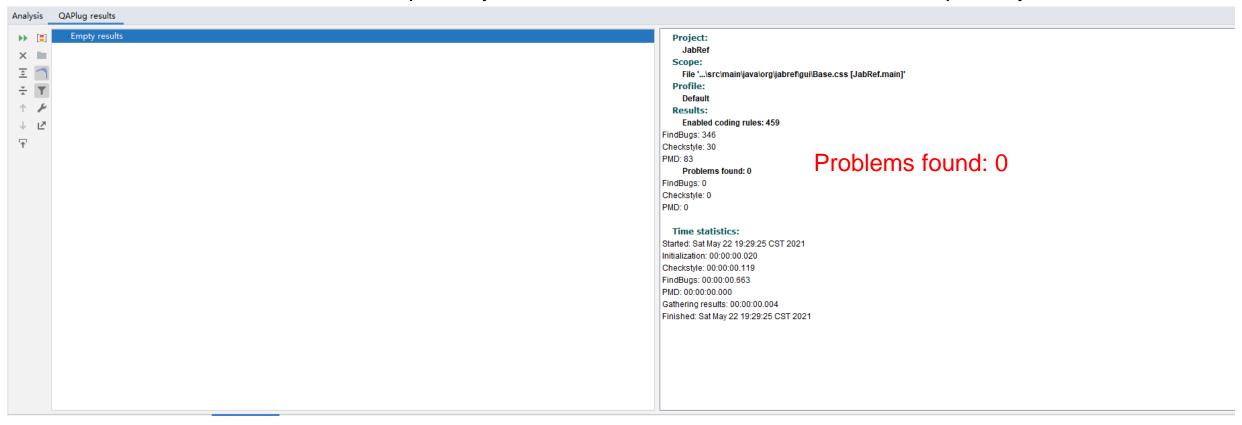
Testing

```
@Test
public void performSearchByIdFindsEntryWithDraftIdentifier() throws Exception {
    BibEntry bibDraftEntry = new BibEntry();
    bibDraftEntry.setType(StandardEntryType.TechReport);
    bibDraftEntry.setField(InternalField.KEY FIELD, "fielding-http-spec-01");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.AUTHOR, "Henrik Nielsen and Roy T. Fielding and Tim Berners-Lee");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.DAY, "20");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.INSTITUTION, "Internet Engineering Task Force");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.MONTH, "#dec#");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.NOTE, "Work in Progress");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.NUMBER, "draft-fielding-http-spec-01");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.PAGETOTAL, "41");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.PUBLISHER, "Internet Engineering Task Force");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.TITLE, "{Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.0}");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.TYPE, "Internet-Draft");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.URL, "https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/draft-fielding-http-spec-01");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.YEAR, "1994");
    bibDraftEntry.setField(StandardField.ABSTRACT, "The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is an application-level protocol with the lightness and speed necessary for
    bibDraftEntry.setCommentsBeforeEntry("%% You should probably cite draft-ietf-http-v10-spec instead of this I-D.");
    assertEquals(Optional.of(bibDraftEntry), fetcher.performSearchById("draft-fielding-http-spec"));
```

```
+  @Test
+  public void performSearchByIdFindsNothingWithValidDraftIdentifier() throws Exception {
+    assertEquals(Optional.empty(), fetcher.performSearchById("draft-test-draft-spec"));
+  }
+
```

Static Analysis Tools

There are some unknown problems when running the analysis on the whole project. So total 49 modified files are tested separately. All the screenshots can be found in the repository.

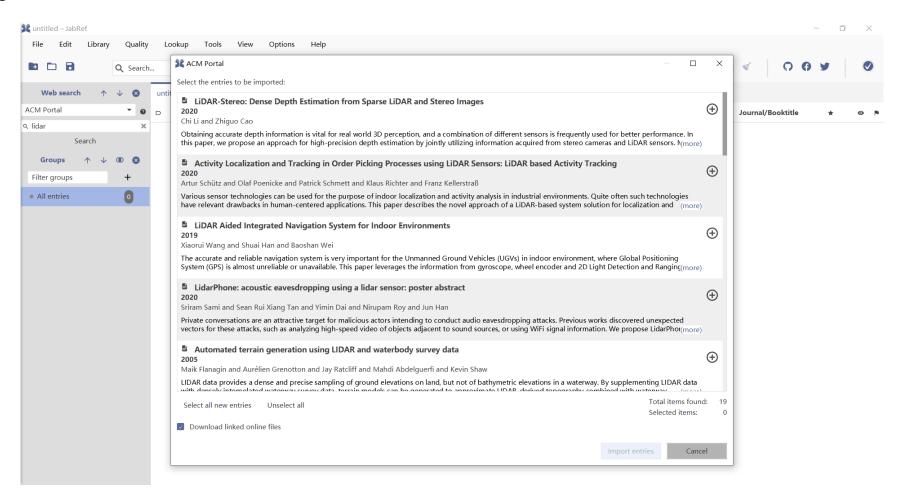


One of the screenshot

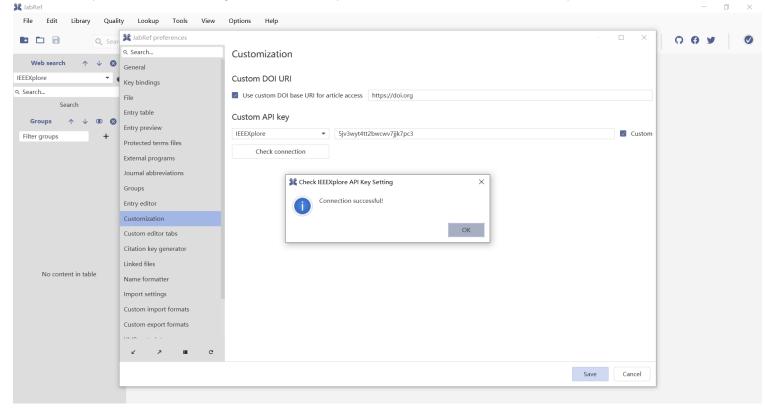
- Relevency is an important feature which need to be viewed as a significant sorting criteron.
 However, in the previous version of JabRef, the feature can disorder the second sorting criteron.
- At present, JabRef can deal with the relevancy correctly.

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- Support ACM Fetcher: ACM is an important journal, but was disabled in Jabref since its API interface was outdated.
- Right now, Jabref can search the result in ACM.

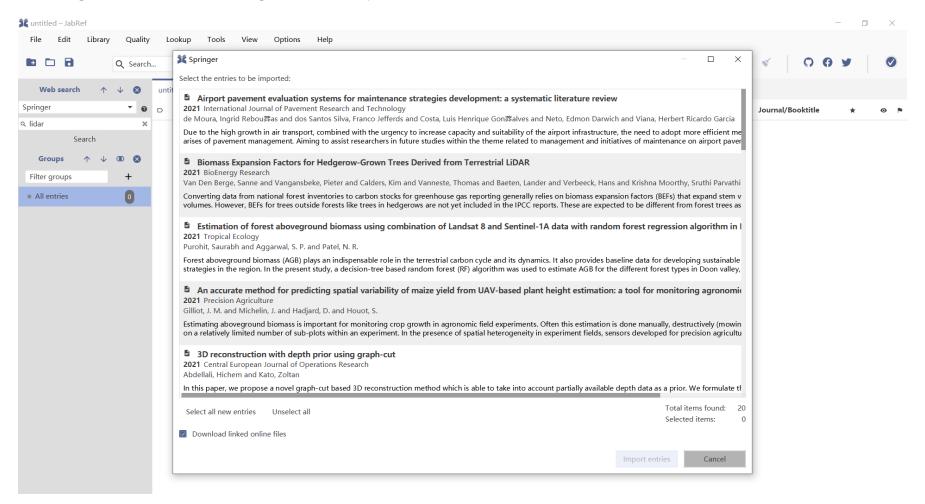


- Currently, there is no effective way to solve the limit query numbers of jabref's API key.
- If users have their own API keys, it is appropriate for them to use their own keys when the jabref's keys have reached query limit.



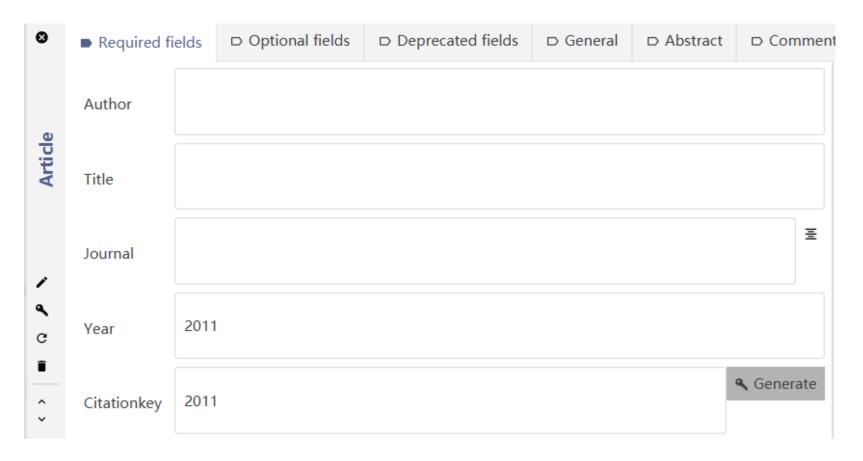
Allows users to customize API Keys in preferences

Search using a custom Springer API key:



- Citation key is used for reference in latex. Jabref supports users to define their own generation pattern.
- If user wants to use [EPRINT] as citation key, when the entry does not have this field, then uses [YEAR] to replace it. Before, the workaround is to use regular expression, but the syntax is complicated for most users.
- Right now, users can use the generation pattern: [EPINRT:([YEAR])], which is simple and consistent to the previous logic of generation pattern.
- The user can customize more patterns.

The pattern is [author:([YEAR])], when the field [Author] is Null, use field [Year] as citation key



Conclusion

- Fix issues for Jabref.
- Total #PR: 16, 10 of them have been merged. Achieved the goal 15 set in the beginning of the semester.
- Communicate with developers in time and learn a lot from this project

Future Work

Q: What lessons did you learn from your project?

A:

- 1. How to read source code of a large project;
- 2. How to locate a bug;
- 3. How to write appropriate test cases;
- 4. Use analyze tools(like Checkstyle) to guarantee code quality;
- 5. Communication with developers.

Q: What was difficult?

A:

- 1. Sometimes the problem is caused by the package used in the project, not the project itself.
- 2. The logic is complicated and it is hard to decide where the code should be added or modified
- 3. Not familiar with some techniques(Javafx...)
- 4. A lot of things(usability, generalization, consistency...) should be considered when design new functions

Future Work

Q: What do you wish you could have done (or done differently)?

A:

- 1. More teamwork and more specific division of labor may improve the efficiency
- 2. Refactor the outdated codes although it may take more time

Q: How could your project be extended...what's next? Are there any interesting problems or questions that resulted from your work?

A:

- 1. Some issues have not been merged yet, keep in touch with developers and try to finish these tasks
- 2. When fixing issues, some codes are found outdated or even have potential problems. Refactor these old codes.
- 3. Some packages used in the project are found not working correctly, we can try to change these packages