

Questionnaire for JabRef Users

Welcome, JabRef user!

Thank you for taking part in our survey concerning the features of JabRef.

To better understand how people use JabRef, we need your learn about how you use the software. This will help us to improve the functionality, especially the user interface of JabRef.

This study is conducted in the scope of a Master's thesis at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) in collaboration with the JabRef Developers.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Linus Dietz <linus.dietz@tum.de>, who is a JabRef Maintainer and advisor to this thesis. For any general JabRef-related issues such as bug reports please use the issue tracker on Github <https://github.com/JabRef/jabref> or ask your question in the forums <http://discourse.jabref.org/>.

Please answer the questions on the following pages. It will only take ca. 5 MINUTES.

Important Features of JabRef

In the following questions, we would like to ask, how IMPORTANT the following features of JabRef are to you. Importance could mean that you use that feature FREQUENTLY, or that it is NECESSARY for your work. Basically, the more VALUE a feature has to you personally, the more important it is. If you do not know the feature, please check the option on the FAR RIGHT.

How important are these features to you? *

	not important at all	not very important	somewhat important	pretty important	absolutely crucial	I DON'T KNOW THE FEATURE
Ranking references with a star rating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Downloading references from bibliographic databases/websites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Searching databases and websites from within JabRef	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sorting references into groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing Comments on references	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Replacing strings in references	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Adding reference based on PDF metadata	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adding a PDF/URL to a reference	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Editing reference details (e.g author, year)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Editing document type	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renaming attached PDFs according to a pattern	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adding new details to reference (e.g. ISBN, page numbers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Cleaning up references automatically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Viewing PDF in JabRef	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Checking formal correctness of references	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Merging two references into one	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Deleting references	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Searching for duplicate references	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Sorting PDFs into subfolders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Downloading references from a shared database	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Uploading references to a shared database	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exporting references in standard data formats (e.g., RIS, BibTeX, XML)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Directly exporting references to text processing software	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Changing Preferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Are there any features of JabRef that you often use, which were not listed already?

Are there any JabRef features or functions, with which you have trouble using, or which frustrate you? If so, please state the feature and what is wrong with it.

Personal Information

To improve the usability of JabRef, we need to know who is using it. Therefore, we have prepared some questions regarding you and your use of JabRef. Of course, all information will be treated **CONFIDENTIALLY** and will not be given to any third party.

Please select your occupation! *

- ☐ Researcher (permanent position)
- ☐ PhD Student/PostDoc
- ☐ Student (Bachelor/Master)
- ☐ Non-Academic Researcher
- ☐ Sonstiges:

What text processing software do you use the most in combination with JabRef? *

- ☐ LaTeX/LyX
- ☐ Microsoft Word
- ☐ OpenOffice/LibreOffice
- ☐ Sonstiges:

How many references does your biggest JabRef library have (approximately)? *

Select the version of JabRef, that you use at the moment... *

- ☐ 5.0 dev
- ☐ 4.3.1
- ☐ 4.3
- ☐ 4.2
- ☐ 4.1
- ☐ 4.0
- ☐ 3.8.2
- ☐ 3.8.1
- ☐ 3.8
- ☐ 3.7
- ☐ 3.6
- ☐ 3.5
- ☐ 3.4
- ☐ 3.3
- ☐ 3.2
- ☐ 3.1
- ☐ 3.0
- ☐ 2.11.1
- ☐ 2.11
- ☐ 2.10
- ☐ 2.9.2
- ☐ 2.9.1
- ☐ 2.9
- ☐ 2.8.1
- ☐ 2.8
- ☐ 2.7
- ☐ 2.6
- ☐ 2.5
- ☐ 2.4
- ☐ 2.3
- ☐ 2.2
- ☐ 2.1
- ☐ I don't know

Would you like to tell us anything else?