

**NAME**

ctanbib – retrieve bibliographic information for packages hosted on CTAN.

**SYNOPSIS**

ctanbib <options> [package name]

**DESCRIPTION**

This command can retrieve bibliographic information for TeX packages hosted on CTAN in the BibTeX format.

**OPTIONS**

**-c,--ctan**

use @ctan type instead of @manual. The difference between the two is that the url field contains package CTAN path, instead of link to the package.

**-C,--CTAN**

like --ctan option, but use original url instead of CTAN path.

**-h,--help**

print the help message.

**-p,--pkgnome**

put the package name in a redefined in the document for the desired formatting.

**-v,--version**

print the version info.

**EXAMPLES**

\$ ctanbib latex

This invocation will print data in the BibLaTeX format to the standard output:

```
@manual{latex,
  title = {The Latex package},
  subtitle = {A TeX macro package that defines LaTeX},
  author = {Lamport, Leslie and The LaTeX Team},
  url = {http://www.latex-project.org/},
  urldate = {2018-08-23},
  date = {2018-04-01},
  version = {PL 5}
}
```

The --ctan option:

\$ ctanbib -c hyperref

This produces bib record with the @ctan type:

```
@ctan{hyperref,
  title = {The Hyperref package},
  subtitle = {Extensive support for hypertext in LaTeX},
  author = {Rahtz, Sebastian and Oberdiek, Heiko},
  url = {/macros/latex/contrib/hyperref},
```

```
urldate = {2018-08-27},  
date = {},  
version = {6.86b}  
}
```

**See also**

See ctanbib-doc.pdf for more details

**BUGS**

No known bugs.

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