Common Parameters (`commparams.dtx`)

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These parameters are frequently used across many reference types. A general description of each is given, but unlike the generally-applicable parameters in `genparams.dtx`, some reference types may use these parameters in special or idiosyncratic ways, which should be described in the documentation for each reference type.

authln

Last name of the first author, for short citations. The author parameter will set this parameter automatically. This parameter can be set after giving the authors to customize the last name.

author

Author of the reference. The value should be a name as described in `names.dtx`. If there are multiple authors, provide this parameter multiple times, but see also parameter noetal if entering three or more names. For institutional authors, see parameter instauth.

If at least one author is given, then the author names will automatically be used as the inline citation forms for the reference.

cite

Volume-reporter-page citation. The value for this parameter should follow the syntax:

⟨*vol*⟩ ⟨*rep*⟩ ⟨*page*⟩ [(⟨*year*⟩)]

Example:
123 F.3d 456 (2009)

and this parameter will set the parameters vol, rep, page, and year accordingly. See the discussion of volume-reporter-page parsing in `cparse.dtx` for more details.

date

Alias for year.

inline

Short name for the reference.

instauth

Institutional author.   Adds an institutional author to the author parameter list.

jcite

Alias for cite.

journal

Alias for rep.

journaltitle

Alias for rep.

booktitle

Alias for rep.

name

Name of the reference.   Nearly every reference type accepts this parameter, which generally should be the title of the reference. See the relevant reference type description for more information.

number

Number (for constitutional amendments, session laws).   The number parameter generally is used for a serial number associated with the work, which may or may not contain text prefixes. Examples are patent numbers (patent), bill numbers (bill), and constitutional amendments (constamend). For most reference types (patents being an exception), the number is not analyzed or formatted in any way.

For book and workingpaper references, consider also the serial parameter to set the publisher parameter as well.

page

Page number.   See `pages.dtx` for the usual formatting of this parameter's value.

pages

Alias for page.

rep

Reporter or journal name.   Whether the value of this parameter needs to be abbreviated will depend on the reference type.

series

Alias for number.

short

Alias for inline.

shorttitle

Alias for inline.

src

Alias for rep.

subdiv

Alias for page.

title

Alias for name.

type

Type of work.   For jrnart references, this would be "Note" or "Comment," for example. Other types of references use this parameter to replace default values indicating the work type: comments for example will use this value instead of the word "Comments." The use of this parameter is highly specific to the reference type.

vol

Volume number.

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volume

Alias for vol.

year

Year/date of the case, article, regulation.