

How To Cite CorText Manager

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1 Introduction

Software plays a fundamental role in modern science in all fields of knowledge, however it is not yet recognized as a first class product, something necessary to generate academic credit and encourage researchers and organizations to build software for science [1].

This panorama has been the subject of debates, such as how to apply the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) principles to software [6], and proposals such as the Citation File Format (CFF) [4], a YAML format for describing software metadata, or CodeMeta [5], a JSON-LD conceptual vocabulary for software repositories interoperability.

Many of these proposals are built around debates centered on the software citation principles [7], summarized below:

Importance: Software should be considered a legitimate and citable product of research.

Credit and attribution: Software citations should facilitate giving scholarly credit and recognizing.

Unique identification: A software citation should include a globally unique identification.

Persistence: Unique identifiers and metadata describing the software should persist.

Accessibility: Software citations should facilitate access to the software itself and to its metadata.

Specificity: Software citations should facilitate identification of the specific version of software that was used.

Based on these principles and taking some of the more recent proposals on how to cite software, here follows a proposal of how the CorText Manager software should be cited in academic papers.

2 Cite CorText Manager with BibL^AT_EX

Below is an example of how the CorText Manager when cited [2] is displayed in the bibliographic references, this example uses the data described in the file *biblatex-software.bib* and it is the recommended way to cite CorText Manager.

References (example)

- [2] [SW] Philippe Breucker et al., *CorText Manager* version v2 (Coord.by Marc Barbier and Lionel Villard), Dec. 1, 2020. Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire Sciences Innovations Sociétés (LISIS). URL: <https://www.cortext.net> (visited on 01/31/2022), VCS: <https://github.com/cortext/how-to-cite-cortext>.

2.1 BibL^AT_EX file

Below you see the content of the BibL^AT_EX file *biblatex-software.bib* with the BibL^AT_EX Software extension[8].

```
@software{cortext_manager_v2,
  title = {CorText Manager},
  author = {Philippe Breucker and Juan-Pablo Ospina Delgado
    and Guillaume Orsal and Luis-Daniel Medina and Jean-Philippe Cointet},
  abstract = {Cortext Manager is a data analysis platform for citizens
    and researchers in the social sciences and humanities},
  date = {2020-12-01},
  month = {12},
  year = {2020},
  editor = {Marc Barbier and Lionel Villard},
  institution = {Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire Sciences Innovations
    Sociétés (LISIS)},
  version = {v2},
  url = {https://www.cortext.net},
  urldate = {2022-01-31},
  repository = {https://github.com/cortext/how-to-cite-cortext},
}
```

When using this file you can see the result of reference format citing CorText Manager [2] on the references section of this document.

3 Cite CorText Manager with BibT_EX

References (example)

- [3] Philippe Breucker et al. *CorText Manager*. Dec. 2020. URL: <https://managerv2.cortext.net>.

3.1 BibTeX file

Below you see the content of the BibTeX file *bibtex.bib*, this file is created from *CITATION.cff* converted by *cffconvert* tool.

```
@misc{cortext_manager_v2_bibtex,  
  keywords = {cortext},  
  author = {Breucker, Philippe and Ospina Delgado, Juan-Pablo and Orsal,  
    Guillaume and Medina, Luis-Daniel and Cointet, Jean-Philippe},  
  month = {12},  
  title = {CorText Manager},  
  url = {https://managerv2.cortext.net},  
  year = {2020}  
}
```

When using this file you can see the result of reference format citing CorText Manager [3] on the references section of this document.

4 CorText Manager metadata

The CorText Manager metadata for academic citation is being maintained mainly in two files:

CITATION.cff Citation File Format (CFF) file with metadata about the software CorText Manager, this file is the main file to centralize all metadata required for citation.

biblatex-software.bib BibLaTeX file with Software extension, this file is a transcription of all informations from the *CITATION.cff* file.

The example on Section 2 was generated by using the file *biblatex-software.bib*, besides those two files there are some other files that must be described:

codemeta.json CodeMeta file generated from *CITATION.cff* by the *cffconvert* tool, this file is a machine-readable file in a interchangeable JSON-LD format.

bibtex.bib BibTeX file generated from *CITATION.cff* by the *cffconvert* tool, this file is useful for whom is using BibTeX as referencing system.

The example on Section 3 was generated by using the *bibtex.bib* file, instructions on how to update those files can be found at *AUTHORS.md* document.

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