

# Add Native Support for BibLatex-Software

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Technical Story: [6574-Adding support for biblatex-software](#)

## Context and Problem Statement

Right now, JabRef does not have support for Biblatex-Software out of the box, users have to add custom entry types. With citing software becoming fairly common, native support is helpful.

## Decision Drivers

- None of the existing flows should be impacted

## Considered Options

- Add the new entry types to the existing biblatex types
- Add a divider with label Biblatex-Software under which the new entries are listed: Native support for Biblatex-Software
- Support via customized entry types: A user can load a customized bib file

## Decision Outcome

Chosen option: “Add a new divider”, because comes out best (see below).

## Positive Consequences

- Inbuilt coverage for a entry type that is getting more and more importance

## Negative Consequences

- Adds a little bit more clutter to the Add Entry pane

## Pros and Cons of the Options

### Add the new entry types to the existing biblatex types

- Good, because there is no need for a new category in the add entry pane

Add a divider with label Biblatex-Software under which the new entries are listed:  
Native support for Biblatex-Software

- Good, since this gives the user a bit more clarity

Support via customized entry types: A user can load a customized bib file

- Good, because no code needs to be changed
  - Bad, because documentation is needed
  - Bad, because the users are not guided through the UI, but have to do other steps.
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