

NAME

bbl2bib.pl – convert thebibliography environment to a bib file

SYNOPSIS

bbl2bib.pl [**-o** *output*] *file*

OPTIONS

-o *output*

Output file. If this option is not used, the name for the output file is formed by changing the extension to `.bib`

DESCRIPTION

The script tries to reconstruct a `bib` file from the corresponding `thebibliography` environment. One can argue that this operation is akin to reconstructing a cow from the steak. The way the script does it is searching for the entry in the MR database, and creating the corresponding BibTeX fields.

The script reads a TeX or Bbl file and extracts from it the `thebibliography` environment. For each bibitem it creates a plain text bibliography entry, and then tries to match it in the database. =head1 INPUT FILE

We assume some structure of the input file:

1. The bibliography is contained between the lines

```
\begin{thebibliography}...
```

and

```
\end{thebibliography}
```

2. Each bibliography item starts from the line

```
\bibitem[...] {....}
```

EXAMPLES

```
bbl2bib -o - file.tex > result.bib
bbl2bib -o result.bib file.bbl
bbl2bib file.tex
```

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