

Template demonstrating the quantum bibstyle

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1 Overview

We use the opportunity of talking about bibtex entries to give an overview of the available reference classes:

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All of these reference classes are available in standard bibtex style files as well, with the exception of `repository` and `website`. Of course there may be other style files supporting reference classes with the same name, but the implementation in `quantum.bst` will not be based on any of those. In Sec. 8 we describe a few minimal options for customization of the quantum bibstyle.

2 Reference class `article`

For the `article` class, the `title` is printed in quotation marks. The `journal` is not reformatted, the `volume` printed in **bold font**. We also include the `pages` if present and the `year` in round brackets (). `doi` links are always included if given, the same holds for `eprint`. Only if neither of these two fields is given do we use the `url` to

provide a hyperlink to the article. If the custom field `shorturl` is provided, it is used to manually pretty-print the URL. This can be useful if a URL contains long character strings, particularly if they are not human-readable. The `url` field is used as linked URL, that is `shorturl` only changes the printed appearance and not the function of the hyperlink. Code repositories are linked whenever provided via the `code` field, which is a non-standard field in `quantum.bst`.

Examples:

<code>doi</code>	<code>eprint</code>	<code>url</code>	<code>code</code>	result
✓	✓	✓/×	✓	[1]
✓	✓	✓/×	×	[2]
×	✓	✓/×	✓	[3]
×	✓	✓/×	×	[4]
×	×	✓	✓	[5]
×	×	✓ (<code>shorturl</code>)	✓	[6]
×	×	✓	×	[7]

Note that in particular article citations via a URL alone are not recommended. If you want to cite a website or code repository, please use the respective reference classes `website` or `repository` (see below).

If an `article` citation only has an arXiv id but no journal reference, the journal title is skipped accordingly [8].

article references

- [1] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). [arXiv:1609.09584](#). code: [tony-blake/Hybrid-x509-s](#). Appearances:
- [2] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). [arXiv:1609.09584](#). Appearances:
- [3] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). [arXiv:1609.09584](#). code: [tony-blake/Hybrid-x509-s](#). Appearances:

- [4] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). [arXiv:1609.09584](#). Appearances:
- [5] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). url: <https://doi.org/10.22331/q-2017-04-25-1>. code: [tony-blake/Hybrid-x509-s](#). Appearances:
- [6] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). url: [10.22331/q-2017-04-25-1](https://doi.org/10.22331/q-2017-04-25-1). code: [tony-blake/Hybrid-x509-s](#). Appearances:
- [7] Matthew McKague. “Self-testing in parallel with CHSH”. *Quantum* **1**, 1 (2017). url: <https://doi.org/10.22331/q-2017-04-25-1>. Appearances:
- [8] Beni Yoshida. “Decoding the entanglement structure of monitored quantum circuits” (2021). [arXiv:2109.08691](#). Appearances:

3 Reference class book

For the reference class `book`, the `title`, the `year`, the `publisher` as well as *either* the `author` or the `editor` field must be given. The `volume`, `number` and `series`, the (publisher) `address`, the `edition` as well as links in the fields `doi`, `eprint` and `url` are optional. The order in which links are printed is the same as for `article`, see Sec. 2. Some example `book` references are [1, 2, 3, 4].

book references

- [1] Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. Cambridge University Press. (2009). Appearances:
- [2] Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. Cambridge University Press. (2009). 10th Anniversary edition. url: <https://doi.org/10.1017/cbo9780511976667>. Appearances:
- [3] Simon Capelin, editor. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. Chapter 1, page 70. Cambridge University Press. (2009). Appearances:
- [4] Simon Capelin, editor. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. Volume 1,

page 70. Cambridge University Press. (2009). Appearances:

4 Reference class repository

For the custom `repository` reference class, the `author` field is used if given but is not required (in contrast to the `article` class). If the repository address is given via `code` (strongly recommended), a properly formatted repository name is printed and links to the given address, including potentially version-, branch- or even commit-specific links. If no `code` entry is given, `url` is used as address instead, without any formatting of the printed text; Either `code` or `url` have to be provided.

code	url	result
✓	✓/×	[1]
×	✓	[2]
×	×	invalid

Providing a year is optional, a title is *not* considered even if given [3]. Note that if you want both a `url` and a `code` link to be displayed, you can use the `website` reference class presented below for that.

To specify the version of a software repository, use the new `version` field, see [4]. Even more specifically, the commit hash can be given via the `commit` field, like in [5]. Note, however, that no check is performed between the provided `code` url and the `commit` or `version` fields, so that users have to assert consistency between these fields.

repository references

- [1] Johannes Jakob Meyer. code: [johannesjmeyer/rsmf](#). Appearances:
- [2] Johannes Jakob Meyer. url: <https://github.com/johannesjmeyer/rsmf>. Appearances:
- [3] Johannes Jakob Meyer (2021). code: [johannesjmeyer/rsmf](#) commit:1fcb463. Appearances:
- [4] Johannes Jakob Meyer (2021). code: [johannesjmeyer/rsmf](#) v0.1. Appearances:
- [5] David Wierichs (2021). code: [quantum-journal/quantum-journal](#) commit:1fcb463. Appearances:

5 Reference class website

For the new custom reference class `website`, we require a `title` and a `url` which are both printed always. `author` is optional and printed if given, the same holds for `code`, which is formatted as repository link like for `repository`. If you want to provide `code` but not `url`, the reference class `repository` (see above) is made for you.

author	code	result
✓	✓	[1]
×	✓	[2]
✓	×	[3]
×	×	[4]

An access date can be given via either `date` or `urldate`, as in [5], with `urldate` taking precedence over `date`.

website references

- [1] The Wiki-authors. “Wikipedia”. url: <https://wikipedia.com>. code: [wikimedia/mediawiki](https://wikipedia.com/wiki). Appearances:
- [2] “Wikipedia”. url: <https://wikipedia.com>. code: [wikimedia/mediawiki](https://wikipedia.com/wiki). Appearances:
- [3] The Wiki-authors. “Wikipedia”. url: <https://wikipedia.com>. Appearances:
- [4] “Wikipedia”. url: <https://wikipedia.com>. Appearances:
- [5] The Wiki-authors. “Wikipedia”. url: <https://wikipedia.com>. (accessed: 12.07.2019). Appearances:

6 Reference class misc

The reference class `misc` is meant to be used for miscellaneous entries that do not fall into any of the provided categories. As such, `misc` entries display the generic properties `author`, `title`, `howpublished`, `date`, `eprint` and `note`, the only requirement being at least one of these fields to be provided and non-empty. As the reference class `article` covers the case of preprint articles, the `misc` class was modified to refer back to `article` if `archivePrefix` is set to “arxiv” or an anyhow capitalized version thereof *and* `primaryClass` is provided.

We provide some examples, not covering all cases, because `misc` is very flexible and there are many possibilities.

- A citation that actually is an article on the arXiv: [1]
- A footnote-like reference only containing a note: [2]
- A reference to a private correspondence: [3]

misc references

- [1] A. R. Mendez, A. L. Garcia-Perciante, and G. Chacon-Acosta. “Dissipation in 2d degenerate gases with non-vanishing rest mass” (2021). [arXiv:2110.03402](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.03402). Appearances:
- [2] Indeed, only a note was provided for this reference. Appearances:
- [3] Christian Gogolin. “Purple became very popular after this.”. Private correspondence. Appearances:

7 Other reference classes

7.1 Reference class booklet

The reference class `booklet` allows for rather flexible references, focusing on information of publishing: The only required field is the `title`, optional fields are `author`, `howpublished`, `address`, `year/date`, an `eprint` reference, and finally a custom `note` [1].

7.2 Reference class inbook

The reference class `inbook` is an alias for `book` and will produce the same output. The only difference is that that `chapter`, `pages`, or both are *required* for `inbook`. Examples would be Refs. [2, 3, 4].

7.3 Reference class incollection

The reference class `incollection` requires the fields `author`, `title`, `booktitle`, `publisher` and `year`. Optional entries are `doi`, `editor`, `volume`, `chapter`, `pages`, `number`, `series`, `address`, `edition`, and `eprint`. This class mostly behaves like `book` but references a collection of which the referenced item is part. [5]

7.4 Reference class inproceedings

The reference class `inproceedings` requires the fields `author`, `title`, `booktitle`, `publisher` and `year`. Optional entries are `doi`, `editor`, `volume`, `chapter`, `pages`, `number`, `series`, `address`, `edition`, and `eprint`. This class mostly behaves like `book` but references a collection of which the referenced item is part. [6, 7, 8]

7.5 Reference class conference

This class is an alias for `inproceedings`.

7.6 Reference class manual

The reference class `manual` only requires a `title`. It uses the optional fields `author`, `organization`, `address`, `edition`, `year`, and `eprint` [9].

7.7 Reference classes mastersthesis and phdthesis

Both thesis reference classes are identical up to the note that remarks the type of thesis. They require the fields `author`, `title`, `school`, `year` and allow optionally for `address` and `eprint` as well as a `doi`.

[10, 11]

7.8 Reference class proceedings

The reference class `proceedings` can be used to cite full proceedings instead of a single contribution therein. Required fields are `title` and `year` and the class makes use of `editor`, `organization`, `volume`, `number`, `series`, `address`, `publisher`, `organization`, `doi`, and `eprint` [12].

7.9 Reference class techreport

The reference class `techreport` requires the fields `author`, `title`, `institution`, and `year`. In addition, the fields `address`, `eprint`, `doi`, `number`, and `type` (to specify the kind of technical report further) may be provided [13].

7.10 Reference class unpublished

The reference class `unpublished` requires the `author`, `title`, and `note` fields. Optionally, a `year/date` as well as an `eprint` reference may be provided. [14]

Other references

- [1] Laura Caxton. “The title of the booklet”. How it was published. The address of the publisher (1993). An optional note. Appearances:
- [2] Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. [Chapter 3](#). Cambridge University Press. (2009). Appearances:
- [3] Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. [Chapter 3, pages 120–169](#). Cambridge University Press. (2009). Appearances:
- [4] Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang. “Quantum computation and quantum information”. [Volume 1, chapter 3, pages 120–169](#). Cambridge University Press. (2009). Appearances:
- [5] Lex Farindon. “Title of part of the collection”. In An editor, editor, Title of the collection. Volume 4 of 5, chapter 8, pages 201–213. The name of the publisher, The address of the publisher (1993). 3 edition. Appearances:
- [6] Mark Hammington. “The title of the work”. In The editor, editor, The title of the proceedings. Volume 4 of 5, page 213. The publisher (1993). url: [10.1351/pac199264060907](https://doi.org/10.1351/pac199264060907). Appearances:
- [7] Zoe Draper. “Title of part of the conference”. In The editor, editor, Title of the conference. Volume 4 of 5, page 213. The address of the publisher (1993). The organization. The publisher. url: <https://ecosia.org>. Appearances:
- [8] Tengyuan Liang, Tomaso Poggio, Alexander Rakhlin, and James Stokes. “Fisher-rao metric, geometry, and complexity of neural networks”. In The 22nd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics. Page 9. (2019). [arXiv:1711.01530](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.01530). Appearances:
- [9] Alex Scottson. “The title of the manual”. The organization. The address of the publisher. 3 edition (1993). Appearances:
- [10] Kilian Harwood. “The title of the thesis”. Master’s thesis. The school of the thesis. The address of the publisher (1993). Appearances:
- [11] Daniel Eric Gottesman. “Stabilizer Codes and Quantum Error Correction”. [PhD thesis](#). California Institute of Technology. (1997). Appearances:

- [12] Sarah Kidwelly, editor. “The title of the proceedings”. Volume 4 of 5. The address of the publisher (1993). The organization. The name of the publisher. url: xkcd.com. Appearances:
- [13] Tyler B. Coplen, H. R. Krouse, and John Karl Böhlke. “Reporting of nitrogen-isotope abundances”. *Custom type TR 6*. International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (1992). Appearances:
- [14] Petra Marcheford. “The title of the unpublished work”. A note is required to provide context (1993). Appearances:

8 Customization

Warnings raise Errors By default, the quantum bibstyle tries to catch as many bibtex warnings and raises a proper compiling error if any warnings are found. This is to avoid silent bibtex warnings that yield partial reference outputs while hiding the warnings raised by bibtex in the `.blg` file. Note that not all warnings are caught, though. In particular, syntax errors like a missing comma in a `bibitem`, which cause bibtex to interrupt for that item alone, are only caught if they lead to required fields being missing.

An example for a caught mistake is

```
@article{article_missing_comma,
  author={Matthew McKague},
  doi={10.1017/cbo9780511976667},
  year={2017},
  journal={Quantum},
  volume={1}
  title={Self-testing in parallel with {CHSH}}
}
```

Here, the missing comma after `volume=1` would make bibtex abort the processing of the item, leading to the `title` field, which is required, being missed. In contrast, the following would not be caught:

```
@article{article_trailing_comma,
  author={Matthew McKague},
  doi={10.1017/cbo9780511976667},
  year={2017},
  journal={Quantum},
  volume={1},
  title={Self-testing in parallel with {CHSH}},
}
```

The additional comma in the `title` line raises an internal bibtex warning, which the bibstyle file cannot catch. While in this case no harm is done,

there are errors that are not caught but simultaneously lead to incomplete output.

If you want to turn off these errors raised from bibtex warnings, include the entry

```
@preamble{"\DoNotMakeWarningsErrors"}
```

anywhere in the *bibliography* (i.e. the `.bib` file) like one would include a reference.

Note: Commenting the above `@preamble` entry out via `%` will *not* deactivate it as bibtex does not attribute commenting functionality to `%`. Instead, you can simply remove the leading `@`, as is currently done in the `.bib` file accompanying this document (`quantum-bibliographystyle-demo.bib`).

Explicit DOI links By default, and if the entry `doi` is provided for a `bibitem`, the quantum bibstyle will link to the DOI via the `journal/volume/issue` part of the citation for articles and via the a) `volume/chapter/pages` or b) `number/series` or c) `publisher` part for books, with a) taking precedence if provided over b) taking precedence if provided over c). This behaviour can be changed to output explicit DOI links instead. To do so, include the entry

```
@preamble{"\MakeDoiLinksExplicit"}
```

anywhere in the *bibliography* (i.e. the `.bib` file) like one would include a reference.

Indicator for page backreferences The `hyperref` package, for example, allows for the option `pagebackref`, which adds links to each bibliography entry that point from the entry to its citations throughout the document. When this is used, it may be nice to have a word towards the end of the entry that indicates what the – otherwise bare – numbers added to the entry mean. The word “Appearances” can be added automatically by including the entry

```
@preamble{"\PageBackRef"}
```

anywhere in the *bibliography* (i.e. the `.bib` file) like one would include a reference.

Compression By default, the quantum bibstyle prints the numbers for all references separately and does not compress a range of citations, like so: [1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14]. This has

the advantage of making all references explicitly accessible from the citation position and enables readers to find all occurrences of a given reference. If you prefer to compress citations (like so: [1, 6-8, 11-14]), simply add

```
\PassOptionsToPackage{compress}{natbib}
```

to the preamble *before* including

```
\usepackage[numbers]{natbib}
```

where the option `numbers` is required to make the bibliography style work.