Using tidy_bib

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An example

In this example, we use the tidy_bib() function to

- 1. combine two separate .bib-files, references1.bib and references2.bib;
- 2. clean and repair the resulting bib-files (e.g., by removing unwanted fields such as the ISSN, ISBN, DOI, and URL);
- 3. freely cite works from the combined .bib-files in an RMarkdown document which consists of a main text and an appendix;
- 4. create separate .bib-files for the main text and the appendix, each containing only those entries which were cited in the respective sections;
- 5. embed the corresponding separate bibliographies for the main text and the appendix.

YAML Header

In order for this to work, we must specify some arguments in the YAML header of our .Rmd file:

```
output:
   bookdown::pdf_document2:
    number_sections: no
    toc: false
   pandoc_args: --lua-filter=multiple-bibliographies.lua
    keep_tex: no

bibliography_main:
   - partial_bib_1.bib
bibliography_app:
   - partial_bib_2.bib
link-citations: yes
linkcolor: blue
```

These are the important additions:

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- 1. The argument pandoc_args: --lua-filter=multiple-bibliographies.lua calls the lua-filter multiple-bibliographies for the creation and inclusion of multiple bibliographies using pandoc-citeproc.
- 2. The definitions of bibliography_main and bibliography_app specify the suffixes of our partial bibliographies as well as the file names of the corresponding .bibfiles, which will be produced by tidy_bib() in the next step.

tidybib() code chunk

After the YAML header, make sure to include a (hidden, yet evaluating) R code chunk in your RMarkdown document. Here, we specify the following:

```
tidy_bib(
  rmarkdown_file = "manuscript.Rmd",
  bib_input = c("references1.bib", "references2.bib"),
  bib_output = "partial_bib.bib",
  by_sections = c("<!--- appendix split -->"),
  repair = TRUE,
  replace_curly_braces = FALSE,
  removeISSN = TRUE,
  removeISBN = TRUE,
  removeOOI = TRUE,
  removeURL = TRUE
```

- rmarkdown_file = "manuscript.Rmd" specifies that the very same RMarkdown script in which we are writing our paper will be scanned for citations.
- bib_input = c("references1.bib", "references2.bib") means that we supply two larger bib files which will be combined and cleaned before the entries matching the citations in manuscript.Rmd will be extracted.
- bib_output = "partial_bib.bib" specifies the name of the newly created (partial) .bib files. If we request multiple separate .bib files for different sections of the document, these will by default be saved with numerical suffixes before the file extensions, e.g. partial_bib_1.bib, partial_bib_2.bib, etc. Note that we must already supply matching file names for these bibliographies in our YAML header.
- by_sections = c("<!--- appendix split -->") defines the split point included in our .Rmd script. Here, we only supply one split point, which means that tidy_bib() will extract citations separately before and after the split point (and thus produce two separate .bib files). Note that we can easily add more split points, e.g., by including distinct comments in the .Rmd script and adding them to the input vector for the by_sections argument.
- repair, replace_curly_braces, removeISSN, removeISBN, removeDOI, and remove URL are additional options that define how we want to tidy up our new .bib file(s).

Document body

The following is the text body of the script manuscript.Rmd:

```
## Main Text
This is the main text. It cites one paper by @Athey2019-fy inline.
We also cite a book by @Berelsonetal1954.

Let's also cite a report in parantheses [@Gallup2019].
Here is also some more intricate stuff with prefixes and suffixes
[e.g., @Hargittai2008-fa, pp. 31-57].

## Main Text References
<div id="refs_main"></div>

## Appendix
This is the appendix. It cites some other paper [@Friedman2009-gx].

## Appendix References
<div id="refs_app"></div>
```

In the document body, we can then freely include citations as we usually would. When it comes to printing our bibliographies, there are two things that we handle slightly differently from the default way of including bibliographies in Markdown.

- 1. <!--- tidy_bib appendix split -->, supplied as a Markdown comment, defines the split point.
- 2. We override the default of printing bibliograpfies at the end of the document by adding <div id="refs_main"></div> and <div id="refs_app"></div>, respectively. This ensure that the two bibliographies will be printed where we want them to be printed. Note that the names of the arguments must match those defined in the YAML header, just like the file names of the corresponding .bib files must match those of the new .bib files produced by tidy_bib.

On the following page, you can see the knitted PDF output generated from manuscript.Rmd.

Main Text

This is the main text. It cites one paper by Athey, Tibshirani, and Wager (2019) inline. We also cite a book by Berelson, Lazarsfeld, and McPhee (1954).

Let's also cite a report in parantheses (Gallup 2019). Here is also some more intricate stuff with prefixes and suffixes (e.g., Hargittai and Walejko 2008, 31–57).

Main Text References

Athey, Susan, Julie Tibshirani, and Stefan Wager. 2019. "Generalized Random Forests." Ann. Stat. 47 (2): 1148–78.

Berelson, Bernard R., Paul Felix Lazarsfeld, and William N. McPhee. 1954. Voting: A Study of Opinion Formation in a Presidential Campaign. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Gallup. 2019. "Gallup Poll Social Series: Governance."

Hargittai, Eszter, and Gina" Walejko. 2008. "The Participation Divide." Inf. Commun. Soc. 11 (2): 239–56.

Appendix

This is the appendix. It cites some other paper (Friedman, Hastie, and Tibshirani 2009).

Appendix References

Friedman, Jerome, Trevor Hastie, and Robert Tibshirani. 2009. The Elements of Statistical Learning. Vol. 1. New York: Springer series in statistic.