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# Bibolamazi Documentation

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## Introduction to Bibolamazi

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Bibolamazi lets you prepare consistent and uniform BibTeX files for your LaTeX documents. It lets you prepare your BibTeX entries as you would like them to be—adding missing or dropping irrelevant information, capitalizing names or turning them into initials, converting unicode characters to latex escapes, etc.

### 1.1 Example Usage Scenario

A typical scenario of Bibolamazi usage might be:

- You use a bibliography manager, such as [Mendeley](#), to store all your references. You have maybe configured e.g. [Mendeley](#) to keep a BibTeX file `Documents/bib/MyLibrary.bib` in sync with your library;
- You’re working, say on a document `mydoc.tex`, which cites entries from `MyLibrary.bib`;
- You like to keep URLs in your entries in your Mendeley library, because it lets you open the journal page easily, but you don’t want the URLs to be displayed in the bibliography of your document `mydoc.tex`. But you’ve gone through all the bibliography styles, and really, the one you prefer unfortunately does display those URLs.
- You don’t want to edit the file `MyLibrary.bib`, because it would just be overwritten again the next time you open Mendeley. The low-tech solution (what people generally do!) would then be to export the required citations from Mendeley to a new bibtex file, or copy `MyLibrary.bib` to a new file, and edit that file manually.
- To avoid having to perform this tedious task manually, you can use Bibolamazi to prepare the BibTeX file as you would like it to be. For this specific task, for example, you would perform the following steps:
  - Create a bibolamazi file, say, `mydoc.bibolamazi.bib`;
  - Specify as a source your original `MyLibrary.bib`:

```
src: ~/Documents/bib/MyLibrary.bib
```

- Give the following filter command:

```
filter: url -dStrip
```

which instructs to strip all urls (check out the documentation of the `url` filter in the *Help & Reference Browser*)

- Run bibolamazi.
- Use this file as your bibtex bibliography, i.e. in your LaTeX document, use:

```
\bibliography{mydoc.bibolamazi}
```

Note that you can then run Bibolamazi as many times as you like, to update your file, should there have been changes to your original `MyLibrary.bib`, for example.

## 1.2 Teaser: Features

The most prominent features of Bibolamazi include:

- A *duplicates* filter allows you to efficiently collaborate on LaTeX documents: in your shared LaTeX document, each collaborator may cite entries in his own bibliography database (each a source in the bibolamazi file). Then, if instructed to do so, bibolamazi will detect when two entries are duplicates of each other, merge their information, and produce LaTeX definitions such that the entries become aliases of one another. Then both entry keys will refer to the same entry in the bibliography.

**Catch:** there is one catch to this, though, which we can do nothing about: if two entries in two different database share the same key, but refer to different entries. This may happen, for example, if you have automatic citation keys of the form `AuthorYYYY`, and if the author published several papers that same year.

- A powerful *arxiv* filter, which can normalize the way entries refer to the arXiv.org online preprint repository. It can distinguish between published and unpublished entries, and its output is highly customizable.
- A general-purpose *fixes* filter provides general fixes that are usually welcome in a BibTeX files. For example, revtex doesn't like Mendeley's way of exporting swedish 'Å', for example in Åberg, as \AA\ berg, and introduces a space between the 'Å' and the 'berg'. This filter allows you to fix this.
- Many more! Check out the filter list in the *Help & Reference Browser* window of Bibolamazi!

## Downloading and Installing Bibolamazi

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Bibolamazi comes in two flavors:

- an Application that runs on Mac OS X, Linux and Windows (this is what most users probably want)
- a command-line tool (for more advanced and automated usage)

### 2.1 The Bibolamazi Application

If you're unsure which flavor to get, this is the one you're looking for. It's straightforward to download, there is no installation required, and the application is easy to use.

Download the latest release from our releases page:

**Download Release:** <https://github.com/phfaist/bibolamazi/releases>

These binaries don't need any installation, you can just download them, place them wherever you want, and run them. You may now start using Bibolamazi normally. To read more on bibolamazi, skip to [Using the Bibolamazi Application](#).

### 2.2 Installing the Command-Line Interface

Bibolamazi runs with Python 2.7 (this is there by default on most linux and Mac systems).

Additionally, the graphical user interface requires [PyQt4](#). If you're on a linux distribution, it's most probably in your distribution packages. Note you only need PyQt4 to run the graphical user interface: the command-line version will happily run without.

- First, clone this repository on your computer (don't download the prepackaged ZIP/Tarball proposed by github, because there will be missing submodules):

```
> cd somewhere/where/I'll-keep-bibolamazi/  
...> git clone --recursive https://github.com/phfaist/bibolamazi
```

Note the --recursive switch which will also retrieve all required submodules.

Then, link the executable(s) to somewhere in your path:

```
> cd ~/bin/  
bin> ln -s /path/to/unpacked/bibolamazi/bibolamazi .  
bin> ln -s /path/to/unpacked/bibolamazi/bibolamazi_gui .
```

or, for a system-wide install:

```
> cd /usr/local/bin/  
> sudo ln -s /path/to/unpacked/bibolamazi/bibolamazi .  
> sudo ln -s /path/to/unpacked/bibolamazi/bibolamazi_gui .
```

- To compile a bibolamazi bibtex file, you should run `bibolamazi` in general as:

```
> bibolamazi bibolamazibibtexfile.bibolamazi.bib
```

- To quickly get started with a new bibolamazi file, the following command will create the given file and produce a usable template which you can edit:

```
> bibolamazi --new newfile.bibolamazi.bib
```

- For an example to study, look at the file `test/test0.bibolamazi.bib` in the source code. To compile it, run:

```
> bibolamazi test/test0.bibolamazi.bib
```

- For a help message with a list of possible options, run:

```
> bibolamazi --help
```

To get a list of all available filters along with their description, run:

```
> bibolamazi --list-filters
```

To get information about a specific filter, simply use the command:

```
> bibolamazi --help <filter>
```

## Using the Bibolamazi Application

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### 3.1 Bibolamazi Operating Mode

Bibolamazi works by reading your reference bibtex files—the ‘sources’, which might for example have been generated by your favorite bibliography manager or provided by your collaborators—and merging them all into a new file, applying specific rules, or ‘filters’, such as turning all the first names into initials or normalizing the way arxiv IDs are presented.

The Bibolamazi file is this new file, in which all the required bibtex entries will be merged. When you prepare your LaTeX document, you should create a new bibolamazi file, and provide that bibolamazi file as the bibtex file for the bibliography.

When you open a bibolamazi file, you will be prompted to edit its configuration. This is the set of rules which will tell bibolamazi where to look for your bibtex entries and how to handle them. You first need to specify all your sources, and then all the filters.

The bibolamazi file is then a valid BibTeX file to include into your LaTeX document, so if your bibolamazi file is named `main.bibolamazi.bib`, you would include the bibliography in your document with a LaTeX command similar to:

```
\bibliography{main.bibolamazi}
```

### 3.2 The Bibolamazi Configuration Section

If you open the Bibolamazi application and open your bibolamazi file (or create a new one), you’ll immediately be prompted to edit its configuration section.

#### 3.2.1 Specifying sources

Sources are where your ‘original’ bibtex entries are stored, the ones you would like to process. This is typically a bibtex file which a reference manager such as Mendeley keeps in sync.

Sources are specified with the `src:` keyword. As an example:

```
% src: mysource.bib
```

You should specify one or more files from which entries should be read. If more than one file is given, only the FIRST file that exists is read. This is useful for example, if on different computers your bibtex is elsewhere:

```
% src: /home/philippe/bibtexfiles/mylibrary.bib /Users/philippe/bibtexfiles/mylibrary.bib
```

You may also specify HTTP or FTP URLs. If your filename or URL contains spaces, enclose the name in double quotes: "My Bibtex Library.bib".

To specify several sources that should be read independently, simply use multiple `src:` commands:

```
% src: file1.bib [alternativefile1.bib ...]  
% src: file2.bib [alternativefile2.bib ...]  
% [...]
```

This would collect all the entries from the first existing file of each `src:` command.

### 3.2.2 Specifying filters

Once all the entries are collected from the various sources, you may now apply filters to them.

A filter is applied using the `filter:` command:

```
% filter: filtername [options and arguments]
```

Filters usually accept options and arguments in a shell-like fashion, but this may vary in principle from filter to filter. For example, one may use the `arxiv` filter to strip away all arXiv preprint information from all published entries, and normalize unpublished entries to refer to the arxiv in a uniform fashion:

```
% filter: arxiv --mode=strip --unpublished-mode=eprint
```

A full list of options can be obtained with:

```
> bibolamazi --help arxiv
```

and more generally, for any filter:

```
> bibolamazi --help <filtername>
```

A list of available filters can be obtained by running:

```
> bibolamazi --list-filters
```

**Note:** Filters are organized into *filter packages* (see below). A filter is searched in each filter package until a match is found. To force the lookup of a filter in a specific package, you may prefix the package name to the filter, e.g.:

```
% filter: myfilterpackage:myfiltername --option1=val1 ...
```

### 3.3 Example/Template Configuration Section

```
%% BIBOLAMAZI configuration section.  
%% Additional two leading percent signs indicate comments in the configuration.  
  
%% **** SOURCES ****  
  
%% The _first_ accessible file in _each_ source list will be read and filtered.  
  
src:   <source file 1> [ <alternate source file 1> ... ]  
src:   <source file 2> [ ... ]  
  
%% Add additional sources here. Alternative files are useful, e.g., if the same
```

```

%% file must be accessed with different paths on different machines.

%% **** FILTERS ***/

%% Specify filters here. Specify as many filters as you want, each with a `filter:' 
%% directive. See also `bibolamazi --list-filters' and `bibolamazi --help <filter>'.

filter: filter_name  <filter options>

%% Example:
filter: arxiv -sMode=strip -sUnpublishedMode=eprint

%% Finally, if your file is in a VCS, sort all entries by citation key so that you don't
%% get huge file differences for each commit each time bibolamazi is run:
filter: orderentries

```

## 3.4 Available Filters

You can get a full list of available filters if you open the bibolamazi help & reference browser window (from the main application startup window). You can click on the various filters displayed to view their documentation on how to use them.

## 3.5 Filter Packages

Filters are organized into *filter packages*. All built-in filters are in the package named *filters*. If you want to write your own filters, or use someone else's own filters, then you can install further filter packages.

A *filter package* is a Python package, i.e. a directory containing a `__init__.py` file, which contains python modules that implement the bibolamazi filter API.

If you develop your own filters, it is recommended to group them in a filter package, and not for example fiddle with the built-in filter package. Put your filters in a directory called, say, *myfilters*, and place an additional empty file in it called `__init__.py`. This will create a python package named *myfilters* with your filters as submodules.

To register the filter packages so that bibolamazi knows where to look for your filters, open the settings dialog, and click “Add filter package ...”; choose the directory corresponding to your filter package (e.g. *myfilters*). Now you can refer in your bibolamazi file to the filters within your filter package with the syntax `myfilters:filtername` or simply `filtername` (as long as the filter name does not clash with another filter of the same name in a different filter package).



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## Using Bibolamazi in Command-Line

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### 4.1 Bibolamazi Operating Mode

Bibolamazi works by reading a bibtex file (say `main.bibolamazi.bib`) with a special `bibolamazi` configuration section at the top. These describe on one hand *sources*, and on the other hand *filters*. Bibolamazi first reads all the entries in the given sources (say `source1.bib` and `source2.bib`), and then applies the given filters to them. Then, the main bibtex file (in our example `main.bibolamazi.bib`) is updated, such that:

- Any content that was already present in the main bibtex file *before* the configuration section is restored unchanged;
- The configuration section is restored as it was;
- All the filtered entries (obtained from, e.g., `source1.bib` and `source2.bib`) are then dumped in the rest of the file, overwriting the rest of `main.bibolamazi.bib` (which logically contained output of a previous run of `bibolamazi`).

The `bibolamazi` file `main.bibolamazi.bib` is then a valid BibTeX file to include into your LaTeX document, so you would include the bibliography in your document with a LaTeX command similar to:

```
\bibliography{main.bibolamazi}
```

### 4.2 The Bibolamazi Configuration Section

The main bibtex file should contain a block of the following form:

```
%%%-BIB-OLA-MAZI-BEGIN-%%%
%
%   ... bibolamazi configuration section ...
%
%%%-BIB-OLA-MAZI-END-%%%
```

The configuration section is started by the string `%%%-BIB-OLA-MAZI-BEGIN-%%%` on its own line, and is terminated by the string `%%%-BIB-OLA-MAZI-END-%%%`, also on its own line. The lines between these two markers are the body of the configuration section, and are where you should specify sources and filters. Leading percent signs on these inner lines are ignored. Comments can be specified in the configuration body with two additional percent signs, e.g.:

```
% % This is a comment
```

## 4.3 Content of the Configuration Section

The content of the configuration section is the same as described in *The Bibolamazi Configuration Section*. Of course, you'll probably want to prefix all lines by an additional ‘%’ to make sure it gets interpreted as a bibtex comment (see example below).

## 4.4 Example Full Bibolamazi File

Here is a minimal example of a bibolamazi bibtex file:

```
.. Additional stuff here will not be managed by bibolamazi. It will also not be
.. overwritten. You can e.g. temporarily add additional references here if you
.. don't have bibolamazi installed.

%%%-BIB-OLA-MAZI-BEGIN-%%%
%
% %% BIBOLAMAZI configuration section.
% %% Additional two leading percent signs indicate comments in the configuration.
%
% %% **** SOURCES ****
%
% %% The _first_ accessible file in _each_ source list will be read and filtered.
%
% src:   <source file 1> [ <alternate source file 1> ... ]
% src:   <source file 2> [ ... ]
%
% %% Add additional sources here. Alternative files are useful, e.g., if the same
% %% file must be accessed with different paths on different machines.
%
% %% **** FILTERS ****
%
% %% Specify filters here. Specify as many filters as you want, each with a `filter:''
% %% directive. See also `bibolamazi --list-filters' and `bibolamazi --help <filter>'.
%
% filter: filter_name <filter options>
%
% %% Example:
% filter: arxiv -sMode=strip -sUnpublishedMode=eprint
%
% %% Finally, if your file is in a VCS, sort all entries by citation key so that you don't
% %% get huge file differences for each commit each time bibolamazi is run:
% filter: orderentries
%
%%%-BIB-OLA-MAZI-END-%%%
%
%
% ALL CHANGES BEYOND THIS POINT WILL BE LOST NEXT TIME BIBOLAMAZI IS RUN.
%
... bibolamazi filtered entries ...
```

## 4.5 Querying Available Filters and Filter Documentation

A complete list of available filters, along with a short description, is obtained by:

```
> bibolamazi --list-filters
```

Run that command to get an up-to-date list. At the time of writing, the list of filters is:

```
> bibolamazi --list-filters

List of available filters:
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Package `filters':

arxiv      ArXiv clean-up filter: normalizes the way each bibliographic
           entry refers to arXiv IDs.
citearxiv   Filter that fills BibTeX files with relevant entries to cite
           with \cite{1211.1037}
citekey     Set the citation key of entries in a standard format
duplicates  Filter that detects duplicate entries and produces rules to make
           one entry an alias of the other.
fixes       Fixes filter: perform some various known fixes for bibtex
           entries
nameinitials Name Initials filter: Turn full first names into only initials
           for all entries.
only_used   Filter that keeps only BibTeX entries which are referenced in
           the LaTeX document
orderentries Order bibliographic entries in bibtex file
url         Remove or add URLs from entries according to given rules, e.g.
           whether DOI or ArXiv ID are present

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Filter packages are listed in the order they are searched.

Use bibolamazi --help <filter> for more information about a specific filter
and its options.
```

## 4.6 Specifying Filter Packages

The command-line bibolamazi by default only knows the built-in filter package filters. You may however specify additional packages either by command-line options or with an environment variable.

You can specify additional filter packages with the command-line option --filter-package:

```
> bibolamazi myfile.bibolamazi.bib --filter-package 'package1=/path/to/filter/pack'
```

The argument to --filter-package is of the form ‘packagename=/path/to/the/filter/package’. Note that the path is which path must be added to python’s sys.path in order to import the filterpackagename package itself, i.e. the last item of the path must not be the package directory.

This option may be repeated several times to import different filter packages. The order is relevant; the packages specified last will be searched for first.

You may also set the environment variable BIBOLAMAZI\_FILTER\_PATH. The format is filterpack1=/path/to/somewhere:filterpack2=/path/to/otherplace:..., i.e. a list of

filter package specifications separated by ‘:’ (Linux/Mac) or ‘;’ (Windows). Each filter package specification has the same format as the command-line option argument. In the environment variable, the first given filter packages are searched first.

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## Writing a New Filter

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### 5.1 Example of a custom filter

```

import random # for example purposes

# use this for logging output
import logging
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)

# core filter classes
from core.bibfilter import BibFilter, BibFilterError
# types for passing arguments to the filter
from core.bibfilter.argtypes import CommaStrList, enum_class
# utility to parse boolean values
from core.butils import getbool


# --- help texts ---

HELP_AUTHOR = u"""\
Test Filter by Philippe Faist, (C) 2014, GPL 3+
"""

HELP_DESC = u"""\
Test Filter: adds a 'testFilter' field to all entries, with various values.
"""

HELP_TEXT = u"""
There are three possible operating modes:

    "empty" -- add an empty field 'testField' to all entries.
    "random" -- the content of the 'testField' field which we add to all entries is
                completely random.
    "fixed" -- the content of the 'testField' field which we add to all entries is
               a hard-coded, fixed string. Surprise!

Specify which operating mode you prefer with the option '-sMode=...'. By default,
"random" mode is assumed.
"""

# --- operating modes ---

```

```
MODE_EMPTY = 0
MODE_RANDOM = 1
MODE_FIXED = 2

# All these defs are useful for the GUI
_modes = [
    ('empty', MODE_EMPTY),
    ('random', MODE_RANDOM),
    ('fixed', MODE_FIXED),
]

# our Mode type
Mode = enum_class('Mode', _modes, default_value=MODE_NONE, value_attr_name='mode')

# --- the filter object itself ---

class MyTestFilter(BibFilter):

    helpauthor = HELP_AUTHOR
    helpdescription = HELP_DESC
    helptext = HELP_TEXT

    def __init__(self, mode="random"):
        """
        Constructor method for TestFilter. Note that this part of the constructor
        docstring itself isn't that useful, but the argument list below is parsed and used
        by the default automatic option parser for filter arguments. So document your
        arguments! If your filter accepts **kwargs, you may add more arguments below than
        you explicitly declare in your constructor prototype.

        Arguments:
        - mode(Mode): the operating mode to adopt
        """

        BibFilter.__init__(self);

        self.mode = Mode(mode);

        logger.debug('test filter constructor: mode=%s', self.mode)

    def action(self):
        return BibFilter.BIB_FILTER_SINGLE_ENTRY;

    def requested_cache_accessors(self):
        # return the requested cache accessors here if you are using the cache mechanism.
        # This also applies if you are using the `arxivutil` utilities.
        return []

    def filter_bibentry(self, entry):
        #
        # entry is a pybtex.database.Entry object
        #

        if self.mode == MODE_EMPTY:
            entry.fields['testField'] = ''
            return

        if self.mode == MODE_RANDOM:
```

```

        entry.fields['testField'] = random.randint(0, 999999)
        return

    if self.mode == MODE_FIXED:
        entry.fields['testField'] = (
            u"On d\u00e9daigne volontiers un but qu'on n'a pas r\u00e9ussi "
            u"\u00e0 atteindre, ou qu'on a atteint definitivement. (Proust)"
        )

    raise BibFilterError('testfilter', "Unknown operating mode: %s" % mode);

def bibolamazi_filter_class():
    return MyTestFilter;

```

## 5.2 Developing Custom filters

Writing filters is straightforward. An example is provided here: [Example of a custom filter](#). Look inside the filters/ directory at the existing filters for further examples, e.g. arxiv.py, duplicates.py or url.py. They should be rather simple to understand.

A filter can either act on individual entries (e.g. the arxiv.py filter), or on the whole database (e.g. duplicates.py).

For your organization, it is recommended to develop your filter(s) in a custom filter package which you keep a repository e.g. on github.com, so that the filter package can be easily installed on the different locations you would like to run bibolamazi from.

Don't forget to make use of the *bibolamazi cache*, in case you fetch or compute values which you could cache for further reuse. Look at for the documentation for [BibUserCacheAccessor](#).

There are a couple utilities provided for the filters, check the filters.util module. In particular check out the `arxivutil` and `auxfile` modules.

Feel free to contribute filters, it will only make bibolamazi more useful!

## 5.3 The Filter Module

There are two main objects your module should define at the very least:

- a filter class, subclass of [BibFilter](#).
- a method called `bibolamazi_filter_class()`, which should return the filter class object. For example:

```

def bibolamazi_filter_class():
    return ArxivNormalizeFilter;

```

You may want to have a look at [Example of a custom filter](#) for an example of a custom filter.

Your filter should log error, warning, information and debug messages to a logger obtained via Python's logging mechanism.

There are several other functions the module may define, although they are not mandatory.

- `parse_args()` should parse an argument string, and return a tuple (`args`, `kwargs`) of how the filter constructor should be called. If the module does not provide this function, a very powerful default automatic filter option processor (based on python's argparse module) is built using the filter argument names as options names.

- *format\_help()* should return a string with full detailed information about how to use the filter, and which options are accepted. If the module does not provide this function, the default automatic filter option processor is used to format a useful help text (which should be good enough for most of your purposes, especially if you don't want to reinvent the wheel).

Note: the `helptext` attribute of your `BibFilter` subclass is only used by the default automatic filter option processor; so if you implement *format\_help()* manually, the `helptext` attribute will be ignored.

## 5.4 Passing Arguments to the Filter

..... TODO: DOC .....

## Python API: Core Bibolamazi Module

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### 6.1 core Package

Core bibolamazi module.

See `core.bibfilter`, `core.bibolamazifile`, `core.bibusercache` for the main core modules.

### 6.2 Subpackages

#### 6.2.1 bibfilter Package

##### bibfilter Package

```
class core.bibfilter.BibFilter(*pargs, **kwargs)
    Bases: object
```

Base class for a *bibolamazi* filter.

To write new filters, you should subclass *BibFilter* and reimplement the relevant methods. See documentation of the different methods below to understand which to reimplement.

**BIB\_FILTER\_BIBOLAMAZIFILE = 3**

A constant that indicates that the filter should act upon the whole bibliography at once. See documentation for the `action()` method for more details.

**BIB\_FILTER\_SINGLE\_ENTRY = 1**

A constant that indicates that the filter should act upon individual entries only. See documentation for the `action()` method for more details.

**action()**

Return one of `BIB_FILTER_SINGLE_ENTRY` or `BIB_FILTER_BIBOLAMAZIFILE`, which tells how this filter should function. Depending on the return value of this function, either `filter_bibentry()` or `filter_bibolamazifile()` will be called.

If the filter wishes to act on individual entries (like the built-in *arxiv* or *url* filters), then the subclass should return `BibFilter.BIB_FILTER_SINGLE_ENTRY`. At the time of filtering the data, the function `filter_bibentry()` will be called repeatedly for each entry of the database.

If the filter wishes to act on the full database at once (like the built-in *duplicates* filter), then the subclass should return `BIB_FILTER_BIBOLAMAZIFILE`. At the time of filtering the data, the function

`filter_bibolamazifile()` will be called once with the full `BibolamaziFile` object as parameter. Note this is the only way to add or remove entries to or from the database, or to change their order.

Note that when the filter is instantiated by a `BibolamaziFile` (as is most of the time in practice), then the function `bibolamazifile()` will always return a valid object, independently of the filter's way of acting.

**`bibolamazifile()`**

Get the `BibolamaziFile` object that we are acting on. (The one previously set by `setBibolamazifile()`.)

There's no use overriding this.

**`cacheAccessor(klass)`**

A shorthand for calling the `cacheAccessor()` method of the bibolamazi file returned by `bibolamazifile()`.

**`filter_bibentry(x)`**

The main filter function for filters that filter the data entry by entry.

If the subclass' `action()` function returns `BibFilter.BIB_FILTER_SINGLE_ENTRY`, then the subclass must reimplement this function. Otherwise, this function is never called.

The object `x` is a `pybtex.database.Entry` object instance, which should be updated according to the filter's action and purpose.

The return value of this function is ignored. Subclasses should report warnings and logging through Python's logging mechanism (see doc of `core.blogspot`) and should raise errors as `BibFilterError` (preferably, a subclass). Other raised exceptions will be interpreted as internal errors and will open a debugger.

**`filter_bibolamazifile(x)`**

The main filter function for filters that filter the data entry by entry.

If the subclass' `action()` function returns `BibFilter.BIB_FILTER_SINGLE_ENTRY`, then the subclass must reimplement this function. Otherwise, this function is never called.

The object `x` is a `BibolamaziFile` object instance, which should be updated according to the filter's action and purpose.

The return value of this function is ignored. Subclasses should report warnings and logging through Python's logging mechanism (see doc of `core.blogspot`) and should raise errors as `BibFilterError` (preferably, a subclass). Other raised exceptions will be interpreted as internal errors and will open a debugger.

**`classmethod getHelpAuthor()`**

Convenience function that returns `helpauthor`, with whitespace stripped. Use this when getting the contents of the helpauthor text.

There's no need to (translate: you should not) reimplement this function in your subclass.

**`classmethod getHelpDescription()`**

Convenience function that returns `helpdescription`, with whitespace stripped. Use this when getting the contents of the helpdescription text.

There's no need to (translate: you should not) reimplement this function in your subclass.

**`classmethod getHelpText()`**

Convenience function that returns `helptext`, with whitespace stripped. Use this when getting the contents of the helptext text.

There's no need to (translate: you should not) reimplement this function in your subclass.

**getRunningMessage ()**

Return a nice message to display when invoking the filter. The default implementation returns `name ()`. Define this to whatever you want in your subclass to describe what you're doing. The core bibolamazi program displays this information to the user as it runs the filter.

**helpauthor = “”**

Your subclass should provide a `helpauthor` attribute, containing a one-line notice with the name of the author that wrote the filter code. You may also add a copyright notice. The exact format is not specified. This text is typically displayed at the top of the page generated by `bibolamazi --help <filter>`.

You should also avoid accessing this class attribute, you should use `getHelpAuthor ()` instead, which will ensure that whitespace is properly stripped.

**helpdescription = ‘Some filter that filters some entries’**

Your subclass should provide a `helpdescription` attribute, containing a one-line description of what your filter does. This is typically displayed when invoking `bibolamazi --list-filters`, along with the filter name.

You should also avoid accessing this class attribute, you should use `getHelpDescription ()` instead, which will ensure that whitespace is properly stripped.

**helptext = “”**

Your subclass should provide a `helptext` attribute, containing a possibly long, as detailed as possible description of how to use your filter. You don't need to provide the basic 'usage' and option list, which are automatically generated; but you should include all the text that would appear after the option list. This is typically displayed when invoking `bibolamazi --help <filter>`.

You should also avoid accessing this class attribute, you should use `getHelpText ()` instead, which will ensure that whitespace is properly stripped.

**name ()**

Returns the name of the filter as it was invoked in the bibolamazifile. This might be with, or without, the filterpackage. This information should be only used for reporting purposes and might slightly vary.

If the filter was instantiated manually, and `setInvocationName ()` was not called, then this function returns the class name.

The subclass should not reimplement this function unless it really really really *really* feels it needs to.

**prerun (bibolamazifile)**

This function gets called immediately before the filter is run, after any preceding filters have been executed.

It is not very useful if the `action ()` is `BibFilter.BIB_FILTER_BIBOLAMAZIFILE`, but it can prove useful for filters with action `BibFilter.BIB_FILTER_SINGLE_ENTRY`, if any sort of pre-processing task should be done just before the actual filtering of the data.

The default implementation does nothing.

**requested\_cache\_accessors ()**

This function should return a list of `bibusercache.BibUserCacheAccessor` class names of cache objects it would like to use. The relevant caches are then collected from the various filters and automatically instantiated and initialized.

The default implementation of this function returns an empty list. Subclasses should override if they want to access the bibolamazi cache.

**setBibolamaziFile (bibolamazifile)**

Remembers `bibolamazifile` as the `BibolamaziFile` object that we will be acting on.

There's no use overriding this. When writing filters, there's also no need calling this explicitly, it's done in `BibolamaziFile`.

**setInvocationName (filtername)**

Called internally by bibolamazifile, so that `name ()` returns the name by which this filter was invoked.

This function sets exactly what `name ()` will return. Subclasses should not reimplement, the default implementation should suffice.

**exception core.bibfilter.BibFilterError (filtername, message)**

Bases: `core.butils.BibolamaziError`

Exception a filter should raise if it encounters an error.

**argtypes Module****class core.bibfilter.argtypes.CommaStrList (iterable=[])**

Bases: list

**class core.bibfilter.argtypes.CommaStrListArgType****class core.bibfilter.argtypes.EnumArgType (listofvalues)****core.bibfilter.argtypes.enum\_class (class\_name, values, default\_value=0, value\_attr\_name='value')**

*class\_name* is the class name.

*values* should be a list of tuples (*string\_key*, *numeric\_value*) of all the expected string names and of their corresponding numeric values.

*default\_value* should be the value that would be taken by default, e.g. by using the default constructor.

*value\_attr\_name* the name of the attribute in the class that should store the value. For example, the *arxiv* module defines the enum class *Mode* this way with the attribute *mode*, so that the numerical mode can be obtained with *enumobject.mode*.

**factory Module****class core.bibfilter.factory.DefaultFilterOptions (filtername, fclass=None)****filterDeclOptions ()**

This gives a list of *\_ArgDoc* named tuples.

**filterOptions ()**

This gives a list of *\_ArgDoc* named tuples.

**filterVarOptions ()**

This gives a list of *\_ArgDoc* named tuples.

**filtername ()****format\_filter\_help ()****getArgNameFromSOpt (x)****getSOptNameFromArg (x)****optionSpec (argname)****parse\_optionstring (optionstring)****parser ()****use\_auto\_case ()**

```
class core.bibfilter.factory.FilterArgumentParser (filtername, **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.ArgumentParser

        error (message)

        exit (status=0, message=None)

exception core.bibfilter.factory.FilterCreateArgumentError (errorstr, name=None)
    Bases: core.bibfilter.factory.FilterError

Although the filter arguments may have been successfully parsed, they may still not translate to a valid python filter call (i.e. in terms of function arguments, for example when using both positional and keyword arguments). This error is raised when the composed filter call is not valid.

        fmt (name)

exception core.bibfilter.factory.FilterCreateError (errorstr, name=None)
    Bases: core.bibfilter.factory.FilterError

There was an error instantiating the filter. This could be due because the filter constructor raised an exception.

        fmt (name)

exception core.bibfilter.factory.FilterError (errorstr, name=None)
    Bases: exceptions.Exception

Signifies that there was some error in creating or instanciating the filter, or that the filter has a problem. (It could be, for example, that a function defined by the filter does not behave as expected. Or, that the option string passed to the filter could not be parsed.)

This is meant to signify a problem occuring in this factory, and not in the filter. The filter classes themselves should raise bibfilter.BibFilterError in the event of an error inside the filter.

        fmt (name)

        setName (name)

exception core.bibfilter.factory.FilterOptionsParseError (errorstr, name=None)
    Bases: core.bibfilter.factory.FilterError

Raised when there was an error parsing the option string provided by the user.

        fmt (name)

exception core.bibfilter.factory.FilterOptionsParseErrorHintSIInstead (errorstr,
                                         name=None)
    Bases: core.bibfilter.factory.FilterOptionsParseError

As FilterOptionsParseError, but hinting that maybe -sOption=Value was meant instead of -dOption=Value.

        fmt (name)

exception core.bibfilter.factory.NoSuchFilter (fname, errorstr=None)
    Bases: exceptions.Exception

Signifies that the requested filter was not found. See also get_module().

exception core.bibfilter.factory.NoSuchFilterPackage (fpname, errorstr='No such filter
                                         package', fpdir=None)
    Bases: exceptions.Exception

Signifies that the requested filter package was not found. See also get_module().

class core.bibfilter.factory.PrependOrderedDict (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: collections.OrderedDict

An ordered dict that stores the items in the order where the first item is the one that was added/modified last.
```

```
item_at (idx)
set_at (idx, key, value)
set_items (items)

core.bibfilter.factory.detect_filter_package_listings()
core.bibfilter.factory.detect_filters (force_redetect=False)
core.bibfilter.factory.filter_arg_parser (name)
    If the filter name uses the default-based argument parser, then returns a DefaultFilterOptions object that is initialized with the options available for the given filter name.
    If the filter has its own option parsing mechanism, this returns None.

core.bibfilter.factory.filter_uses_default_arg_parser (name)
core.bibfilter.factory.format_filter_help (filtname)
core.bibfilter.factory.get_filter_class (name, filterpackage=None)
core.bibfilter.factory.get_module (name, raise_nosuchfilter=True, filterpackage=None)
core.bibfilter.factory.load_precompiled_filters (filterpackage, precompiled_modules)

    filterpackage: name of the filter package under which to scope the given precompiled filter modules.
    precompiled_modules: a dictionary of ‘filter_name’: filter_module of precompiled filter modules, along with their name.

core.bibfilter.factory.make_filter (name, optionstring)
core.bibfilter.factory.reset_filters_cache ()
core.bibfilter.factory.validate_filter_package (fpname, fpdir, raise_exception=True)
```

## 6.2.2 bibusercache Package

### bibusercache Package

```
class core.bibusercache.BibUserCache (cache_version=None)
    Bases: object

    The basic root cache object.

    This object stores the corresponding cache dictionaries for each cache. (See cacheFor \(\).)

    (Internally, the caches are stored in one root BibUserCacheDic.)

    cacheExpirationTokenChecker ()
        Returns a cache expiration token checker validator which is configured with the default cache invalidation time.

        This object may be used by subclasses as a token checker for sub-caches that need regular invalidation (typically several days in the default configuration).

        Consider using though installCacheExpirationChecker\(\), which simply applies a general validator to your full cache; this is generally what you might want.

    cacheFor (cache_name)
        Returns the cache dictionary object for the given cache name. If the cache dictionary does not exist, it is created.
```

**hasCache ()**

Returns *True* if we have any cache at all. This only returns *False* if there are no cache dictionaries defined.

**installCacheExpirationChecker (cache\_name)**

Installs a cache expiration checker on the given cache.

This is a utility that is at the disposal of the cache accessors to easily set up an expiration validator on their caches. Also, a single instance of an expiry token checker (see *TokenCheckerDate*) is shared between the different sub-caches and handled by this main cache object.

The duration of the expiry is typically several days; because the token checker instance is shared this cannot be changed easily nor should it be relied upon. If you have custom needs or need more control over this, create your own token checker.

Returns: the cache dictionary. This may have changed to a new empty object if the cache didn't validate!

**WARNING:** the cache dictionary may have been altered with the validation of the cache! Use the return value of this function, or call *BibUserCacheAccessor.cacheDic()* again!

Note: this validation will not validate individual items in the cache dictionary, but the dictionary as a whole. Depending on your use case, it might be worth introducing per-entry validation. For that, check out the various token checkers in *tokencheckers* and call *set\_validation()* to install a specific validator instance.

**loadCache (cacheobj)**

Load the cache from a file-like object *cacheobj*.

This tries to unpickle the data and restore the cache. If the loading fails, e.g. because of an I/O error, the exception is logged but ignored, and an empty cache is initialized.

Note that at this stage only the basic validation is performed; the cache accessors should then each initialize their own subcaches with possibly their own specialized validators.

**saveCache (cacheobj)**

Saves the cache to the file-like object *cacheobj*. This dumps a pickle-d version of the cache information into the stream.

**setDefaultInvalidationTime (time\_delta)**

A timedelta object giving the amount of time for which data in cache is considered valid (by default).

**class core.bibusercache.BibUserCacheAccessor (cache\_name, bibolamazifile, \*\*kwargs)**

Bases: object

Base class for a cache accessor.

Filters should access the bibolamazi cache through a *cache accessor*. A cache accessor organizes how the caches are used and maintained. This is needed since several filters may want to access the same cache (e.g. fetched arXiv info from the arxiv.org API), so it is necessary to abstract out the cache object and how it is maintained out of the filter. This also avoids issues such as which filter is responsible for creating/refreshing the cache, etc.

A unique accessor instance is attached to a particular cache name (e.g. ‘arxiv\_info’). It is instantiated by the BibolamaziFile. It is instructed to initialize the cache, possibly install token checkers, etc. at the beginning, before running any filters. The accessor is free to handle the cache as it prefers—build it right away, refresh it on demand only, etc.

Filters access the cache by requesting an instance to the accessor. This is done by calling *cache\_accessor()* (you can use *bibolamazifile()* to get a pointer to the *bibolamazifile* object.). Filters should declare in advance which caches they would like to have access to by reimplementing the *requested\_cache\_accessors()* method.

Accessors are free to implement their public API how they deem it best. There is no obligation or particular structure to follow. (Although *refresh\_cache()*, *fetch\_missing\_items(list)*, or similar function names may be

typical.)

Cache accessor objects are instantiated by the bibolamazi file. Their constructors should accept a keyword argument *bibolamazifile* and pass it on to the superclass constructor. Constructors should also accept *\*\*kwargs* for possible compatibility with future additions and pass it on to the parent constructor. The *cache\_name* argument of this constructor should be a fixed string passed by the subclass, identifying this cache (e.g. ‘arxiv\_info’).

**bibolamaziFile()**

Returns the parent bibolamazifile of this cache accessor. This may be useful, e.g. to initialize a token cache validator in *initialize()*.

Returns the object given in the constructor argument. Do not reimplement this function.

**cacheDic()**

Returns the cache dictionary. This is meant as a ‘protected’ method for the accessor only. Objects that query the accessor should use the accessor-specific API to access data.

The cache dictionary is a *BibUserCacheDic* object. In particular, subcaches may want to set custom token checkers for proper cache invalidation (this should be done in the *initialize()* method).

This returns the data in the cache object that was set internally by the BibolamaziFile via the method *setCacheObj()*. Don’t call that manually, though, unless you’re implementing an alternative BibolamaziFile class !

**cacheName()**

Return the cache name, as set in the constructor.

Subclasses do not need to reimplement this function.

**cacheObject()**

Returns the parent *BibUserCache* object in which *cacheDic()* is a sub-cache. This is provided FOR CONVENIENCE! Don’t abuse this!

You should never need to access the object directly. Maybe just read-only to get some standard attributes such as the root cache version. If you’re writing directly to the root cache object, there is most likely a design flaw in your code!

Most of all, don’t write into other sub-caches!!

**initialize(*cache\_obj*)**

Initialize the cache.

Subclasses should perform any initialization tasks, such as install *token checkers*. This function should not return anything.

Note that it is *strongly* recommended to install some form of cache invalidation, would it be just even an expiry validator. You may want to call *installCacheExpirationChecker()* on *cache\_obj*.

Note that the order in which the *initialize()* method of the various caches is called is undefined.

Use the *cacheDic()* method to access the cache dictionary. Note that if you install token checkers on this cache, e.g. with *cache\_obj.installCacheExpirationChecker()*, then the cache dictionary object may have changed! (To be sure, call *cacheDic()* again.)

The default implementation raises a *NotImplemented* exception.

**setCacheObj(*cache\_obj*)**

Sets the cache dictionary and cache object that will be returned by *cacheDic()* and *cacheObject()*, respectively. Accessors and filters should not call (nor reimplement) this function. This function gets called by the *BibolamaziFile*.

```
class core.bibusercache.BibUserCacheDic(*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *\_abcoll.MutableMapping*

Implements a cache where information may be stored between different runs of bibolamazi, and between different filter runs.

This is a dictionary of key=value pairs, and can be used like a regular python dictionary.

This implements *cache validation*, i.e. making sure that the values stored in the cache are up-to-date. Each entry of the dictionary has a corresponding *token*, i.e. a value (of any python pickleable type) which will identify whether the cache is invalid or not. For example, the value could be *datetime* corresponding to the time when the entry was created, and the rule for validating the cache might be to check that the entry is not more than e.g. 3 days old.

**child\_notify\_changed**(*obj*)

**iteritems**()

**new\_value\_set**(*key=None*)

Informs the dic that the value for *key* has been updated, and a new validation token should be stored.

If *key* is *None*, then this call is meant for the current object, so this call will relay to the parent dictionary.

**set\_parent**(*parent*)

**set\_validation**(*tokenchecker*, *validate=True*)

Set a function that will calculate the *token* for a given entry, for cache validation. The function ‘fn’ shall compute a value based on a key (and possibly cache value) of the cache, such that comparison with *fncmp* (by default equality) will tell us if the entry is out of date. See the documentation for the *tokencheckers* modules for more information about cache validation.

If *validate* is *True*, then we immediately validate the contents of the cache.

**validate**()

Validate this whole dictionary, i.e. make sure that each entry is still valid.

This calls *validate\_item()* for each item in the dictionary.

**validate\_item**(*key*)

Validate an entry of the dictionary manually. Usually not needed.

If the value is valid, and happens to be a BibUserCacheDic, then that dictionary is also validated.

Invalid entries are deleted.

Returns *True* if have valid item, otherwise *False*.

**exception** core.bibusercache.**BibUserCacheError**(*cache\_name*, *message*)

Bases: core.butils.BibolamaziError

An exception which occurred when handling user caches. Usually, problems in the cache are silently ignored, because the cache can usually be safely regenerated.

However, if there is a serious error which prevents the cache from being regenerated, for example, then this error should be raised.

**class** core.bibusercache.**BibUserCacheList**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Bases: \_abcoll.MutableSequence

**append**(*value*)

**insert**(*index*, *value*)

## tokencheckers Module

This module provides a collection of useful token checkers that can be used to make sure the cache information is always valid and up-to-date.

Recall the Bibolamazi Cache is organized as nested dictionaries in which the cached information is organized.

One main concern of the caching mechanism is that information be *invalidated* when it is no longer relevant (between different runs of bibolamazi). This may be for example because the original bibtex entry from the source has changed.

Each cache dictionary (`BibUserCacheDic`) may be set a *token validator*, that is a verifier instance class which will invalidate items it detects as no longer valid. The validity of items is determined on the basis of *validation tokens*.

When an item in a cache dictionary is added or updated, a token (which can be any python value) is generated corresponding to the cached value. This token may be, for example, the date and time at which the value was cached. The validator then checks the tokens of the cache values and detects those entries whose token indicates that the entries are no longer valid: for example, if the token corresponds to the date and time at which the entry was stored, the validator may invalidate all entries whose token indicates that they are too old.

Token Checkers are free to decide what information to store in the tokens. See the `tokencheckers` module for examples. Token checkers must derive from the base class `TokenChecker`.

```
class core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.EntryFieldsTokenChecker(bibdata, fields=[],  
                                                               store_type=False,  
                                                               store_persons=[],  
                                                               **kwargs)
```

Bases: `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenChecker`

A `TokenChecker` implementation that checks whether some fields of a bibliography entry have changed.

This works by calculating a MD5 hash of the contents of the given fields.

```
new_token(key, value, **kwargs)
```

```
class core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenChecker(**kwargs)
```

Bases: `object`

Base class for a token checker validator.

The `new_token()` function always returns `True` and `cmp_tokens()` just compares tokens for equality with the `==` operator.

Subclasses should reimplement `new_token()` to return something useful. Subclasses may either use the default implementation equality comparision for `cmp_tokens()` or reimplement that function for custom token validation condition (e.g. as in `TokenCheckerDate`).

```
cmp_tokens(key, value, oldtoken, **kwargs)
```

Checks to see if the dictionary entry `(key, value)` is still up-to-date and valid. The old token, returned by a previous call to `new_token()`, is provided in the argument `oldtoken`.

The default implementation calls `new_token()` for the `(key, value)` pair and compares the new token with the old token `oldtoken` for equality with the `==` operator. Depending on your use case, this may be enough so you may not have to reimplement this function (as, for example, in `EntryFieldsTokenChecker`).

However, you may wish to reimplement this function if a different comparision method is required. For example, if the token is a date at which the information was retrieved, you might want to test how old the information is, and invalidate it only after it has passed a certain amount of time (as done in `TokenCheckerDate`).

It is advisable that code in this function should be protected against having the wrong type in `oldtoken` or being given `None`. Such cases might easily pop up say between Bibolamazi Versions, or if the cache was once not properly set up. In any case, it's safer to trap exceptions here and return `False` to avoid an exception propagating up and causing the whole cache load process to fail.

Return `True` if the entry is still valid, or `False` if the entry is out of date and should be discarded.

**new\_token** (*key, value, \*\*kwargs*)

Return a token which will serve to identify changes of the dictionary entry (*key, value*). This token may be any Python pickleable object. It can be anything that `cmp_tokens()` will understand.

The default implementation returns *True* all the time. Subclasses should reimplement to do something useful.

**class** `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenCheckerCombine (*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenChecker`

A `TokenChecker` implementation that combines several different token checkers. A cache entry is deemed valid only if it is considered valid by all the installed token checkers.

For example, you may want to both make sure the cache has the right version (with a `VersionTokenChecker` and that it is up-to-date).

**cmp\_tokens** (*key, value, oldtoken, \*\*kwargs*)

**new\_token** (*key, value, \*\*kwargs*)

**class** `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenCheckerDate (time_valid=datetime.timedelta(5), **kwargs)`

Bases: `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenChecker`

A `TokenChecker` implementation that remembers the date and time at which an entry was set, and invalidates the entry after an amount of time *time\_valid* has passed.

The amount of time the information remains valid is given in the *time\_valid* argument of the constructor or is set with a call to `set_time_valid()`. In either case, you should provide a python `datetime.timedelta` object.

**cmp\_tokens** (*key, value, oldtoken, \*\*kwargs*)

**new\_token** (*\*\*kwargs*)

**set\_time\_valid** (*time\_valid*)

**class** `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenCheckerPerEntry (checkers={}, **kwargs)`

Bases: `core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenChecker`

A `TokenChecker` implementation that associates different `TokenChecker`'s for individual entries, set manually.

By default, the items of the dictionary are always valid. When an entry-specific token checker is set with `add_entry_check()`, that token checker is used for that entry only.

**add\_entry\_check** (*key, checker*)

Add an entry-specific checker.

*key* is the entry key for which this token checker applies. *checker* is the token checker instance itself. It is possible to make several keys share the same token checker instance.

Note that no explicit validation is performed. (This can't be done because we don't even have a pointer to the cache dict.) So you should call manually `BibUserCacheDict.validate_item()`

If a token checker was already set for this entry, it is replaced by the new one.

**checker\_for** (*key*)

Returns the token instance that has been set for the entry *key*, or *None* if no token checker has been set for that entry.

**cmp\_tokens** (*key, value, oldtoken, \*\*kwargs*)

**has\_entry\_for** (*key*)

Returns *True* if we have a token checker set for the given entry *key*.

```
new_token(key, value, **kwargs)
```

```
remove_entry_check(key)
```

As the name suggests, remove the token checker associated with the given entry key *key*. If no token checker was previously set, then this function does nothing.

```
class core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.VersionTokenChecker(this_version, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *core.bibusercache.tokencheckers.TokenChecker*

A *TokenChecker* which checks entries with a given version number.

This is useful if you might change the format in which you store entries in your cache: adding a version number will ensure that any old-formatted entries will be discarded.

```
new_token(key, value, **kwargs)
```

### 6.2.3 pylatexenc Package

#### pylatexenc Module

Utilities for LaTeX to/from Unicode Text conversion.

Main Site:

<https://github.com/phfaist/pylatexenc/>

#### latex2text Module

```
class core.pytexenc.latex2text.EnvDef(envname, simplify_repl=None, discard=False)
```

```
class core.pytexenc.latex2text.MacroDef(macname, simplify_repl=None, discard=None)
```

```
core.pytexenc.latex2text.greekletters(letterlist)
```

```
core.pytexenc.latex2text.latex2text(content, tolerant_parsing=False,  
keep_inline_math=False, keep_comments=False)
```

Extracts text from *content* meant for database indexing. *content* is some LaTeX code.

```
core.pytexenc.latex2text.laternodes2text(nodelist, keep_inline_math=False,  
keep_comments=False)
```

Extracts text from a node list. *nodelist* is a list of nodes as returned by *latexwalker.get\_latex\_nodes()*.

```
core.pytexenc.latex2text.make_accented_char(node, combining)
```

#### latexencode Module

```
core.pytexenc.latexencode.utf8tolatex(s, non_ascii_only=False, brackets=True, substitute_bad_chars=False)
```

#### latexwalker Module

```
class core.pytexenc.latexwalker.LatexCharsNode(chars, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *core.pytexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode*

A string of characters in the LaTeX document, without any special meaning.

```
nodeType()
```

```

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexCommentNode (comment, **kwargs)
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode

    nodeType()

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexEnvironmentNode (envname, nodelist, optargs=[],
                                                       args=[], **kwargs)
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode

    nodeType()

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexGroupNode (nodelist, **kwargs)
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode

    A LaTeX group, i.e. {...}.

    nodeType()

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexMacroNode (macroname,           nodeoptarg=None,
                                                       nodeargs=[], **kwargs)
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode

    Represents a ‘macro’ type node, e.g. ‘textbf’

    nodeType()

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexMathNode (displaytype, nodelist=[], **kwargs)
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode

    nodeType()

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexNode (**kwargs)
    Bases: object

    Represents an abstract ‘node’ of the latex document.

    Use nodeType() to figure out what type of node this is.

    isNodeType(t)
    nodeType()

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexToken (tok, arg, pos, len, pre_space)
    Bases: tuple

    arg
        Alias for field number 1

    len
        Alias for field number 3

    pos
        Alias for field number 2

    pre_space
        Alias for field number 4

    tok
        Alias for field number 0

exception core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexWalkerEndOfStream
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexWalkerError

exception core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexWalkerError
    Bases: exceptions.Exception

```

```
exception core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexWalkerParseError(msg, s=None,
                                                               pos=None)
    Bases: core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.LatexWalkerError

class core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.MacrosDef(macname, optarg, numargs)
    Bases: tuple

    macname
        Alias for field number 0

    numargs
        Alias for field number 2

    optarg
        Alias for field number 1

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.disp_node(n, indent=0, context='*', skip_group=False)

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.get_latex_braced_group(s, pos, brace_type='{',
                                                       **parse_flags)
    Reads a latex expression enclosed in braces {...}. The first token of s[pos:] must be an opening brace.

    Returns a tuple (node, pos, len). pos is the first char of the expression (which has to be an opening brace), and len is its length, including the closing brace.

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.get_latex_environment(s, pos, environmentname=None,
                                                 **parse_flags)
    Reads a latex expression enclosed in a begin{environment}...end{environment}. The first token in the stream must be the begin{environment}.

    Returns a tuple (node, pos, len) with node being a LatexEnvironmentNode.

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.get_latex_expression(s, pos, strict_braces=False,
                                                **parse_flags)
    Reads a latex expression, e.g. macro argument. This may be a single char, an escape sequence, or a expression placed in braces.

    Returns a tuple (<LatexNode instance>, pos, len). pos is the first char of the expression, and len is its length.

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.get_latex_maybe_optional_arg(s, pos, **parse_flags)
    Attempts to parse an optional argument. Returns a tuple (groupnode, pos, len) if success, otherwise returns None.

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.get_latex_nodes(s, pos=0, stop_upon_closing_brace=None,
                                             stop_upon_end_environment=None,
                                             stop_upon_closing_mathmode=None,
                                             keep_inline_math=False, toler-
                                             ant_parsing=False)
    Parses latex content s.

    Returns a tuple (nodelist, pos, len) where nodelist is a list of LatexNode 's.

    If stop_upon_closing_brace is given, then len includes the closing brace, but the closing brace is not included in any of the nodes in the nodelist.

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.get_token(s, pos, brackets_are_chars=True, environments=True,
                                         **parse_flags)
    Parse the next token in the stream.

    Returns a LatexToken. Raises LatexWalkerEndOfStream if end of stream reached.

core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.math_node_to_latex(node)
core.pylatexenc.latexwalker.nodelist_to_latex(nodelist)
```

---

```
core.pylatelexenc.latexwalker.put_in_braces(brace_char, thestring)
```

## 6.3 argparseactions Module

This module defines callbacks and actions for parsing the command-line arguments for bibolamazi. You're most probably not interested in this API. (Not mentioning that it might change if I feel the need for it.)

```
core.argparseactions.help_list_filters()

core.argparseactions.helptext_prolog()

class core.argparseactions.opt_action_help(option_strings, dest, nargs=None, const=None,
                                             default=None, type=None, choices=None, required=False, help=None, metavar=None)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.argparseactions.opt_action_version(option_strings, dest, nargs=None, const=None, default=None, type=None, choices=None, required=False, help=None, metavar=None)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.argparseactions.opt_init_empty_template(nargs=1, **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.argparseactions.opt_list_filters(nargs=0, **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.Action

core.argparseactions.run_pager(text)
    Call pydoc.pager() in a unicode-safe way.

class core.argparseactions.store_key_bool(option_strings, dest, nargs=1, const=True, exception=<type 'exceptions.ValueError'>, **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.argparseactions.store_key_const(option_strings, dest, nargs=1, const=True, **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.argparseactions.store_key_val(option_strings, dest, nargs=1, exception=<type 'exceptions.ValueError'>, **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.argparseactions.store_or_count(option_strings, dest, nargs='?', **kwargs)
    Bases: argparse.Action
```

## 6.4 bibolamazifile Module

The Main bibolamazifile module: this contains the `BibolamaziFile` class definition.

```
class core.bibolamazifile.BibolamaziFile(fname=None, create=False, load_to_state=3, use_cache=True, default_cache_invalidation_time=None)
    Bases: object
```

Represents a Bibolamazi file.

This class provides an API to read and parse bibolamazi files, as well as load data defined in its configuration section and interact with its filters.

Filter instances are automatically created upon loading, etc.

..... TODO: MORE DOC .....

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**bibliographyData()**

**bibliographydata()**

**cacheAccessor(klass)**

Returns the cache accessor instance corresponding to the given class.

**cacheFileName()**

The file name where the cache will be stored. You don't need to access this directly, the cache will be loaded and saved automatically. You should normally only access the cache through cache accessors. See `cacheAccessor()`.

**configData()**

**configLineNo(filelineno)**

Returns the line number in the config data corresponding to line `filelineno` in the file. Opposite of `fileLineNo()`.

**fdir()**

**fileLineNo(configlineno)**

Returns the line number in the file of the config line `configlineno`. The latter refers to the line number INSIDE the config section, where line number 1 is right after the begin config tag `CONFIG_BEGIN_TAG`.

**filters()**

**fname()**

**getLoadState()**

**load(fname=[], to\_state=3)**

Loads the given file.

If `fname` is `None`, then resets the object to an empty state. If `fname` is not given or an empty list, then uses any previously loaded `fname` and its state.

If `to_state` is given, will only attempt to load the file up to that state. This can be useful, e.g., in a config editor which needs to parse the sections of the file but does not need to worry about syntax errors. The state should be one of `BIBOLAMAZIFILE_INIT`, `BIBOLAMAZIFILE_READ`, `BIBOLAMAZIFILE_PARSED` or `BIBOLAMAZIFILE_LOADED`.

**rawConfig()**

**rawHeader()**

**rawStartConfigDataLineNo()**

Returns the line number on which the begin config tag `CONFIG_BEGIN_TAG` is located. Line numbers start at 1 at the top of the file like in any reasonable editor.

**rawcmds()**

**rawrest()**

**reset()**

**resolveSourcePath(path)**

Resolves a path (for example corresponding to a source file) to an absolute file location.

This function expands '`~/foo/bar`' to e.g. '`/home/someone/foo/bar`', it expands shell variables, e.g. '`$HOME/foo/bar`' or '`$(MYBIBDIR)/foo/bar.bib`'.

If the path is relative, it is made absolute by interpreting it as relative to the location of this bibolamazi file (see `fdir()`).

Note: `path` should not be an URL.

**saveToFile()**

**setBibliographyData(bibliographydata)**

Set the `bibliographydata` database object directly.

The object `bibliographydata` should be of instance `pybtex.database.BibliographyData`.

**Warning:** Filters should NOT set a different `bibliographydata` object: caches might have kept a pointer to this object (see, for example `EntryFieldsTokenChecker`). Please use `setEntries()` instead.

**setConfigData(configdata)**

**setDefaultCacheInvalidationTime(time\_delta)**

A `timedelta` object giving the amount of time for which data in cache is considered valid (by default).

Note that this function should be called BEFORE the data is loaded. If you just call, for example the default constructor, this might be too late already. If you use the `load()` function, set the default cache invalidation time before you load up to the state `BIBOLAMAZIFILE_LOADED`.

Note that you may also use the option in the constructor `default_cache_invalidation_time`, which has the same effect as this function called at the appropriate time.

**setEntries(bibentries)**

Replace all the entries in the current `bibliographydata` object by the given entries.

Arguments:

- `bibentries`: the new entries to set. `bibentries` should be an iterable of `(key, entry)` (or, more precisely, any valid argument for `pybtex.database.BibliographyData.add_entries()`).

**Warning:** This will remove any existing entries in the database.

This function alters the current `bibliographyData()` object, and does not replace it by a new object. (I.e., if you kept a reference to the `bibliographyData()` object, the reference is still valid after calling this function.)

**setRawConfig(configblock)**

**sourceLists()**

**sources()**

**class core.bibolamazifile.BibolamaziFileCmd(cmd=None, text=' ', lineno=-1, linenoend=-1, info={})**

**exception core.bibolamazifile.BibolamaziFileParseError(msg, fname=None, lineno=None)**

Bases: `core.butils.BibolamaziError`

**exception core.bibolamazifile.NotBibolamaziFileError(msg, fname=None, lineno=None)**

Bases: `core.bibolamazifile.BibolamaziFileParseError`

This error is raised to signify that the file specified is not a bibolamazi file—most probably, it does not contain a valid configuration section.

## 6.5 blogger Module

Set up a logging framework for logging debug, information, warning and error messages.

Modules should get their logger using Python's standard logging mechanism:

```
import logging
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
```

This allows for the user to be rather specific about which type of messages she/he would like to see.

```
class core.blogger.BibolamaziConsoleFormatter(ttycolors=False, show_pos_info_level=None,
                                              **kwargs)
```

Bases: logging.Formatter

Format log messages for console output. Customized for bibolamazi.

```
class core.blogger.BibolamaziLogger(name, level=0)
```

Bases: logging.Logger

A Logger used in Bibolamazi.

This logger class knows about an additional log level, LONGDEBUG.

```
longdebug(msg, *args, **kwargs)
```

Produce a log message at level LONGDEBUG.

```
class core.blogger.ConditionalFormatter(defaultfmt=None, datefmt=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: logging.Formatter

A formatter class.

Very much like logging.Formatter, except that different formats can be specified for different log levels.

Specify the different formats to the constructor with keyword arguments. E.g.:

```
ConditionalFormatter('%(message)s',
                     DEBUG='DEBUG: %(message)s',
                     INFO='just some info... %(message)s')
```

This will use '%(message)s' as format for all messages except with level other than DEBUG or INFO, for which their respective formats are used.

```
core.blogger.logger = <core.blogger.BibolamaziLogger object>
```

(OBSOLETE) The main logger object. This is a logging.Logger object.

Deprecated since version 2.1: This object is still here to keep old code functioning. New code should use the following idiom somewhere at the top of their module:

```
import logging
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
```

(Just make sure the logging mechanism has been set up correctly already, see doc for [blogger](#) module.)

This object has an additional method *longdebug()* (which behaves similarly to *debug()*), for logging long debug output such as dumping the database during intermediate steps, etc. This corresponds to bibolamazi command-line verbosity level 3.

```
core.blogger.setup_simple_console_logging(logger=<logging.RootLogger object>)
```

Sets up the given logger object for simple console output.

The main program module may for example invoke this function on the root logger to provide a basic logging mechanism.

## 6.6 butils Module

Various utilities for use within all of the Bibolamazi Project.

**exception** `core.butils.BibolamaziError` (*msg*, *where=None*)

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Root bibolamazi error exception.

See also [BibFilterError](#) and [BibUserCacheError](#).

`core.butils.call_with_args` (*fn*, *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Utility to call a function *fn* with *\*args* and *\*\*kwargs*.

*fn(\*args)* must be an acceptable function call; beyond that, additional keyword arguments which the function accepts will be provided from *\*\*kwargs*.

This function is meant to be essentially *fn(\*args, \*\*kwargs)*, but without raising an error if there are arguments in *kwargs* which the function doesn't accept (in which case, those arguments are ignored).

`core.butils.get_version()`

Return the version string `version_str`, unchanged.

`core.butils.get_version_split()`

Return a 4-tuple (*maj*, *min*, *rel*, *suffix*) resulting from parsing the version obtained via `version.version_str`.

..... TODO: FIXME: CURRENTLY, the elements are strings! why not integers? If not there, they will/should be empty or None?

`core.butils.getbool` (*x*)

Utility to parse a string representing a boolean value.

If *x* is already of integer or boolean type (actually, anything castable to an integer), then the corresponding boolean conversion is returned. If it is a string-like type, then it is matched against something that looks like ‘t(rue)?’, ‘1’, ‘y(es)?’ or ‘on’ (ignoring case), or against something that looks like ‘f(alse)?’, ‘0’, ‘n(o)?’ or ‘off’ (also ignoring case). Leading or trailing whitespace is ignored. If the string cannot be parsed, a `ValueError` is raised.

`core.butils.guess_encoding_decode` (*dat*, *encoding=None*)

`core.butils.parse_timedelta` (*in\_s*)

Note: only positive timedelta accepted.

`core.butils.quotearg` (*x*)

`core.butils.resolve_type` (*typename*, *in\_module=None*)

Returns a type object corresponding to the given type name *typename*, given as a string.

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`core.butils.warn_deprecated` (*classname*, *oldname*, *newname*, *modulename=None*, *explanation=None*)

## 6.7 main Module

This module contains the code that implements Bibolamazi's command-line interface.

```
class core.main.AddFilterPackageAction(option_strings, dest, nargs=None, const=None,
                                       default=None, type=None, choices=None, required=False, help=None, metavar=None)
    Bases: argparse.Action

class core.main.ArgsStruct(bibolamazifile, verbosity, use_cache, cache_timeout, fine_log_levels)
    Bases: tuple

    bibolamazifile
        Alias for field number 0

    cache_timeout
        Alias for field number 3

    fine_log_levels
        Alias for field number 4

    use_cache
        Alias for field number 2

    verbosity
        Alias for field number 1

exception core.main.BibolamaziNoSourceEntriesError
    Bases: core.butils.BibolamaziError

core.main.get_args_parser()
core.main.main(argv=['-b', 'latex', '-D', 'language=en', '-d', '_build/doctrees', ':', '_build/latex'])
core.main.run_bibolamazi(bibolamazifile, **kwargs)
core.main.run_bibolamazi_args(args)
core.main.setup_filterpackage_from_argstr(argstr)
    Add a filter package definition and path to filterfactory.filterpath from a string that is a e.g. a command-line argument to –filterpath or a part of the environment variable BIBOLAMAZI_FILTER_PATH.

core.main.setup_filterpackages_from_env()
core.main.verbosity_logger_level(verbosity)
    Simple mapping of ‘verbosity level’ (used, for example for command line options) to correspondig logging level (logging.DEBUG, logging.ERROR, etc.).
```

## 6.8 version Module

```
core.version.version_str = '2.3'
The version string. This is increased upon each release.
```

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## Python API: Filter Utilities Package

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### 7.1 arxivutil Module

```
class filters.util.arxivutil.ArxivFetchedAPIInfoCacheAccessor (**kwargs)
Bases: core.bibusercache.BibUserCacheAccessor
```

A *BibUserCacheAccessor* for fetching and accessing information retrieved from the arXiv API.

**fetchArxivApiInfo** (*idlist*)

Populates the given cache with information about the arXiv entries given in *idlist*. This must be, yes you guessed right, a list of arXiv identifiers that we should fetch.

This function performs a query on the arXiv.org API, using the arxiv2bib library. Please note that you should avoid making rapid fire requests in a row (this should normally not happen anyway thanks to our cache mechanism). However, beware that if we get a 403 Forbidden HTTP answer, we should not continue or else arXiv.org might interpret our requests as a DOS attack. If a 403 Forbidden HTTP answer is received this function raises *BibArxivApiFetchError* with a meaningful error text.

Only those entries in *idlist* which are not already in the cache are fetched.

*idlist* can be any iterable.

**getArxivApiInfo** (*arxivid*)

Returns a dictionary:

```
{
    'reference': <arxiv2bib.Reference>,
    'bibtex': <bibtex string>
}
```

for the given arXiv id in the cache. If the information is not in the cache, returns *None*.

Don't forget to first call *fetchArxivApiInfo()* to retrieve the information in the first place.

Note the reference part may be a *arxiv2bib.ReferenceErrorInfo*, if there was an error retrieving the reference.

**initialize** (*cache\_obj*, \*\**kwargs*)

```
class filters.util.arxivutil.ArxivInfoCacheAccessor (**kwargs)
Bases: core.bibusercache.BibUserCacheAccessor
```

A *BibUserCacheAccessor* for fetching and accessing information retrieved from the arXiv API.

**complete\_cache** (*bibdata*, *arxiv\_api\_accessor*)

Makes sure the cache is complete for all items in *bibdata*.

```
getArXivInfo (entrykey)
    Get the arXiv information corresponding to entry citekey entrykey. If the entry is not in the cache, returns None. Call complete_cache() first!

initialize (cache_obj, **kwargs)
rebuild_cache (bibdata, arxiv_api_accessor)
    Clear and rebuild the entry cache completely.

revalidate (bibolamazifile)
    Re-validates the cache (with validate()), and calls again complete_cache() to fetch all missing or out-of-date entries.

exception filters.util.arxivutil.BibArxivApiFetchError (msg)
    Bases: core.bibusercache.BibUserCacheError

filters.util.arxivutil.detectEntryArXivInfo (entry)
    Extract arXiv information from a pybtex.database.Entry bibliographic entry.
```

Returns upon success a dictionary of the form:

```
{ 'primaryclass': <primary class, if available>,
  'arxivid': <the (minimal) arXiv ID (in format XXXX.XXXX or archive/XXXXXXX)>,
  'archiveprefix': value of the 'archiveprefix' field
  'published': True/False <whether this entry was published in a journal other than arxiv>,
  'doi': <DOI of entry if any, otherwise None>
  'year': <Year in preprint arXiv ID number. 4-digit, string type.>
}
```

Note that ‘published’ is set to True for PhD and Master’s thesis. Also, the arxiv.py filter handles this case separately and explicitly, the option there *-dThesesCountAsPublished=0* has no effect here.

If no arXiv information was detected, then this function returns None.

```
filters.util.arxivutil.get_arxiv_cache_access (bibolamazifile)
filters.util.arxivutil.setup_and_get_arxiv_accessor (bibolamazifile)
filters.util.arxivutil.stripArXivInfoInNote (notestr)
    Assumes that notestr is a string in a note={} field of a bibtex entry, and strips any arxiv identifier information found, e.g. of the form ‘arxiv:XXXX.YYYY’ (or similar).
```

## 7.2 auxfile Module

Utilities (actually for now, utility) to parse .aux files from LaTeX documents.

```
filters.util.auxfile.get_all_auxfile_citations (jobname, bibolamazifile, filtername,
                                              search_dirs=None, callback=None,
                                              return_set=True)
```

Get a list of bibtex keys that a specific LaTeX document cites, by inspecting its .aux file.

Look for the file <*jobname*>.aux in the current directory, or in the search directories *search\_dirs* if given. Parse that file for commands of the type \citation{...}, and collect all the arguments of such commands. These commands are generated by calls to the \cite{} command in the LaTeX document.

This effectively gives a list of entries that a particular document cites.

Note: latex/pdflatex must have run at least once on the document already.

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This project also contains the following 3rd party code.

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