

NAME

lookbib – search bibliographic databases

SYNOPSIS

lookbib [**-i** *string*] [**-t** *n*] *filename* ...

lookbib **--help**

lookbib **-v**

lookbib **--version**

DESCRIPTION

lookbib prints a prompt on the standard error (unless the standard input is not a terminal), reads from the standard input a line containing a set of keywords, searches the bibliographic databases *filename* ... for references containing those keywords, prints any references found on the standard output, and repeats this process until the end of input. For each database *filename* to be searched, if an index file *filename.i* created by *indxbib*(1) exists, then it will be searched instead; each index can cover multiple databases.

OPTIONS

Whitespace is permitted between a command-line option and its argument.

--help Display a usage message and exit.

-i*string*

When searching files for which no index exists, ignore the contents of fields whose names are in *string*.

-t*n* Only require the first *n* characters of keys to be given. Initially *n* is 6.

-v

--version

Display version information and exit.

FILES

filename.i

Index files.

SEE ALSO

refer(1), *lkbib*(1), *indxbib*(1)