

NAME

lkbib - search bibliographic databases

SYNOPSIS

lkbib [**-v**] [**-ifields**] [**-pfilename**] [**-tn**] *key*...

DESCRIPTION

lkbib searches bibliographic databases for references that contain the keys *key*... and prints any references found on the standard output. **lkbib** will search any databases given by **-p** options, and then a default database. The default database is taken from the **REFER** environment variable if it is set, otherwise it is `/usr/dict/papers/Ind`. For each database *filename* to be searched, if an index *filename.i* created by [indxib\(1\)](#) exists, then it will be searched instead; each index can cover multiple databases.

OPTIONS

It is possible to have whitespace between a command line option and its parameter.

-v Print the version number.

-pfilename
Search *filename*. Multiple **-p** options can be used.

-istring
When searching files for which no index exists, ignore the contents of fields whose names are in *string*.

-tn Only require the first *n* characters of keys to be given. Initially *n* is 6.

ENVIRONMENT

REFER Default database.

FILES

`/usr/dict/papers/Ind` Default database to be used if the **REFER** environment variable is not set.

filename.i Index files.

SEE ALSO

[refer\(1\)](#), [lookbib\(1\)](#), [indxib\(1\)](#)

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