

# The ctanbib package

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## 1 Introduction

This package provides script named `ctanbib` which can be used for retrieving of the bibliographic information for packages hosted on CTAN.

## 2 Usage

It can be used in the following way:

```
ctanbib <packagename> > filename.bib
```

## 3 Example

```
ctanbib latex
```

This invocation will print data in the Bib<sup>L</sup>AT<sub>E</sub>X 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}
}
```

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## 5 Acknowledgements

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## 6 Changelog

- 2018-08-23 Version 0.1 released.
- 2018-08-23 Created documentation.
- 2018-08-21 Rewrote the script to use the DOM api provided by LuaXML. This provides greater flexibility in the XML processing.
- 2018-08-20 Fixed the script for the current XML format provided by CTAN.
- 2014-09-12 Initial version of the script have been released in answer on TeX.sx<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup><https://tex.stackexchange.com/users/3751/daniel>

<sup>2</sup><https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/200856/2891>