bib2gls: a command line application to convert .bib files to a glossaries-extra.sty resource file

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The bib2gls command line application can be used to extract glossary information stored in a .bib file and convert it into glossary entry definition commands that can be read using glossaries-extra's \glsxtrresourcefile command. When used in combination with the record package option, bib2gls can select only those entries that have been used in the document, as well as any dependent entries, which reduces the TEX resources required by not defining unwanted entries.

Since bib2gls can also sort and collate the recorded locations present in the .aux file, it can simultaneously by-pass the need to use makeindex or xindy, although bib2gls can be used together with an external indexing application if required. (For example, if a custom xindy rule is needed.)

Note that bib2gls is a Java application, so it requires the Java Runtime Environment (at least JRE 7). Additionally, glossaries-extra must be at least version 1.12. This application was developed in response to the question Is there a program for managing glossary tags? on T_EX on StackExchange.

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1 Introduction

If you have extensively used the glossaries or glossaries-extra package, you may have found yourself creating a large .tex file containing many definitions that you frequently use in documents. This file can then simply be loaded using \input or \loadglsentries, but a large file like this can be difficult to maintain and if the document only actually uses a small proportion of those entries, the document build is unnecessarily slow due to the time and resources taken on defining the unwanted entries.

The aim of bib2gls is to allow the entries to be stored in a .bib file, which can be maintained using a reference system such as JabRef. The document build process can now be analogous to that used with bibtex (or biber), where only those entries that have been recorded in the document (and possibly their dependent entries) will be extracted from the .bib file.

Note that bib2gls requires the extension package glossaries-extra and can't be used with just the base glossaries package, since it requires some of the extension commands. See the glossaries-extra user manual for information on the differences between the basic package and the extended package, as some of the default settings are different.

1.1 Example Use

The glossary entries are stored in a .bib file. For example, the file entries.bib might contain:

```
@entry{bird,
   name={bird},
   description = {feathered animal}
}

@abbreviation{html,
   short="html",
   long={hypertext markup language}
}

@symbol{v,
   name={$\vec{v}$},
   text={\vec{v}},
   description={a vector}
}
```

```
@index{goose,plural="geese"}
Here's an example document that uses this data:
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[record]{glossaries-extra}
\GlsXtrLoadResources[
  src={entries},% data in entries.bib
  sort={en-GB},% sort according to 'en-GB' locale
]
\begin{document}
\Gls{bird} and \gls{goose}.
\printunsrtglossaries
\end{document}
If this document is called myDoc.tex, the build process is:
pdflatex myDoc
bib2gls myDoc
pdflatex myDoc
```

Note that there's no need to called xindy or makeindex since bib2gls automatically sorts and collates the locations after selecting the required entries from the .bib file and before writing the temporary file that's input with \GlsXtrLoadResources (or \glsxtrresourcefile). This means the entries are already defined in the correct order, and only those entries that have been used in the document are defined, so \printunsrtglossary (or \printunsrtglossaries) may be used. (The unsrt part of the command name indicates that all defined entries should be listed in the order of definition from glossaries-extra's point of view.)

If you additionally want to use an indexing application, such as xindy, you need the package option record={alsoindex} and use \makeglossaries and \printglossary (or \printglossaries) as usual.

1.2 Security

TEX distributions come with two security settings openin_any and openout_any that, respectively, govern read and write file access (in addition to the operating system's file permissions). bib2gls uses kpsewhich to determine these values and honours them.

1.3 Localisation

The messages produced by bib2gls are fetched from a resource file called bib2gls- $\langle lang \rangle$.xml, where $\langle lang \rangle$ is a valid IETF language tag.

The appropriate file is searched for in the following order:

- 1. $\langle lang \rangle$ exactly matches the operating system's locale. For example, my locale is en-GB, so bib2gls will first search for bib2gls-en-GB.xml. This file doesn't exist, so it will try again.
- 2. If the operating system's locale has an associated script, the next try is with $\langle lang \rangle$ set to $\langle lang \ code \rangle \langle script \rangle$ where $\langle lang \ code \rangle$ is the two letter ISO language code and $\langle script \rangle$ is the script code. For example, if the operating system's locale is sr-RS-Latn then bib2gls will search for bib2gls-sr-Latn.xml if bib2gls-sr-RS-Latn.xml doesn't exist.
- 3. The final attempt is with $\langle lang \rangle$ set to just the two letter ISO language code. For example, bib2gls-en-GB.xml.

If there is no match, bib2gls will fallback on the English resource file bib2gls-en.xml. Note that if you use the loc-prefix={true} option, the textual labels ("Page" and "Pages" in English) will be taken from the resource file. In the event that the loaded resource file doesn't match the document language, you will have to manually set the correct translation (in English, this would be loc-prefix={Page,Pages}).

Currently only bib2gls-en.xml exists as my language skills aren't up to translating it. Any volunteers who want to provide other language resource files would be much appreciated.

1.4 Manual Installation

If you are unable to install bib2gls through your TEX package manager, you can install manually using the instructions below. Replace $\langle TEXMF \rangle$ with the path to your local or home TEXMF tree (for example, $^{\sim}$ /texmf).

Copy the files provided to the following locations:

- \(\langle TEXMF \rangle \)/scripts/bib2gls/bib2gls.jar
- $\langle TEXMF \rangle$ /scripts/bib2gls/texparserlib.jar
- \(\langle TEXMF \rangle \rangle \scripts \rangle \text{bib2gls/resources/bib2gls-en.xml}\)
- \(\langle TEXMF \rangle \)/doc/support/bib2gls/bib2gls.pdf

If you are using a Unix-like system, there's also a bash script provided called bib2gls. sh. Either copy it directly to somewhere on your path without the .sh extension. For example:

cp bib2gls.sh ~/bin/bib2gls

or copy the file to $\langle TEXMF \rangle$ /scripts/bib2gls.sh and create a symbolic link to it called just bib2gls from somewhere on your path. For example:

```
cp bib2gls.sh ~/texmf/scripts/bib2gls/
cd ~/bin
ln -s ~/texmf/scripts/bib2gls/bib2gls.sh
```

Windows users can create a .bat file that works in a similar way to the bash script. To do this, create a file called bib2gls.bat that contains the following:

```
@ECHO OFF
FOR /F %%I IN ('kpsewhich --progname=bib2gls --format=texmfscripts
bib2gls.jar') DO SET JARPATH=%%I
java -Djava.locale.providers=CLDR, JRE -jar "%JARPATH%" %*
```

Save this file to somewhere on your system's path.

You may need to refresh TEX's database to ensure that kpsewhich can find the .jar file.

To test that the application has been successfully installed, open a command prompt or terminal and run the following command:

```
bib2gls --version
```

This should display the version information.

2 TEX Parser Library

The bib2gls application requires the TEX Parser Library texparserlib.jar¹ which is used to parse the .aux and .bib files.

With the --interpret switch on (default), this library is also used to interpret the value of the sort field when it contains a backslash \ or dollar symbol \$ (and when the sort option is not unsrt or none or use). The other case is with set-widest when determining the width of the name field. The --no-interpret switch will turn off this function, but the library will still be used to parse the .aux and .bib files.

The texparserlib.jar library is not intended as a full-blown TEX engine and there are plenty of situations where it doesn't work. In particular, in this case it's being used in a fragmented context without knowing most of the packages used by the document² or any custom commands or environments provided within the document.

TEX syntax can be quite complicated and in some cases far too complicated for simple regular expressions. The library performs better than a simple pattern match, and that's the purpose of texparserlib.jar and why it's used by bib2gls. When the --debug mode is on, any warnings or errors triggered by the --interpret mode will be written to the transcript prefixed with texparserlib: (the results of the conversions will be included in the transcript as informational messages prefixed with texparserlib: even with --no-debug).

For example, suppose the .bib file includes:

```
@preamble{
"\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}
\providecommand{\set}[1]{\mathcal{#1}}
\providecommand{\card}[1]{\\set{#1}\\}
\providecommand{\imaginary}{i}\"}

@symbol{M,
    name={{}$\mtx{M}$},
    text={\mtx{M}},
    description={a matrix}
}

@symbol{v,
    name={{}$\vec{v}$},
```

https://github.com/nlct/texparser

²bib2gls can detect from the log file a small number of packages that the parser can support, such as pifonts, wasysym and amssymb.

```
text={\vec{v}},
  description={a vector}
}
@symbol{S,
  name=\{\{\}\} \set\{S\},
  text={\set{S}},
  description={a set}
}
@symbol{card,
  name=\{\{\}\ \card\{S\}\},
  text={\card{S}},
  description={the cardinality of the set $\set{S}$}
}
@symbol{i,
  name={{}$\imaginary$},
  text={\imaginary},
  description={square root of minus one ($\sqrt{-1}$)}
}
```

(The empty group at the start of the name fields protects against the possibility that the glossname category attribute might be set to firstuc, which automatically converts the first letter of the name to upper case when displaying the glossary.)

None of these entries have a sort field. With --interpret the fallback for this field for the @symbol entry type is the name field (or parent if name is missing), but with --no-interpret the fallback is the entry's label.

This means that with --no-interpret, and the default sort-field={sort}, and with sort={letter-case}, these entries will be defined in the order: M, S, card, i, v (since this is the case-sensitive letter order of the labels) whereas with sort-field={letter-nocase}, the order will be: card, i, M, S, v (since this is the case-insensitive letter order of the labels).

However, with --interpret on, the fallback field will be taken from the name which in the above example contains TEX code, so bib2gls will use texparserlib.jar to interpret this code. The library has several different ways of writing the processed code. For simplicity, bib2gls uses the library's HTML output and then strips the HTML markup and trims any leading or trailing spaces. The library method that writes non-ASCII characters using "&x $\langle hex \rangle$;" markup is overridden by bib2gls to just write the Unicode character, which means that the letter-based sorting options will sort according to the integer value $\langle hex \rangle$ rather than the string "&x $\langle hex \rangle$;".

In the case of the M entry in the example above, the code that's passed to the interpreter is:

\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}

```
\providecommand{\set}[1]{\mathcal{#1}}
\providecommand{\card}[1]{|\set{#1}|}
\providecommand{\imaginary}{i}
{}$\mtx{M}$
```

The transcript (.glg) file will show the results of the conversion:³

```
texparserlib: {}$\mtx{M}$ -> M
```

So the sort value for this entry is set to "M". The font change (caused by math-mode and \boldsymbol) has been ignored. The sort value therefore consists of a single Unicode character 0x4D (Latin upper case letter "M", decimal value 77).

For the v entry, the code is:

```
\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}
\providecommand{\set}[1]{\mathcal{#1}}
\providecommand{\card}[1]{|\set{#1}|}
\providecommand{\imaginary}{i}
{}$\vec{v}$
```

The transcript shows:

```
texparserlib: \{\}\ vec\{v\}\ -> \overrightarrow{v}
```

So the **sort** value for this entry is set to " \vec{v} ", which consists of two Unicode characters 0x76 (Latin lower case letter "v", decimal value 118) and 0x20D7 (combining right arrow above, decimal value 8407).

For the set entry, the code is:

```
\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}
\providecommand{\set}[1]{\mathcal{#1}}
\providecommand{\card}[1]{|\set{#1}|}
\providecommand{\imaginary}{i}
{}$\set{S}$
```

The transcript shows:

```
texparserlib: {}$\set{S}$ -> S
```

So the sort value for this entry is set to "S" (again ignoring the font change). This consists of a single Unicode character 0x53 (Latin upper case letter "S", decimal value 83).

For the card entry, the code is:

```
\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}
\providecommand{\set}[1]{\mathcal{#1}}
\providecommand{\card}[1]{|\set{#1}|}
\providecommand{\imaginary}{i}
{}$\card{S}$
```

³The --debug mode will show additional information.

The transcript shows:

```
texparserlib: {}$\card{S}$ -> |S|
```

So the sort value for this entry is set to "|S|" (the | characters from the definition of \card provided by the @preamble have been included, but the font change has been discarded). In this case the sort value consists of three Unicode characters 0x7C (vertical line, decimal value 124), 0x53 (Latin upper case letter "S", decimal value 83) and 0x7C again.

For the i entry, the code is:

```
\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}
\providecommand{\set}[1]{\mathcal{#1}}
\providecommand{\card}[1]{\\set{#1}\}
\providecommand{\imaginary}{i}
{}$\imaginary$
```

The transcript shows:

```
texparserlib: {}$\imaginary$ -> i
```

So the sort value for this entry is set to "i"

This means that in the case of the default sort-field={sort} with sort={letter-case}, these entries will be defined in the order: M(M), $S(\mathcal{S})$, i(i), $v(\vec{v})$ and card ($|\mathcal{S}|$). In this case, the entries have been sorted according to the character codes. If you run bib2gls with --verbose the decimal character codes will be included in the transcript. For this example:

```
i -> 'i' [105]
card -> '|S|' [124 83 124]
M -> 'M' [77]
S -> 'S' [83]
v -> '∀' [118 8407]
```

The --group option (in addition to --verbose) will place the letter group in parentheses before the character code list:

```
i -> 'i' (i) [105]

card -> '|S|' [124 83 124]

M -> 'M' (M) [77]

S -> 'S' (S) [83]

v -> '\vec{v}' (v) [118 8407]
```

(Note that the card entry doesn't have a letter group since the vertical bar character isn't considered a letter.)

If sort={letter-nocase} is used instead, after conversion by the interpreter, the sort values will all be converted to lower case. The order is now: i(i), M(M), S(S), $v(\vec{v})$ and card (|S|). The transcript (with --verbose) now shows

```
i -> 'i' [105]
card -> '|s|' [124 115 124]
M -> 'm' [109]
S -> 's' [115]
v -> 'v' [118 8407]

With --group (in addition to --verbose) the letter groups are again included:
i -> 'i' (I) [105]
card -> '|s|' [124 115 124]
M -> 'm' (M) [109]
S -> 's' (S) [115]
v -> 'v' (V) [118 8407]
```

Note that the letter groups are upper case not lower case. Again the card entry doesn't have an associated letter group.

If a locale-based sort is used, the ordering will follow the locale's alphabet rules. For example, with **sort**={en} (English, no region or variant), the order becomes: **card** (|S|), i (i), M (M), S (S) and v (\vec{v}). The transcript (with **--verbose**) shows the collation keys instead:

```
i -> 'i' [0 92 0 0 0 0]

card -> '|S|' [0 66 0 102 0 66 0 0 0 0]

M -> 'M' [0 96 0 0 0 0]

S -> 'S' [0 102 0 0 0 0]

v -> 'V' [0 105 0 0 0 0]
```

Again the addition of the --group switch will show the letter groups. Suppose I add a new symbol to my .bib file:

```
@symbol{angstrom,
  name={\AA},
  description={\AA ngstr\"om}}
```

and I also use this entry in the document. Then with **sort={en}**, the order is: **card** (|S|), **angstrom** (Å), **i** (i), M (M), S (S), and v (\vec{v}). The **--group** switch shows that the **angstrom** entry (Å) has been placed in the "A" letter group.

However, if I change the locale to **sort={sv}**, the **angstrom** entry is moved to the end of the list and the **--group** switch shows that it's been placed in the "Å" letter group.

If you are using Java 8, you can set the java.locale.providers property to CLDR, JRE to use the Common Locale Data Repository, which has more extensive support for locales than the native Java Runtime Environment. This isn't available for Java 7, and should be enabled by default for the proposed Java 9.

⁴For more information on collation keys see the CollationKey class in Java's API.

3 Command Line Options

The syntax of bib2gls is:

bib2gls [$\langle options \rangle$] $\langle filename \rangle$

where $\langle filename \rangle$ is the name of the .aux file. (The extension may be omitted.) Only one $\langle filename \rangle$ is permitted.

Available options are listed below.

Display the help message and quit.

Display the version information and quit.

--debug
$$[\langle n \rangle]$$

Switch on debugging mode. If $\langle n \rangle$ is present, it must be a non-negative integer indicating the debugging level. If omitted 1 is assumed. This option also switches on the verbose mode. A value of 0 is equivalent to --no-debug.

Note that multiple instances of this switch in a single invocation can cause some confusion as bib2gls performs a quick parse of the arguments for the first instance of --debug or --nodebug or --silent before the language resource file is loaded. Any subsequent use of the switch will be picked up on the full parse after the language resource file has been loaded.

Switches off the debugging mode.

--verbose

Switches on the verbose mode. This writes extra information to the terminal and transcript file.

--no-verbose (or --noverbose)

Switches off the verbose mode. This is the default behaviour. Some messages are written to the terminal. To completely suppress all messages (except errors), switch on the silent mode. For additional information messages, switch on the verbose mode.

--silent

Suppresses all messages except for errors that would normally be written to the terminal. Warnings and informational messages are written to the transcript file, which can be inspected afterwards.

--log-file
$$\langle filename \rangle$$
 (or -t $\langle filename \rangle$)

Sets the name of the transcript file. By default, the name is the same as the .aux file but with a .glg extension. Note that if you use bib2gls in combination with xindy or makeindex, you will need to change the transcript file name to prevent interference.

$$--dir \langle dirname \rangle$$
 (or $-d \langle dirname \rangle$)

By default bib2gls assumes that the output files should be written in the current working directory. The input .bib files are assumed to be either in the current working directory or on TFX's path (in which case kpsewhich will be used to find them).

If your .aux file isn't in the current working directory (for example, you have run TEX with -output-directory) then you need to take care how you invoke bib2gls.

Suppose I have a file called test-entries.bib that contains my entry definitions and a document called mydoc.tex that selects the .bib file using:

\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={test-entries}]

If I compile this document using

```
pdflatex -output-directory tmp mydoc
```

then the auxiliary file mydoc.aux will be written to the tmp sub-directory. The resource information is listed in the .aux file as

```
\glsxtr@resource{src={test-entries}}{mydoc}
```

If I run bib2gls from the tmp directory, then it won't be able to find the test-entries. bib file.

If I run bib2gls from the same directory as mydoc.tex using

bib2gls tmp/mydoc

then the .aux file is found and the transcript file is tmp/mydoc.glg (since the default is the same as the .aux file but with the extension changed to .glg) but the output file mydoc.glstex will be written to the current directory.

This works fine from TEX's point of view. The .glstex file can be picked up by \GlsXtrLoadResources but it may be that you'd rather the .glstex file was tidied away into the tmp directory along with all the other files. In this case you need to invoke bib2gls with the --dir or -d option:

```
bib2gls -d tmp mydoc
```

--interpret

Switch on the interpreter mode (default). See section 2 for more details.

--no-interpret

Switch off the interpreter mode. See section 2 for more details.

--mfirstuc-protection (or -u)

Commands like \Gls use \makefirstuc provided by the mfirstuc package. This command has limitations and one of the things that can break it is the use of a referencing command at the start of its argument. The glossaries-extra package has more detail about the problem in the "Nested Links" section of the user manual. If a glossary field starts with one of these problematic commands, the recommended method (if the command can't be replaced) is to insert an empty group in front of it.

For example, the following definition

```
\newabbreviation{shtml}{shtml}{\glsps{ssi} enabled \glsps{short}{html}}
```

will cause a problem for \Gls{shtml} on first use.

The above example, would be written in a .bib file as:

```
@abbreviation{shtml,
    short={shtml},
    long={\glsps{ssi} enabled \glsps{html}}
}
```

With the --mfirstuc-protection switch on (the default behaviour), bib2gls will automatically insert an empty group at the start of the long field to guard against this problem. A warning will be written to the transcript.

--no-mfirstuc-protection

Switches off the mfirstuc protection mechanism described above.

--mfirstuc-math-protection

This works in the same way as --mfirstuc-protection but guards against fields starting with inline maths (\$...\$). For example, if the name field starts with \$x\$ and the glossary style automatically tries to convert the first letter of the name to upper case, then this will cause a problem.

With --mfirstuc-math-protection set, bib2gls will automatically insert an empty group at the start of the field and write a warning in the transcript. This setting is on by default.

--no-mfirstuc-math-protection

Switches off the above.

--nested-link-check $\langle list \rangle$ none

By default, bib2gls will parse certain fields for potential nested links. (See the section "Nested Links" in the glossaries-extra user manual.)

The default set of fields to check are: name, text, plural, first, firstplural, long, longplural, short, shortplural and symbol.

You can change this set of fields using --nested-link-check $\langle value \rangle$ where $\langle value \rangle$ may be none (don't parse any of the fields) or a comma-separated list of fields to be checked.

--no-nested-link-check

Equivalent to --nested-link-check none.

--shortcuts $\langle value \rangle$

Some entries may reference another entry within a field, using commands like \gls, so bib2gls parses the fields for these commands to determine dependent entries to allow them to be selected even if they haven't been used within the document.

The shortcuts package option provided by glossaries-extra defines various synonyms, such as \ac which is equivalent to \gls. By default the value of the shortcuts option will be picked up by bib2gls when parsing the .aux file. This then allows bib2gls to additionally search for those shortcut commands while parsing the fields.

You can override the shortcuts setting using --shortcuts $\langle value \rangle$ (where $\langle value \rangle$ may take any of the allowed values for the shortcuts package option), but in general there is little need to use this switch.

```
--map-format \langle format1 \rangle : \langle format2 \rangle or -m \langle format1 \rangle : \langle format2 \rangle
```

This sets up the rule of precedence for partial location matches (see section 5.4). For example,

```
bib2gls --map-format "emph:hyperbf" mydoc
```

This essentially means that if there's a record conflict involving emph, try replacing emph with hyperbf and see if that resolves the conflict.

If you have multiple mappings, you can either use a single --map-format with a comma separated list of $\langle format1 \rangle$: $\langle format2 \rangle$ or you can have multiple instances of --map-format $\langle format1 \rangle$: $\langle format2 \rangle$.

Note that the mapping tests are applied as the records are read. For example, suppose the records are listed in the .aux file as:

```
\glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{emph}{3}
\glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{hypersf}{3}
\glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{hyperbf}{3}
and bib2gls is invoked with
bib2gls --map-format "emph:hyperbf,hypersf:hyperit" mydoc
or
bib2gls --map-format emph:hyperbf --map-format hypersf:hyperit mydoc
then bib2gls will process these records as follows:
```

- 1. Accept the first record (emph) since there's currently no conflict. (This is the first record for page 3 for the entry given by gls.sample.)
- 2. The second record (hypersf) conflicts with the existing record (emph). Neither has the format glsnumberformat so bib2gls consults the mappings provided by --map-format.
 - The hypersf format (from the new record) is mapped to hyperit, so bib2gls checks if the existing record has this format. In this case it doesn't (the format is emph). So bib2gls moves onto the next test:
 - The emph format (from the existing record) is mapped to hyperbf, so bib2gls checks if the new record has this format. In this case it doesn't (the format is hypersf).

Since the provided mappings haven't resolved this conflict, the new record is discarded with a warning. Note that there's no look ahead to the next record. (There may be other records for other entries also used on page 3 interspersed between these records.)

- 3. The third record (hyperbf) conflicts with the existing record (emph). Neither has the format glsnumberformat so bib2gls again consults the mappings provided by --map-format.
 - The new record's hyperbf format has no mapping provided, so bib2gls moves onto the next test:
 - The existing record's emph format has a mapping provided (hyperbf). This matches the new record's format, so the new record takes precedence.

This means that the location list ends up with the hyperbf location for page 3.

If, on the other hand, the mappings are given as

```
--map-format "emph:hyperit,hypersf:hyperit,hyperbf:hyperit"
```

then all the three conflicting records (emph, hypersf and hyperbf) will end up being replaced by a single record with hyperit as the format.

Multiple conflicts will typically be rare as there's usually little reason for more than two or three different location formats within the same list. (For example, glsnumberformat as the default and hyperbf or hyperit for a primary reference.)

--group

The record package option automatically creates a new field called group. If the --group switch is used, bib2gls will try to determine the letter group for each entry and add it to the group field. This value will be picked up by \printunsrtglossary if letter group headings are required (for example with the indexgroup style). If you're not using a glossary style that displays the group headings, there's no need to use this switch. Note that this switch doesn't automatically select an appropriate glossary style.

The default is --no-group.

--no-group

Don't use the group field. (Default.)

--tex-encoding $\langle name \rangle$

bib2gls tries to determine the character encoding to use for the output files. If the document has loaded the inputenc package then bib2gls can obtain the value of the encoding from the .aux file. This then needs to be converted to a name recognised by Java. For example, utf8 will be mapped to UTF-8. If the fontspec package has been loaded, glossaries-extra will assume the encoding is utf8 and write that value to the .aux file.

If neither package has been loaded, bib2gls will assume the operating system's default encoding. If this is incorrect or if bib2gls can't work out the appropriate mapping then

you can specify the correct encoding using $--tex-encoding \langle name \rangle$ where $\langle name \rangle$ is the encoding name.

--trim-fields

Trim leading and trailing spaces from field values. For example, if the .bib file contains:

```
@entry{sample,
  name = { sample },
  description = {
    an example
  }
}
```

This will cause spurious spaces. Using --trim-fields will automatically trim the values before writing the .glstex file.

--no-trim-fields

Don't trim any leading or trailing spaces from field values. This is the default setting.

4 .bib Format

bib2gls recognises certain entry types. Any unrecognised types will be ignored and a warning will be written to the transcript file. Entries are defined in the usual .bib format:

where $\langle entry-type \rangle$ is the entry type (listed below), $\langle field-name-1 \rangle$ are the field names (same as the keys available with \newglossaryentry) and $\langle id \rangle$ is a unique label. The label can't contain any spaces or commas. In general it's best to stick with alpha-numeric labels. The field values may be delimited by braces $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ or double-quotes " $\langle text \rangle$ ".

bib2gls allows you to insert prefixes to the labels when the data is read through the label-prefix option. Remember to use these prefixes when you reference the entries in the document, but don't include them when you reference them in the .bib file. There are some special prefixes that have a particular meaning to bib2gls: dual. and $\exp(n)$ where $\langle n \rangle$ is a positive integer. In the first case, dual. references the dual element of a dual entry (see @dualentry). This prefix will be replaced by the value of the dual-prefix option. The $\exp(n)$ prefix is used to reference an entry from a different set of resources (loaded by another $\operatorname{glsxtrresourcefile}$ command). This prefix is replaced by the corresponding element of the list supplied by $\operatorname{ext-prefixes}$.

In the event that you are using --no-interpret and the sort value falls back on the label, the original label supplied in the .bib file is used, not the prefixed label.

Avoid non-ASCII characters in the $\langle id \rangle$ if your document uses the inputenc package. You can set the character encoding in the .bib file using:

```
% Encoding: \langle encoding-name \rangle
```

where $\langle encoding-name \rangle$ is the name of the character encoding. For example:

% Encoding: UTF-8

You can also set the encoding using the **charset** option, but it's simpler to include the above comment on the first line of the .bib file. (This comment is also searched for by JabRef to determine the encoding, so it works for both applications.) If you don't use either method bib2gls will have to search the entire .bib file, which is inefficient and you may end up with a mismatched encoding.

Each entry type may have required fields and optional fields. For the optional fields, any key recognised by \newglossaryentry may be used as a field. However, note that if you add any custom keys in your document using \glsaddkey or \glsaddstoragekey, those commands must be placed before the first use of \glsxtrresourcefile (or the shortcut \GlsXtrLoadResources). Any unrecognised fields will be ignored.

This is more convenient than using \loadglsentries, which requires all the keys used in the file to be defined, regardless of whether or not you actually need them in the document.

If an optional field is missing and bib2gls needs to access it for some reason (for example, for sorting), bib2gls will try to fallback on another value. The actual fallback value depends on the entry type.

Other entries can be cross-referenced using the **see** field or by using commands like **\gls** or **\glsxtrp** in any of the recognised fields. These will automatically be selected if the **selection** setting includes dependencies, but you may need to rebuild the document to ensure the location lists are correct.

The standard Ostring and Opreamble types are recognised, so you can do, for example:

```
@string{ssi={server-side includes}}
@string{html={hypertext markup language}}
@abbreviation{shtml,
  short="shtml",
  long= ssi # " enabled " # html,
  see={ssi,html}
}
@abbreviation{html,
  short ="html",
  long = html
@abbreviation{ssi,
  short="ssi",
  long = ssi
}
@preamble{"\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}"}
@entry{matrix,
 name={matrix},
 plural={matrices},
  description={rectangular array of values, denoted $\mtx{M}$}
}
```

@entry

Regular terms are defined by the @entry field (such as in the matrix example above). This requires the description field and either name or parent.

For example:

```
@preamble{"\providecommand{\seealsoname}{see also}
\providecommand{\mtx}[1]{\boldsymbol{#1}}"}
@entry{matrix,
 name={matrix},
 plural={matrices},
 description={rectangular array of values, denoted \gls{M}},
  see={[\seealsoname]{vector}}
}
@entry{M,
  sort={M},
 name={\ensuremath{M}},
 description={a \gls{matrix}}
}
@entry{vector,
 name = "vector",
 description = {column or row of values, denoted \gls{v}},
  see={[\seealsoname]{matrix}}
}
@entry{v,
  sort={v},
 name = \{ \{vec\{v\}\} \},\
 description={a \gls{vector}}
}
```

If the sort field is omitted, bib2gls will sort according to the name field (or the parent field if name is missing).

Terms defined using **@entry** will be written to the output file using the command **bibglsnewentry**.

@symbol

The symbol entry type is much like entry, but it's designed specifically for symbols, so in the previous example, the M and v terms would be better defined using the @symbol entry type instead.

Again the required fields are description and either name or parent. If the sort field is omitted, the default sort is given by the entry label when bib2gls is invoked with --no-interpret and by the name or parent when bib2gls is invoked with --interpret. See section 2 for further details.

Terms defined using @symbol will be written to the output file using the command bibglsnewsymbol.

@number

The number entry type is like symbol, but it's for numbers. Terms defined using Cnumber will be written to the output file using the command \bibglsnewnumber.

@index

The index entry type is designed for entries that don't have a description. Only the label is required. If name is omitted, it's assumed to be the same as the label. However, this means that if the name contains any characters that can't be used in the label, you will need the name field. If the sort field is omitted, bib2gls will use the name field instead, if present, otherwise it will use the label.

Example:

```
@index{duck}
@index{goose,plural={geese}}
```

@index{facade,name={fa\c{c}ade}}

Terms defined using @index will be written to the output file using the command bibglsnewindex.

@abbreviation

The abbreviation entry type is designed for abbreviations. The required fields are short and long. If the sort key is missing, bib2gls will use the value of the short field.

Note that you must set the abbreviation style before loading the resource file to ensure that the abbreviations are defined correctly, however bib2gls has no knowledge of the abbreviation style so it doesn't know if the description field must be included or if the default sort value isn't simply the value of the short field.

You can instruct bib2gls to use a specific field for the sort value using sort-field and you can also tell bib2gls to ignore certain fields using the ignore-fields, so you can include a description field if sometimes you need it and instruct bib2gls to ignore it when you don't want it.

For example:

```
@abbreviation{html,
    short ="html",
    long = {hypertext markup language},
    description={a markup language for creating web pages}
}
```

If you want the long-noshort-desc style, then you can put the following in your document (where the .bib file is called entries-abbrv.bib):

```
\setabbreviationstyle{long-noshort-desc}
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-abbrv.bib},sort-field={long}]
```

Whereas, if you want the long-short style, then you can instead do:

```
\setabbreviationstyle{long-short}
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-abbrv.bib},ignore-fields={description}]
```

Terms defined using **@abbreviation** will be written to the output file using the command **\bibglsnewabbreviation**.

@acronym

The acronym entry type is like abbreviation except that the term is written to the output file using the command \bibglsnewacronym.

@dualentry

The dualentry entry type is similar to entry but actually defines two entries: the primary entry and the dual entry. The dual entry contains the same information as the primary entry but some of the fields are swapped around. The dual entry is given the prefix set by the dual-prefix option.

By default, the name and description fields and the plural and description plural fields are swapped.

For example:

```
@dualentry{child,
   name={child},
   plural={children},
   description={enfant}
}
Is like
@entry{child,
   name={child},
   plural={children},
```

```
description={enfant}
  descriptionplural={enfants}
}

@entry{dual.child,
  description={child},
  descriptionplural={children},
  name={enfant}
  plural={enfants}
}
```

where dual. is replaced by the value of the dual-prefix option. However, instead of defining the entries with \bibglsnewentry both the primary and dual entries are defined using \bibglsnewdualentry. The category and type fields can be set for the dual entry using the dual-category and dual-type options.

If dual-sort={combine} then the dual entries will be sorted along with the primary entries, otherwise the dual-sort indicates how to sort the dual entries and the dual entries will be appended to the end of the .glstex file. The dual-sort-field determines what field to use for the sort value if the dual entries should be sorted separately.

For example:

```
\newglossary*{english}{English}
\newglossary*{french}{French}
```

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[
```

```
src = {entries-dual},% data in entries-dual.bib

type = {english},% put primary entries in glossary 'english'
dual-type = {french},% put dual entries in glossary 'french'
category = {dictionary},% set the primary category to 'dictionary'
dual-category = {dictionary},% set the dual category to 'dictionary'
sort = {en},% sort primary entries according to language 'en'
dual-sort = {fr}% sort dual entries according to language 'fr'
]
```

Note that there's no dual equivalent to @index since that entry type doesn't have required fields and there's nothing obvious to swap with that type that would differentiate it from a normal entry.

@dualsymbol

Not yet implemented.

@dualabbreviation

Not yet implemented.

5 Resource File Options

Make sure that you load glossaries-extra with the record package option. This ensures that bib2gls can pick up the required information from the .aux file. (You may omit this option if you use selection={all} and you don't require the location lists.)

The .glstex resource files created by bib2gls are loaded in the document using

```
\glsxtrresourcefile[\langle options \rangle] \{\langle filename \rangle\}
```

where \(\lambda filename \) is the name of the resource file without the .glstex extension. You can have multiple \glsxtrresourcefile commands within your document, but each \(\lambda filename \rangle \) must be unique, otherwise LATEX would attempt to input the same .glstex file multiple times. bib2gls checks for non-unique file names.

There's a shortcut command that uses \jobname as the $\langle filename \rangle$:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[\langle options \rangle]
```

The first instance of this command is equivalent to

```
\glsxtrresourcefile[\langle options \rangle] {\jobname}
```

Any additional use of \GlsXtrLoadResources is equivalent to

```
\glsxtrresourcefile[\langle options \rangle] \{\jobname-\langle n \rangle\}
```

where $\langle n \rangle$ is number. For example:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src=entries-en,sort={en}]
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src=entries-fr,sort={fr}]
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src=entries-de,sort={de-1996}]
```

This is equivalent to:

```
\glsxtrresourcefile[src=entries-en,sort={en}]{\jobname}
\glsxtrresourcefile[src=entries-fr,sort={fr}]{\jobname-1}
\glsxtrresourcefile[src=entries-de,sort={de-1996}]{\jobname-2}
```

The optional argument $\langle options \rangle$ is a comma-separated $\langle key \rangle = \langle value \rangle$ list. Allowed options are listed below. The option list applies only to that specific $\langle filename \rangle$.glstex and are not carried over to the next instance of \glsxtrresourcefile .

If you have multiple .bib files you can either select them all using src in a single \glsxtrresourcefile call, if they all require the same settings, or you can load them separately with different settings applied.

For example, if the files entries-terms.bib and entries-symbols.bib have the same settings:

\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms,entries-symbols}]

Alternatively, if they have different settings:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms},type=main]
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-symbols},sort=use,type=symbols]
```

5.1 General Options

```
charset = \{\langle encoding-name \rangle\}
```

If the character encoding hasn't been supplied in the .bib file with the encoding comment

```
% Encoding: \langle encoding-name \rangle
```

then you can supply the correct encoding using charset={encoding-name}. In general, it's better to include the encoding in the .bib file where it can also be read by JabRef. See --tex-encoding for the encoding used to write the .glstex file.

```
set-widest=\{\langle boolean \rangle\}
```

The alttree glossary style needs to know the widest name (for each level, if hierarchical). This can be set using \glssetwidest provided by the glossaries package, but this requires knowing which name is the widest.

The boolean option set-widest={true} will try to calculate the widest names for each hierarchical level. Since it doesn't know the fonts that will be used in the document or if there are any non-standard commands that aren't provided in the .bib files preamble, this option may not work. The transcript file will include the message

```
Calculated width of \langle text \rangle: \langle number \rangle
```

where $\langle text \rangle$ is bib2gls's interpretation of the contents of the name field and $\langle number \rangle$ is a rough guide to the width of $\langle text \rangle$ assuming the operating system's default serif font. The entry that has the largest $\langle number \rangle$ is the one that will be selected. This will then be implemented using:

```
\glsetwidest[\langle level \rangle] {\glsentryname} {\langle id \rangle}
```

where $\langle id \rangle$ is the entry's label. This leaves TeX to compute the width according to the document fonts.

If type has been set, the \glssetwidest command will be appended to the glossary preamble for that type, otherwise it's simply set in the .glstex file and may be overridden later in the document if required.

```
secondary = \{\langle list \rangle\}
```

It may be that you want to display a glossary multiple times but with a different order. For example, the first time alphabetically and the second time by category.

You can do this with the **secondary** option. The value (which must be supplied) is a comma-separated list where each item in the list is in the format

```
\langle sort \rangle : \langle field \rangle : \langle type \rangle
or
\langle sort \rangle : \langle type \rangle
```

If the $\langle field \rangle$ is omitted, the value of sort-field is used. The value of $\langle sort \rangle$ is as for sort, but note that in this case the sort value unsrt or none means to use the same ordering as the original entries. So with sort={de-CH-1996}, secondary={none:copies} the copies list will be ordered according to de-CH-1996 and not according to the order in which they were read when the .bib file or files were parsed.

This will copy all the selected entries into the glossary labelled $\langle type \rangle$ sorted according to $\langle sort \rangle$ using $\langle field \rangle$ as the sort value.

(If the glossary $\langle type \rangle$ doesn't exist, it will be defined with \provideignoredglossary*{type}.) Note that if the glossary already exists and contains entries, the existing entries aren't re-ordered. The new entries are simply appended to the list.

For example, suppose the .bib file contains entries like:

```
@entry{quartz,
 name={quartz},
 description={hard mineral consisting of silica},
  category={mineral}
}
@entry{cabbage,
 name={cabbage},
 description={vegetable with thick green or purple leaves},
  category={vegetable}
}
@entry{waterfowl,
 name={waterfowl},
 description={any bird that lives in or about water},
  category={animal}
}
and the document preamble contains:
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries},sort={en-GB},
  secondary={en-GB:category:topic}
]
```

This sorts the primary entries according to the default **sort-field** and then sorts the entries according to the **category** field and copies this list to the **topic** glossary (which will be provided if not defined.)

The secondary list can be displayed with the hypertargets switched off to prevent duplicates. The cross-references will link to the original glossary.

For example:

```
\printunsrtglossary[title={Summary (alphabetical)}]
\printunsrtglossary[title={Summary (by topic)},target=false]
```

5.2 Selection Options

```
src={\langle list \rangle}
```

If the src option is omitted, the .bib file is assumed to be $\langle filename \rangle$.bib. For example:

```
\glsxtrresourcefile{entries-symbols}
```

Indicates that bib2gls needs to read the file entries-symbols.bib and create the file entries-symbols.glstex. If the .bib file is different or if you have multiple .bib files, you need to use the src option.

The value should be a comma-separated list of the required .bib files. These may either be in the current working directory or in the directory given by the --dir switch or on T_EX 's path (in which case kpsewhich will be used to find them). The .bib extension may be omitted. Remember that if $\langle list \rangle$ contains multiple files it must be grouped to protect the comma from the $\langle options \rangle$ list.

For example

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms,entries-symbols}]
```

indicates that bib2gls must read the files entries-terms.bib and entries-symbols. bib and create the file obtained from \jobname.glstex.

```
selection = \{\langle value \rangle\}
```

By default all entries that have records in the .aux file will be selected as well as all their dependent entries. The dependent entries that don't have corresponding records on the first LATEX run, make need an additional build to ensure their location lists are updated.

Remember that on the first LATEX the .glstex files don't exist. This means that the entries can't be defined. The record package option additionally switches on the undefaction={warn} option, which means that you'll only get warnings rather than errors when you reference entries in the document. This means that you can't use \glsaddall all with bib2gls because the glossary lists are empty on the first run therefore there's nothing for \glsaddall to iterate over. Instead, if you want to add all defined entries, you need to instruct bib2gls to do this with the selection option. The following values are allowed:

- recorded and deps: add all recorded entries and their dependencies (default).
- recorded no deps: add all recorded entries but not their dependencies. The dependencies include those referenced in the see field, parent entries and those found referenced with commands like \gls in the field values that are parsed by bib2gls. With this setting, parents will be omitted unless they've been referenced in the document through commands like \gls.
- recorded and ancestors: this is live the previous setting but parents are added even if they haven't been referenced in the document. The other dependent entries are omitted if they haven't been referenced in the document.
- all: add all entries found in the .bib files supplied in the src option.

The $\langle value \rangle$ must be supplied.

```
external=\{\langle list \rangle\}
```

Not yet implemented.

```
match = \{\langle key\text{-}val \ list \rangle\}
```

It's possible to filter the selection by matching field values. If $\langle key\text{-}val \; list \rangle$ is empty no filtering will be applied, otherwise $\langle key\text{-}val \; list \rangle$ should be a $\langle key \rangle = \langle regexp \rangle$ list, where $\langle key \rangle$ is the name of a field or id for the entry's label or entrytype for the entry's .bib type (as in the part after @ in the .bib file not the type field identifying the glossary label).

The $\langle regex \rangle$ part should be a regular expression conforming to Java's Pattern class. The pattern is anchored (oo.* matches oops but not loops) and $\langle regexp \rangle$ can't be empty. Remember that T_EX will expand the option list as it writes the information to the .aux file so take care with special characters. For example, to match a literal period use \string\. not \. (backslash dot).

If the field is missing its value it is assumed to be empty for the purposes of the pattern match even if it will be assigned a non-empty default value when the entry is defined.

If a field is listed multiple times, the pattern for that field is concatenated using

```
(?:\langle pattern-1 \rangle) \mid (?:\langle pattern-2 \rangle)
```

where $\langle pattern-1 \rangle$ is the current pattern for that field and $\langle pattern-2 \rangle$ is the new pattern. This means it performs a logical OR. For the non-duplicate fields the logical operator is given by match-op.

For example:

```
match-op={and},
match={
    {category=animals},
    {topic=biology},
```

```
{category=vegetables}
```

This will discard any entries that don't match the condition: category matches (?:animals)|(?:vegetables) (the category is either animals or vegetables) AND topic is biology. A message will be written to the log file for each entry that's discarded.

Patterns for unknown fields will be ignored. If the entire list consists of patterns for unknown fields it will be treated as match. That is, no filtering will be applied.

```
match-op=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

If the value of match contains more than one $\langle key \rangle = \langle pattern \rangle$ element, the match-op determines whether to apply a logical AND or a logical OR. The $\langle value \rangle$ may be either and or or. The default is match-op={and}.

```
flatten={\langle value \rangle}
```

This is a boolean option. The default value is flatten={false}.

If flatten={true}, the sorting will ignore hierarchy and the parent field will be omitted when writing the definitions to the .glstex file, but the parent entries will still be considered a dependent ancestor from the selection point of view.

Note the difference between this option and using ignore-fields={parent} which will remove the dependency (unless a dependency is established through another field).

5.3 Field and Label Options

```
ignore-fields = {\langle list \rangle}
```

The ignore-fields key indicates that you want bib2gls to skip the fields listed in supplied the comma-separated $\langle list \rangle$ of field labels. Remember that unrecognised fields will always be skipped.

For example, suppose my .bib file contains

```
@abbreviation{html,
    short ="html",
    long = {hypertext markup language},
    description={a markup language for creating web pages},
    see={[see also]xml}
}
```

but I want to use the short-long style and I don't want the cross-referenced term, then I can use ignore-fields={see,description}.

Note that ignore-fields={parent} removes the parent before determining the dependency lists. This means that selection={recorded and deps} and selection={recorded and ancestors} won't pick up the label in the parent field.

If you want to maintain the dependency and ancestor relationship but omit the parent field when writing the entries to the .glstex file, you instead need to use flatten.

```
category = \{\langle value \rangle\}
```

The selected entries may all have their category field changed before writing their definitions to the .glstex file. The $\langle value \rangle$ may be:

- same as entry: set the category to the entry type used to define it.
- same as type: set the category to the same value as the type field (if that field has been provided either in the .bib file or through the type option).
- A category label: the category is set to $\langle value \rangle$.

This will override any category fields supplied in the .bib file.

For example, if the .bib file contains:

```
@entry{bird,
   name={bird},
   description = {feathered animal}
}
@index{duck}
@index{goose,plural="geese"}
@dualentry{dog,
   name={dog},
   description={chien}
}
```

then if the document contains

\GlsXtrLoadResources[category={same as entry},src={entries}]

this will set the category of the bird field to entry (since it was defined with \entry), the category of the duck and goose entries to index (since they were defined with @index), and the category of the dog entry to dualentry (since it was defined with @dualentry). Note that the dual entry dual.dog doesn't have the category set, since that's governed by dual-category instead.

If, instead, the document contains

\GlsXtrLoadResources[category={animals},src={entries}]

then the category of all the primary selected entries will be set to animals. Again the dual entry dual.dog doesn't have the category set.

Note that the categories may be overridden by the commands, such as **\bibglsnewindex**, that are used to actually define the entries.

For example, if the document contains

```
\newcommand{\bibglsnewdualentry}[4]{%
  \longnewglossaryentry*{#1}{name={#3},#2,category={dual}}{#4}%
}
```

\GlsXtrLoadResources[category={animals},src={entries}]

then both the dog and dual.dog entries will have their category field set to dual since the new definition of \bibglsnewdualentry has overridden the category={animals} option.

```
type = \{\langle value \rangle\}
```

The $\langle value \rangle$ may be same as entry or a glossary label. This is similar to the category option except that it sets the type field. As with the category option, value={same as entry} indicates that the entry type should be used. There is no $\langle value \rangle$ analogous to category={same as type}.

Make sure that the glossary type has already been defined.

Note that this setting only changes the type field for primary entries. Use dual-type for dual entries.

For example:

\usepackage[record,symbols]{glossaries-extra}

\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-symbols},type=symbols]

Remember that you can use the starred version of \newglossary if you don't want to worry about the extensions needed by makeindex or xindy. For example:

\usepackage[record,nomain]{glossaries-extra}

\newglossary*{dictionary}{Dictionary}

\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-symbols},type=dictionary]

(The nomain option was added to suppress the creation of the default main glossary.) Alternatively you can use \newignoredglossary if you don't want the glossary picked up by \printunsrtglossaries.

```
label-prefix=\{\langle tag \rangle\}
```

The label-prefix option prepends $\langle tag \rangle$ to each entry's label. This $\langle tag \rangle$ will also be inserted in front of any cross-references, unless they start with dual. or $\text{ext}\langle n \rangle$. (where $\langle n \rangle$ is an integer).

For example, if the .bib file contains

```
@entry{bird,
 name={bird},
 description = {feathered animal, such as a \gls{duck} or \gls {goose}}
@entry{waterfowl,
 name={waterfowl},
 description={Any \gls{bird} that lives in or about water},
  see={[see also]{duck,goose}}
}
@index{duck}
@index{goose,plural="geese"}
Then if this .bib file is loaded with label-prefix={gls.} it's as though the entries had
been defined as:
@entry{gls.bird,
 name={bird},
  description = {feathered animal, such as a \gls{gls.duck} or
\gls{gls.goose}}
@entry{gls.waterfowl,
 name={waterfowl},
 description={Any \gls{gls.bird} that lives in or about water},
  see={[see also]{gls.duck,gls.goose}}
}
@index{gls.duck,name={duck}}
@index{gls.goose,name={goose},plural="geese"}
```

Remember to use this prefix when you reference the terms in the document with commands like \gls.

```
ext-prefixes=\{\langle list \rangle\}
```

Any cross-references in the .bib file that start with $\exp(n)$. (where $\langle n \rangle$ is a positive integer) will be substituted with the $\langle n \rangle$ th tag listed in the comma-separated $\langle list \rangle$. If there aren't that many items in the list, the $\exp(n)$. will simply be removed. The default setting is an empty list, which will strip all $\exp(n)$. prefixes.

For example, suppose the file entries-terms.bib contains:

@entry{set,

```
name={set},
  description={collection of values, denoted \gls{ext1.set}}
}
and the file entries-symbols.bib contains:

@symbol{set,
   name={\ensuremath{\mathcal{S}}},
   description={a \gls{ext1.set}}
}
```

These files both contain an entry with the label set but the description includes \gls{ext1.set} which is referencing the entry from the other file. These two files can be loaded without conflict using:

\usepackage[record,symbols]{glossaries-extra}

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms},
  label-prefix={gls.},
  ext-prefixes={sym.}
]
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-symbols},
  type=symbols,
  label-prefix={sym.},
  ext-prefixes={gls.}
]
```

Now the set entry from entries-terms.bib will be defined with the label gls.set and the description will be

```
collection of values, denoted \gls{sym.set}
```

The set entry from entries-symbols.bib will be defined with the label sym.set and the description will be

```
a \gls{gls.set}
```

Note that in this case the .bib files have to be loaded as two separate resources. They can't be combined into a single src list as the labels aren't unique.

If you want to allow the flexibility to choose between loading them together or separately, you'll have to give them unique labels. For example, entries-terms.bib could contain:

```
@entry{set,
  name={set},
  description={collection of values, denoted \gls{ext1.S}}
}
```

```
and entries-symbols.bib could contain:
@symbol{S,
    name={\ensuremath{\mathcal{S}}},
    description={a \gls{ext1.set}}
}
Now they can be combined with:
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms,entries-symbols}]
which will simply strip the ext1. prefix from the cross-references. Alternatively:
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms,entries-symbols},
    label-prefix={gls.},
    ext-prefixes={gls.}
]
```

which will insert the supplied **label-prefix** at the start of the labels in the entry definitions and will replace the **ext1**. prefix with **gls**. in the cross-references.

5.4 Location List Options

The record package option automatically adds two new keys: loclist and location. These two fields are set by bib2gls from the information supplied in the .aux file. The loclist has the format of an etoolbox internal list and includes every location (except for the discarded duplicates). Each item in the list is provided in the form

```
\glsseeformat[\langle tag \rangle] \{\langle label\ list \rangle\} \}
```

for the cross-reference supplied by the see field and

```
\glsnoidxdisplayloc\{\langle prefix\rangle\}\{\langle counter\rangle\}\{\langle format\rangle\}\{\langle location\rangle\}\
```

for the locations. You can iterate through the loclist value using one of etoolbox's internal list loops. Remember that you can fetch the value of the field using \glsfieldfetch provided by the glossaries package. The locations are always listed in the order in which they were indexed, except for the cross-reference which may be placed at the start or end of the list or omitted according to loc-prefix.

It's therefore possible to define a custom glossary style where \glossentry (and \subglossentry) ignore the final argument and instead parse the localist field and re-order the locations. Remember that you can also use \glsnoidxloclist provided by glossaries. For example:

\glsfieldfetch{gls.sample}{loclist}\% fetch location list \glsnoidxloclist{\loclist}\% iterate over locations

This uses \glsnoidxloclisthandler as the list's handler macro, which simply displays each location separated by \delimN. (See also Iteration Tips and Tricks.)

Each location is listed in the .aux file in the form:

```
\verb|\glsxtr@record{|\langle label\rangle|}{\langle prefix\rangle}}{\langle counter\rangle}{\langle format\rangle}{\langle location\rangle}|
```

Exact duplicates are discarded. For example, if cat is indexed twice on page 1:

```
\glsxtr@record{cat}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1}
\glsxtr@record{cat}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1}
```

The second record is discarded. Only the first record is added to the location list.

Partial duplicates, where all arguments match except for $\langle format \rangle$, may be discarded depending on the value of $\langle format \rangle$. For example, if page 1 of the document uses \gls{cat} and $\gls{format=hyperbf}{cat}$ then the .aux file will contain:

```
\glsxtr@record{cat}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1}
\glsxtr@record{cat}{}{page}{hyperbf}{1}
```

This is a partial record match. In this case, bib2gls makes the following tests:

- If one of the formats is glsnumberformat (as in the above example), that format will be skipped. So in the above example, the second record will be added to the location list, but not the first. (A message will only be written to the transcript if the --debug switch is used.)
- If a mapping has been set with the --map-format switch that mapping will be checked.
- Otherwise the duplicate record will be discarded with a warning.

The location field is used to store the formatted location list. The code for this list is generated by bib2gls based on the information provided in the .aux file, the presence of the see field and the various settings described in this chapter. When you display the glossary using \printunsrtglossary, if the location field is present it will be displayed according to the glossary style (and other factors, such as whether the nonumberlist option has been used, either as a package option or supplied in the optional argument of \printunsrtglossary). For more information on adjusting the formatting see the glossaries and glossaries-extra manual.

```
\texttt{min-loc-range} = \{\langle value \rangle\}
```

By default, three or more consecutive locations $\langle loc-1 \rangle$, $\langle loc-2 \rangle$, ..., $\langle loc-n \rangle$ are compressed into the range $\langle loc-1 \rangle \backslash delimR \langle loc-n \rangle$ (where $\backslash delimR$ is provided by the glossaries package). Otherwise the locations are separated by $\backslash delimN$ (again provided by glossaries).

You can change this with the min-loc-range setting where $\langle value \rangle$ is either none (don't form ranges) or an integer greater than one indicating how many consecutive locations should be converted into a range.

bib2gls determines if one location $\{\langle prefix-2\rangle\}\{\langle counter-2\rangle\}\{\langle format-2\rangle\}\{\langle location-2\rangle\}$ is one unit more than another location $\{\langle prefix-1\rangle\}\{\langle counter-1\rangle\}\{\langle format-1\rangle\}\{\langle location-1\rangle\}$ according to the following:

- 1. If $\langle prefix-1 \rangle$ is not equal to $\langle prefix-2 \rangle$ or $\langle counter-1 \rangle$ is not equal to $\langle counter-2 \rangle$ or $\langle format-1 \rangle$ is not equal to $\langle format-2 \rangle$, then the locations aren't considered consecutive.
- 2. If either $\langle location-1 \rangle$ or $\langle location-2 \rangle$ are empty, then the locations aren't considered consecutive.
- 3. If both $\langle location-1 \rangle$ and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ match the pattern

$$(.*?)(?:\protect\s*)?(\[a-zA-Z@]+)\s*\{([0-9a-zA-Z]+)\]$$

then:

- if the control sequence matched by group 2 isn't the same for both locations, the locations aren't considered consecutive;
- if the argument of the control sequence (group 3) is the same for both locations, then the test is retried with $\langle location-1 \rangle$ set to group 1 of the first pattern match and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ set to group 1 of the second pattern match;
- otherwise the test is retried with $\langle location-1 \rangle$ set to group 3 of the first pattern match and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ set to group 3 of the second pattern match.
- 4. If both $\langle location-1 \rangle$ and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ match the pattern

$$(.*?)([^0-9]?)([0-9]+)$$

then:

- a) if group 3 of both pattern matches are equal then:
 - i. if group 3 isn't zero, the locations aren't considered consecutive;
 - ii. if the separators (group 2) are different the test is retried with $\langle location-1 \rangle$ set to the concatenation of the first two groups $\langle group-1 \rangle \langle group-2 \rangle$ of the first pattern match and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ set to the concatenation of the first two groups $\langle group-1 \rangle \langle group-2 \rangle$ of the second pattern match;
 - iii. if the separators (group 2) are the same the test is retried with $\langle location-1 \rangle$ set to the first group $\langle group-1 \rangle$ of the first pattern match and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ set to the first group $\langle group-1 \rangle$ of the second pattern match.
- b) If $\langle group-1 \rangle$ of the first pattern match (of $\langle location-1 \rangle$) doesn't equal $\langle group-1 \rangle$ of the second pattern match (of $\langle location-2 \rangle$) or $\langle group-2 \rangle$ of the first pattern match (of $\langle location-1 \rangle$) doesn't equal $\langle group-2 \rangle$ of the second pattern match (of $\langle location-2 \rangle$) then the locations aren't considered consecutive;

- c) If $0 < l_2 l_1 \le g$ where l_2 is $\langle group \ 3 \rangle$ of the second pattern match, l_1 is $\langle group \ 3 \rangle$ of the first pattern match and g is the value of loc-gap then the locations are consecutive otherwise they're not consecutive.
- 5. The next pattern matches for $\langle prefix \rangle \langle sep \rangle \langle n \rangle$ where $\langle n \rangle$ is a lower case Roman numeral, which is converted to a decimal value and the test is performed in the same way as the above decimal test.
- 6. The next pattern matches for $\langle prefix \rangle \langle sep \rangle \langle n \rangle$ where $\langle n \rangle$ is an upper case Roman numeral, which is converted to a decimal value and the test is performed in the same way as the above decimal test.
- 7. The next pattern matches for $\langle prefix \rangle \langle sep \rangle \langle c \rangle$ where $\langle c \rangle$ is either a lower case letter from a to z or an upper case letter from A to Z. The character is converted to its code point and the test is performed in the same way as the decimal pattern above.
- 8. If none of the above, the locations aren't considered consecutive.

Examples:

1. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1}
 \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{2}

These records are consecutive. The prefix, counter and format are identical (so the test passes step 1), the locations match the decimal pattern and the test in step 4c passes.

2. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1}
\glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{textbf}{2}

These records aren't consecutive since the formats are different.

3. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{A.i}
\glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{A.ii}

These records are consecutive. The prefix, counter and format are identical (so it passes step 1). The locations match the lower case Roman numeral pattern, where A is considered a prefix and the dot is consider a separator. The Roman numerals i and ii are converted to decimal and the test is retried with the locations set to 1 and 2, respectively. This now passes the decimal pattern test (step 4c).

4. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{i.A} \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{ii.A}

These records aren't consecutive. They match the alpha pattern. The first location is considered to consist of the prefix i, the separator . (dot) and the number given by the character code of A. The second location is considered to consist of the prefix ii, the separator . (dot) and the number given by the character code of A.

The test fails because the numbers are equal and the prefixes are different.

5. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1.0} \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{2.0}

These records are consecutive. They match the decimal pattern, and then step 4a followed by step 4(a)iii. The .0 part is discarded and the test is retried with the first location set to 1 and the second location set to 2.

- 6. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{1.1} \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{2.1} These records aren't consecutive as the test branches off into step 4(a)i.
- 7. \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{\@alph{1}}
 \glsxtr@record{gls.sample}{}{page}{glsnumberformat}{\@alph{2}}

These records are consecutive. The locations match the control sequence pattern. The control sequences are the same, so the test is retried with the first location set to 1 and the second location set to 2. (Note that \glsxtrresourcefile changes the category code of @ to allow for internal commands in locations.)

$loc-gap = \{\langle value \rangle\}$

This setting is used to determine whether two locations are considered consecutive. The value must be an integer greater than or equal to 1. (The default is 1.)

For two locations, $\langle location-1 \rangle$ and $\langle location-2 \rangle$, that have numeric values n_1 and n_2 (and identical prefix, counter and format), then the sequence $\langle location-1 \rangle$, $\langle location-2 \rangle$ is considered consecutive if

$$0 < n_2 - n_1 \le \langle loc\text{-}gap \rangle$$

The default value of 1 means that $\langle location-2 \rangle$ immediately follows $\langle location-1 \rangle$ if $n_2 = n_1 + 1$.

For example, if $\langle location-1 \rangle$ is "B" and $\langle location-2 \rangle$ is "C", then $n_1 = 66$ and $n_2 = 67$. Since $n_2 = 67 = 66 + 1 = n_1 + 1$ then $\langle location-2 \rangle$ immediately follows $\langle location-1 \rangle$.

This is used in the range formations within the location lists. So, for example, the list "1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 58, 59, 61" becomes "1–3, 5, 7, 8, 10–12, 58, 59, 61".

The automatically indexing of commands like \gls means that the location lists can become long and ragged. You could deal with this by switching off the automatic indexing and only explicitly index pertinent use or you can adjust the value of loc-gap so that a range can be formed even there are one or two gaps in it.

So with the above set of locations, if loc-gap={2} then the list becomes "1-12, 58-61" which now highlights that there are two blocks within the document related to that term.

$$suffixF = \{\langle value \rangle\}$$

If set, a range consisting of two consecutive locations $\langle loc-1 \rangle$ and $\langle loc-2 \rangle$ will be displayed in the location list as $\langle loc-1 \rangle \langle value \rangle$.

Note that **suffixF** sets the suffix to the empty string. To remove the suffix formation use **suffixF={none}**.

The default is suffixF={none}.

```
suffixFF = \{\langle value \rangle\}
```

If set, a range consisting of three or more consecutive locations $\langle loc-1 \rangle$ and $\langle loc-2 \rangle$ will be displayed in the location list as $\langle loc-1 \rangle \langle value \rangle$.

Note that **suffixFF** sets the suffix to the empty string. To remove the suffix formation use **suffixFF={none}**.

The default is suffixFF={none}.

```
see = \{\langle value \rangle\}
```

If an entry has a see field, this can be placed before or after the location list, or completely omitted (but the value will still be available in the see field for use with \glsxtrusesee). This option may take the following values:

- omit: omit the see reference from the location list.
- before: place the see reference before the location list.
- after: place the see reference after the location list (default).

The separator between the location list and the see reference is provided by **\bibglsseesep**. This separator is omitted if the location list is empty. The $\langle value \rangle$ part is required.

```
loc-prefix={\langle value \rangle}
```

The loc-prefix setting indicates that the location lists should begin with $\begin{tabular}{l} bibglslocprefix \{n\}. \\ The <math>\langle value \rangle$ may be one of the following:

- false: don't insert \bibglslocprefix{n} at the start of the location lists (default).
- $\{\langle prefix-1\rangle\}$, $\{\langle prefix-2\rangle\}$, ..., $\{\langle prefix-n\rangle\}$: insert \bibglslocprefix $\{n\}$ (where $\langle n\rangle$ is the number of locations in the list) at the start of each location list and the definition of \bibglslocprefix will be appended to the glossary preamble providing an \ifcase condition:

- list: equivalent to loc-prefix={\pagelistname }.
- true: equivalent to loc-prefix= $\{\langle page \rangle, \langle pages \rangle\}$, where $\langle page \rangle$ and $\langle pages \rangle$ are obtained from the tag.page and tag.pages entries in bib2gls's language file. This setting is only appropriate if the document's language matches the language file.

If $\langle value \rangle$ is omitted, true is assumed.

$loc-suffix={\langle value \rangle}$

This is similar to loc-prefix but there are some subtle differences. In this case $\langle value \rangle$ may either be the keyword false (in which case the location suffix is omitted) or a comma-separated list $\langle suffix-\theta \rangle$, $\langle suffix-1 \rangle$, ..., $\langle suffix-n \rangle$ where $\langle suffix-\theta \rangle$ is the suffix to use when the location list only has a cross-reference with no locations, $\langle suffix-1 \rangle$ is the suffix to use when the location list has one location (optionally with a cross-reference), and so on. The final $\langle suffix-n \rangle$ in the list is the suffix when the location list has $\langle n \rangle$ or more locations (optionally with a cross-reference).

This option will append $\begin{cal}bipselsessinfix {\langle n \rangle} to location lists that either have a cross-reference or have at least one location. Unlike <math>\begin{cal}bipselsessinfinglessin$

If $\langle value \rangle$ omitted, loc-suffix={\0.} is assumed. The default is loc-suffix={false}.

5.5 Sorting

```
sort=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

The sort key indicates how entries should be sorted. The $\langle value \rangle$ may be one of:

- locale: sort the entries according to the operating system's locale.
- doc: sort the entries according to the document language. In the case of a multilingual document, this will be the last language resource file to be loaded through tracklang's interface. If no languages have been tracked, this option is equivalent to sort={locale}.
- none (or unsrt): don't sort the entries.
- use: sort in order of use. (This order is determined by the records written to the .aux file by the record package option.)
- letter-case: case-sensitive letter sort.
- letter-nocase: case-insensitive letter sort.
- $\langle lang \ tag \rangle$: sort according to the rules of the locale given by the IETF language tag $\langle lang \ tag \rangle$.

If the $\langle value \rangle$ is omitted, sort={doc} is assumed. If the sort option isn't used then sort={locale} is assumed.

Note that sort={locale} can provide more detail about the locale than sort={doc}, depending on how the document language has been specified.

For example, with:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[ngerman] {babel}
\usepackage[record] {glossaries}
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={german-terms}]
```

the language tag will be de-1996, which doesn't have an associated region. Whereas with

```
\documentclass[de-DE-1996]{article}
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}
\usepackage[record]{glossaries}
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={german-terms}]
```

the language tag will be de-DE-1996 because tracklang has picked up the locale from the document class options. This is only likely to cause a difference if a language has different sorting rules according to the region or if the language may be written in multiple scripts.

A multilingual document will need to have the **sort** specified when loading the resource to ensure the correct language is chosen. For example:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={english-terms},sort={en-GB}]
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={german-terms},sort={de-DE-1996}]
```

```
sort-field=\{\langle field \rangle\}
```

The sort-field key indicates which field provides the sort value. The default is the sort field. For example

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries-terms},sort-label=category,sort=letter-case]
```

This sorts the entries according to the category field using a case-sensitive letter comparison.

If an entry is missing a value for $\langle field \rangle$, then the value of the fallback field will be used instead. For example, with the default sort-field={sort}, then for an entry defined with @entry, if the sort field is missing the fallback field will be the name or the parent field if the name field is missing. If the entry is instead defined with @abbreviation (or @acronym) then if the sort field is missing, bib2gls will start with the same fallback as for @entry but if neither the name or parent field is set, it will fallback on the short field.

If no fallback field can be found, the entry's label will be used.

5.6 Dual Entries

```
dual-sort=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

This option indicates how to sort the dual entries. The primary entries are sorted with the normal entries according to **sort**, and the dual entries are sorted according to **dual-sort** unless **dual-sort={combine}** in which case the dual entries will be combined with the primary entries and all the entries will sorted together according to the **sort** option.

If $\langle value \rangle$ isn't set to combine then the dual entries are sorted separately according to $\langle value \rangle$ (as per sort) and the dual entries will be appended at the end of the .glstex file. The field used by the comparator is given by dual-sort-field.

For example:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[
src={entries-dual},
sort={en},
dual-sort={de-CH-1996}
]
```

This will sort the primary entries according to **en** (English) and the secondary entries according to **de-CH-1996** (Swiss German new orthography) whereas:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[
  src={entries-dual},
  sort={en-GB},
  dual-sort={combine}
```

will combine the dual entries with the primary entries and sort them all according to the en-GB locale (British English).

If not set, dual-sort defaults to combine. If $\langle value \rangle$ is omitted, locale is assumed.

```
dual-sort-field=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

This option indicates the field to use when sorting dual entries (when they haven't been combined with the primary entries). The default value is the same as the **sort-field** value.

```
dual-prefix=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

This option indicates the prefix to use for the dual entries. The default value is dual. (including the terminating period). Any references to dual entries within the .bib file should use the prefix dual. which will be replaced by $\langle value \rangle$ when the .bib file is parsed.

```
dual-type=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

This option sets the type field for all dual entries. (The primary entries obey the type option.) This will override any value of type provided in the .bib file (or created through a mapping). The $\langle value \rangle$ is required.

The $\langle value \rangle$ may be:

- same as entry: sets the type to the entry type. For example, if the entry was defined with @dualentry, the type will be set to dualentry.
- same as primary: sets the type to the same as the corresponding primary entry's type (which may have been set with type). If the primary entry doesn't have the type field set, the dual's type will remain unchanged.
- $\langle label \rangle$: sets the type field to $\langle label \rangle$.

Remember that the glossary with that label must have already been defined. For example:

```
\newglossary*{english}{English}
\newglossary*{french}{French}

\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries},sort={en},dual-sort={fr},
    type=english,
    dual-type=french]

Alternatively:
\newglossary*{dictionary}{Dictionary}

\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries},sort={en},dual-sort={fr},
    type=dictionary,
    dual-type={same as primary}]

dual-category={\( value \) \}
```

This option sets the category field for all dual entries. (The primary entries obey the category option.) This will override any value of category provided in the .bib file (or created through a mapping). The $\langle value \rangle$ may be empty.

The $\langle value \rangle$ may be:

- same as entry: sets the category to the entry type. For example, if the entry was defined with <code>@dualentry</code>, the category will be set to dualentry.
- same as primary: sets the category to the same as the corresponding primary entry's category (which may have been set with category). If the primary entry doesn't have the category field set, the dual's category will remain unchanged.

- same as type: sets the category to the same as the value of the entry's type field (which may have been set with dual-type). If the entry doesn't have the type field set, the category will remain unchanged.
- $\langle label \rangle$: sets the category field to $\langle label \rangle$.

```
dual-entry-map=\{\{\langle list1\rangle\}, \{\langle list2\rangle\}\}
```

This setting governs the behaviour of **@dualentry** definitions. The value consists of two comma-separated lists of equal length identifying the field mapping used to create the dual entry from the primary one.

The default setting is:

```
dual-entry-map=
{
    {name,plural,description,descriptionplural},
    {description,descriptionplural,name,plural}
}
```

The dual entry is created by copying the value of the field in the first list $\langle list1 \rangle$ to the field in the corresponding place in the second list $\langle list2 \rangle$. Any additional fields are copied over to the same field.

For example:

```
@dualentry{cat,
  name={cat},
  description={chat},
  see={dog}
}
defines two entries. The primary entry is essentially like
@entry{cat,
  name={cat},
  plural={cat\glspluralsuffix },
  description={chat},
  descriptionplural={chat\glspluralsuffix },
  see={dog}
}
and the dual entry is essentially like
@entry{dual.cat,
  description={cat},
  descriptionplural={cat\glspluralsuffix },
  name={chat},
  plural={chat\glspluralsuffix },
  see={dog}
}
```

(except they're defined using \bibglsnewdualentry instead of \bibglsnewentry, and each is considered dependent on the other.)

The see field isn't listed in dual-entry-map so its value is simply copied directly over to the see field in the dual entry. Note that the missing plural fields (plural and descriptionplural) have been filled in.

In general bib2gls doesn't try to supply missing fields, but in the dual entry cases it needs to do this for the mapped fields. This is because the shuffled fields might have different default values from the glossaries-extra package's point of view. For example, \longnewglossaryentry doesn't provide a default for descriptionplural if if hasn't been set.

```
dual-abbrv-map=\{\{\langle list1\rangle\},\{\langle list2\rangle\}\}
```

This is like dual-entry-map but applies to @dualabbreviation rather than @dualentry. The default setting is:

```
dual-abbrv-map=
{
    {short,shortplural,long,longplural,symbol,symbolplural,
    description,descriptionplural},
    {symbol,symbolplural,description,descriptionplural,short,shortplural,
    long,longplural}
}
```

This essentially flips the short field with the symbol field and the long field with the description field.

```
dual-symbol-map=\{\{\langle list1\rangle\}, \{\langle list2\rangle\}\}
```

This is like dual-entry-map but applies to @dualsymbol rather than @dualentry. The default setting is:

```
dual-symbol-map=
{
    {name,plural,symbol,symbolplural},
    {symbol,symbolplural,name,plural}
}
```

This essentially flips the name field with the symbol field.

```
dual-entry-backlink=\{\langle boolean \rangle\}
```

This is a boolean setting. When used with Qdualentry, if $\langle boolean \rangle$ is true, this will wrap the contents of first mapped field with \glshyperlink . If $\langle boolean \rangle$ is missing true is assumed.

The field is obtained from the first mapping listed in dual-entry-map. For example, if the document contains:

```
\GlsXtrLoadResource[dual-entry-backlink,
dual-entry-map={
  {name,plural,description,descriptionplural},
  {description,descriptionplural,name,plural}
},
src={entries-dual}]
and if the .bib file contains
@dualentry{child,
 name={child},
 plural={children},
 description={enfant}
Then the definition of the primary entry (child) in the .glstex file will have the
```

description field set to

```
{\glshyperlink[enfant]{dual.child}}
```

and the dual entry (dual.child) will have the description field set to

```
{\glshyperlink[child]{child}}
```

The reason the description field is chosen for the modification is because the first field listed in the first list in dual-entry-map is the name field which maps to description (the first field in the second list). This means that the hyperlink for the dual entry should be put in the description field.

For the primary entry, the name field is looked up in the second list from the dual-entry-map setting. This is the third item in this second list, so the third item in the first list is selected, which also happens to be the description field, so the hyperlink for the primary entry is put in the description field.

```
dual-abbrv-backlink=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

This is analogous to dual-entry-backlink but for entries defined with @dualabbreviation instead of @dualentry.

```
dual-symbol-backlink=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

This is analogous to dual-entry-backlink but for entries defined with @dualsymbol instead of @dualentry.

```
dual-backlink=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

Shortcut for dual-entry-backlink= $\{\langle value \rangle\}$, dual-abbry-backlink= $\{\langle value \rangle\}$, and dual-symbol-backlink= $\{\langle value \rangle\}$.

```
dual-field=\{\langle value \rangle\}
```

If this option is used, this will add \glsxtrprovidestoragekey to the start of the .glstex file providing the key given by $\langle value \rangle$. Any entries defined using <code>Qdualentry</code> will be written to the .glstex file with an extra field called $\langle value \rangle$ that is set to the mirror entry. If $\langle value \rangle$ is omitted dual is assumed.

For example, if the .bib file contains

```
@dualentry{child,
   name={child},
   plural={children},
   description={enfant}
}
Then with dual-field={dualid} this will first add the line
\glsxtrprovidestoragekey{dualid}{}{}
at the start of the file and will include the line
dualid={dual.child},
for the primary entry (child) and the line
dualid={child},
```

for the dual entry (dual.child). It's then possible to reference one entry from the other. For example, the post-description hook could contain:

```
\ifglshasfield{dualid}{\glscurrententrylabel}
{%
  \space
  (\glshyperlink{\glsxtrusefield{\glscurrententrylabel}{dualid}})%
}%
{}%
```

Note that this new field won't be available for use within the .bib file (unless it was previously defined in the document before \glsxtrresourcefile).

6 Provided Commands

When bib2gls writes the entries to the output file, instead of directly using commands like \newglossaryentry, it provides its own commands defined with \providecommand. This means that you can customize the way the entries are defined by providing your own commands before the .glstex files are loaded.

After each entry is defined, if it has any associated locations, the locations are added using

```
\glsxtrfieldlistadd{\langle label\rangle}{loclist}{\langle record\rangle}
```

This command is provided by glossaries-extra (v1.12).

\bibglsnewentry

```
\bigstyle \big
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the @entry type. The definition provided in the .glstex file is:

```
\providecommand{\bibglsnewentry}[4]{%
  \longnewglossaryentry*{#1}{name={#3},#2}{#4}%
}
```

This uses the starred form of \longnewglossaryentry that doesn't automatically append \nopostdesc (which interferes with the post-description hooks provided by category attributes).

\bibglsnewsymbol

```
\big| \big
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the <code>@symbol</code> type. The definition provided in the <code>.glstex</code> file is:

```
\providecommand{\bibglsnewsymbol}[4]{%
\longnewglossaryentry*{#1}{name={#3},sort={#1},category={symbol},#2}{#4}%
}
```

Note that this sets the **sort** field to the label, but this may be overridden by the $\langle options \rangle$ if the **sort** field was supplied or if **bib2g1s** has determined the value whilst sorting the entries.

This also sets the category to symbol, but again this may be overridden by $\langle options \rangle$ if the entry had the category field set in the .bib file or if the category was overridden with category= $\{\langle value \rangle\}$.

\bibglsnewnumber

```
\verb|\bibglsnewnumber{|\langle label\rangle|}{\langle options\rangle}{\langle name\rangle}{\langle description\rangle}|
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the @number type. The definition provided in the .glstex file is:

```
\label{lem:longnewglossaryentry*{#1}{name={#3},sort={#1},category={number},\#2}{\#4}% }
```

This is much the same as $\$ bibglsnewsymbol above but sets the category to number. Again the sort and category keys may be overridden by $\langle options \rangle$.

\bibglsnewindex

```
\big| \big
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the @index type. The definition provided in the .glstex file is:

```
\providecommand*{\bibglsnewindex}[2]{%
\newglossaryentry{#1}{name={#1},description={},#2}%
}
```

This makes the name default to the $\langle label \rangle$ and sets an empty description. These settings may be overridden by $\langle options \rangle$. Note that the description doesn't include \nopostdec to allow for the post-description hook used by category attributes.

\bibglsnewabbreviation

```
\bibglsnewabbreviation\{\langle label \rangle\}\{\langle options \rangle\}\{\langle short \rangle\}\{\langle long \rangle\}
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the **@abbreviation** type. The definition provided in the .glstex file is:

```
\providecommand{\bibglsnewabbreviation}[4]{%
  \newabbreviation[#2]{#1}{#3}{#4}%
}
```

Since this uses \newabbreviation, it obeys the current abbreviation style for its given category (which may have been set in \(\lambda options \rangle \), either from the category field in the .bib file or through the category option). Similarly the type will obey \glsxtrabbrvtype unless the value is supplied in the .bib file or through the type option.

\bibglsnewacronym

```
\begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabu
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the Cacronym type. The definition provided in the .glstex file is:

```
\providecommand{\bibglsnewacronym}[4]{%
\newacronym[#2]{#1}{#3}{#4}%
}
```

This works in much the same way as \bibglsnewabbreviation. Remember that with the glossaries-extra package \newacronym is redefined to just use \newabbreviation with the default type set to \acronymtype and the default category set to \acronym.

\bibglsnewdualentry

```
\begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabu
```

This command is used to define terms identified with the **@dualentry** type. The definition provided in the .glstex file is:

```
\providecommand{\bibglsnewdualentry}[4]{%
\longnewglossaryentry*{#1}{name={#3},#2}{#4}%
}
```

\bibglsnewdualsymbol

Not yet implemented.

\bibglsnewdualabbreviation

Not yet implemented.

\bibglsseesep

\bibglsseesep

Any entries that provide a see field (and that field hasn't be omitted from the location list with see={omit}) will have \bibglsseesep inserted between the see part and the location list (unless there are no locations, in which case just the see part is displayed without \bibglsseesep).

This command is provided with:

```
\providecommand{\bibglsseesep}{, }
You can define this before you load the .bib file:
\newcommand{\bibglsseesep}{; }
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries}]
Or you can redefine it afterwards:
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries}]
\renewcommand{\bibglsseesep}{; }
```

\bibglspostlocprefix

\bibglspostlocprefix

If the loc-prefix option is on, \bibglslocprefix will be inserted at the start of location lists. The command \bibglspostlocprefix is placed after the prefix text. This command is provided with:

```
\providecommand{\bibglspostlocprefix}{\}
```

which puts a space between the prefix text and the location list. You can define this before you load the .bib file:

```
\newcommand{\bibglspostlocprefix}{: }
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries},loc-prefix]
Or you can redefine it afterwards:
\GlsXtrLoadResources[src={entries},loc-prefix]
\renewcommand{\bibglspostlocprefix}{: }
```

\bibglslocprefix

$\begin{tabular}{ll} \verb&\bibglslocprefix{} \langle n \rangle{} \end{aligned}$

If the loc-prefix option is on, this command will be provided. If the glossary type has been provided by type (and dual-type if there are any dual entries) then the definition of \bibglslocprefix will be appended to the glossary preamble for the given type (or types if there are dual entries). For example, if the document has

```
\GlsXtrLoadResources[type=main,loc-prefix={p.,pp.},src={entries}]
```

and there are no dual entries, then the following will be added to the .glstex file:

```
\apptoglossarypreamble[main]{%
  \providecommand{\bibglslocprefix}[1]{%
  \ifcase##1
  \or p.\bibglspostlocprefix
  \else pp.\bibglspostlocprefix
  \fi
}
}
```

However, if the type key is missing, then the following will be added instead:

```
\appto\glossarypreamble{%
  \providecommand{\bibglslocprefix}[1]{%
  \ifcase#1
  \or p.\bibglspostlocprefix
  \else pp.\bibglspostlocprefix
  \fi
}
}
```

\bibglslocsuffix

\bibglslocsuffix $\{\langle n \rangle\}$

If the loc-suffix option is on, this command will be provided. If the glossary type has been provided by type (and dual-type if there are any dual entries) then the definition of \bibglslocsuffix will be appended to the glossary preamble for the given type (or types if there are dual entries).

This commands definition depends on the value provided by loc-suffix. For example, with loc-suffix={\@.} the command is defined as:

\providecommand{\bibglslocsuffix}[1]{\@.}

(which ignores the argument).

Whereas with loc-suffix= $\{\langle A \rangle, \langle B \rangle, \langle C \rangle\}$ the command is defined as:

\providecommand{\bibglslocsuffix}[1]{\ifcase#1 A\or B\else C\fi}

Note that this is slightly different from \bibglslocprefix as it includes the 0 case, which in this instance means that there were no locations but there was a cross-reference. This command isn't added when the location list is empty.

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