NAME

addbib – create or extend a bibliographic database

SYNOPSIS

addbib [**–a**] [**–p** *promptfile*] *database*

AVAILABILITY

SUNWdoc

DESCRIPTION

When **addbib** starts up, answering **y** to the initial **Instructions?** prompt yields directions; typing **n** or RETURN skips them. **addbib** then prompts for various bibliographic fields, reads responses from the terminal, and sends output records to *database.* A null response (just RETURN) means to leave out that field. A '–' (minus sign) means to go back to the previous field. A trailing backslash allows a field to be continued on the next line. The repeating **Continue?** prompt allows the user either to resume by typing **y** or RETURN, to quit the current session by typing **n** or **q**, or to edit *database* with any system editor (see **vi**(1), **ex**(1), **ed**(1)).

OPTIONS

–a Suppress prompting for an abstract; asking for an abstract is the default. Abstracts are ended with a CTRL–D.

–p *promptfile* Use a new prompting skeleton, defined in *promptfile*. This file should contain prompt strings, a TAB, and the key-letters to be written to the *database*.

USAGE

Bibliography Key Letters

The most common key-letters and their meanings are given below. **addbib** insulates you from these key-letters, since it gives you prompts in English, but if you edit the bibliography file later on, you will need to know this information.

%A	Author's name
%B	Book containing article referenced
%C	City (place of publication)
%D	Date of publication
%E	Editor of book containing article referenced
%F	Footnote number or label (supplied by **refer**)
%G	Government order number
%H	Header commentary, printed before reference
%I	Issuer (publisher)
%J	Journal containing article
%K	Keywords to use in locating reference
%L	Label field used by **–k** option of **refer**
%M	Bell Labs Memorandum (undefined)
%N	Number within volume
%O	Other commentary, printed at end of reference

%P	Page number(s)
%Q	Corporate or Foreign Author (unreversed)
%R	Report, paper, or thesis (unpublished)
%S	Series title
%T	Title of article or book
%V	Volume number
%X	Abstract — used by **roffbib**, not by **refer**
%Y,Z	Ignored by **refer**

EXAMPLES

Except for A**,** each field should be given just once. Only relevant fields should be supplied.

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%A	Mark Twain
%T	Life on the Mississippi
%I	Penguin Books
%C	New York
%D	1978
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SEE ALSO

ed(1), **ex**(1), **indxbib**(1), **lookbib**(1), **refer**(1), **roffbib**(1), **sortbib**(1), **vi**(1)