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I have a question regarding generating markdown from .bib files. I've arrived at pandoc being the thing that would likely be most useful, but my attempts have failed. I tried using the following bib file (refs.bib):

```
@article{Author:2000aaa,  
  author = "AuthorA, O. and AuthorB, T. and AuthorC, F.",  
  title = "{Some title}",  
  eprint = "2000.00001",  
  archivePrefix = "arXiv",  
  primaryClass = "hep-ph",  
  doi = "10.1111/Some.DOI",  
  journal = "Journal",  
  volume = "1",  
  number = "1",  
  pages = "111111",  
  year = "2000"  
  month = "1"  
}
```

you know - some generic bib file with a journal record and arxiv stuff. Now what I'd like to do is to change that to markdown, so a static website generator can make a website from it.

What I've tried are various combinations on:

```
pandoc --citeproc --bibliography=refs.bib --csl=chicago-annotated-  
bibliography.csl -o refs.md
```

and variations on this with whatever I found on se or te - but none of it works. I always get an empty refs.md file and I cannot figure it out.

Here are the questions:

1. is pandoc the correct software to use, or did I go down a rabbit hole?
2. if pandoc is the right place, how do I call it to do what I want?
3. if pandoc is incorrect - what is the alternative.

p.s.: copy-pasting each entry by hand to refs.md obviously works, but its not very automatic :/

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1 You probably also want a skeleton .tex file that does \nocite{*} . Normally the .bib file is a database and from it only cited entries are included in the bibliography. – Willie Wong Aug 16, 2021 at 14:20

4 Does this answer your question? [Bibtex to HTML/Markdown/etc., using Pandoc](#) (specifically [this answer](#)) – Willie Wong Aug 16, 2021 at 14:21

@WillieWong I tried that and it successfully produces an html file. Which is not what I want. I want a markdown file. If I change the output to .md (instead of .html) it is empty(or rather nothing was added) – liskawc Aug 16, 2021 at 14:29

1 Answer

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Two ways to do this. I've used the following .bib file:

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```
@article{selkirk1974french,
  Author = {Selkirk, Elisabeth},
  Date-Added = {2018-04-24 19:07:00 +0000},
  Date-Modified = {2018-04-24 19:08:20 +0000},
  Journal = {Linguistic Inquiry},
  Pages = {573--590},
  Publisher = {JSTOR},
  Title = {French liaison and the {X'$} notation},
  Year = {1974}}
```

Start with the .md file: pandoc-bib-test.md

```
---
bibliography: sample.bib
nocite: "@*"
---
```

Use the following command to convert it to an output .md file with the bibliography:

```
pandoc -t markdown_strict --citeproc pandoc-bib-test.md -o pandoc-bib-test-
output.md --bibliography sample.bib
```

Output file: pandoc-bib-test-output.md

```
Selkirk, Elisabeth. 1974. "French Liaison and the X' Notation."
*Linguistic Inquiry*, 573-90.
```

Alternatively, create a minimal .tex document and do the conversion in the same way:

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
\nocite{*}
\bibliography{sample}
\end{document}
```

Convert using the following command:

```
pandoc -t markdown_strict --citeproc pandoc-bib-test.tex -o pandoc-bib-test-
```

```
output.md --bibliography sample.bib
```

Same output file: pandoc-bib-test-output.md

```
Selkirk, Elisabeth. 1974. "French Liaison and the X' Notation."  
*Linguistic Inquiry*, 573-90.
```
