Specialities

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1 Bibliography

Produce a bibliography with the thebibliography environment. Each entry starts with

\bibitem[item]{marker}

The marker is then used to cite the book, article, or paper within the document.

\cite{marker}

If the label option is omitted, the entries will get enumerated automatically.

\begin{thebibliography}{arg} takes a numerical argument: the widest label expected in the list. This help aligning the bibliography list.

2 Indexing

Indexes | Indices, which one would you choose?

2.1 The makeidx Package

\usepackage{makeidx}

Then put \makeindex in the preamble.

The content of the index specified with the command:

\index{<key>@<formatted entry>}

key is for sorting.

formatted entry will appear in the index.

If it is missing, the key will be used.

When the input file is processed with LATEX, each \index command writes an appropriate index entry, together with the current page number to a file with the .idx extension.

The .idx file can be processed with:

makeindex <filename>

This program generates a sorted index with the same base file name, but with the extension .ind.

 $\mathtt{.tex} \to \mathtt{.idx} \to \mathtt{.ind}$

If now the input file is processed again, this sorted index gets included into the document at \printindex.

\printindex

2.2 The showidx Package

The showidx package that comes with LATeX 2_{ε} prints out all index entries in the left margin of the text. This quite useful for proofreading a document and verify the index.

Note that \index command can affect the layout if not used carefully.