

Description of real authors with biblatex

New data field

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1 Introduction

The standard biblatex fields allow to describe the author of a work, with the so called authors field. However, some works are published without name, or with pseudonyme, but the scholars know the real author. This package adds a new field `realauthor`, to specify the knew real author.

2 Basic use

2.1 The .bib file

Basically, you just have to add the real author name in the field `realauthor`, like in the two following examples:

```
@book{LeClerc1686,  
  Publisher = {Henry Desbordes},  
  Realauthor = {Jean le Clerc},  
  Title = {Défense des sentimens  
    De quelques Théologiens de Hollande  
    sur l'histoire critique du Vieux Testament  
    contre la réponse du Prieur de Bolleville},  
  Year = {1686}}
```

```
@book{Simon1686,
```

```

Address = {Rotterdam},
Author = {{Prieur de Bolleville}},
Publisher = {Reinier Leers},
Realauthor = {Richard Simon},
Title = {Réponse au livre intitulé
sentimens de quelques Theologiens de Hollande
sur l'Histoire Critique du Vieux Testament},
Year = {1686}}

```

2.2 Loading of the biblatex package

When loading the biblatex package, use the realauthor bibstyle, which is based on the verbose bibstyle:

```
\usepackage[citestyle=verbose,bibstyle=realauthor]{biblatex}
```

Not that the package patches author and author/editorothers/translator+others+macro. If you redefine them, don't forget the patches¹.

2.3 Example of result

By default, the real author name is printed in brackets, with an equal, between fine non-break spaces, when a pseudonym is also use:

[Jean le Clerc]. *Défense des sentimens De quelques Théologiens de Hollande sur l'histoire critique du Vieux Testament contre la réponse du Prieur de Bolleville.*
Henry Desbordes, 1686
Prieur de Bolleville [= Richard Simon]. *Réponse au livre intitulé sentimens de quelques Theologiens de Hollande sur l'Histoire Critique du Vieux Testament.*
Rotterdam: Reinier Leers, 1686

3 Customization

You can redefine the \mkrealauthor command to change the way the real author name is printed. Default value is:

```
\newcommand{\mkrealauthor}[1]{\mkbibbrackets{#1}}
```

You can also redefine the \realauthorequalsign command to change the sign before the real author name when a pseudonym is also used. Default value is:

```
\newcommand{\realauthorequalsign}{\addnbthinspace=\addnbthinspace}
```

For more customization, you have to redefine the macros defined in realauthor.bbx.

¹We suppose that, if you redefine them, you could understand the packages.

4 Use with biblatex-manuscripts-philology

To use this package with the features of biblatex-manuscripts-philology, you must use the package biblatex-multiple-dm.

5 Credits

This package was created for Maïeul Rouquette's phd dissertation² in 2014. It is licensed on the *LaTeX Project Public License*³.

All issues can be submitted, in French or English, in the GitHub issues page⁴.

6 Use with biblatex-manuscripts-philology

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7 Change history

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First public release.

²<http://apocryphes.hypotheses.org>.

³<http://latex-project.org/lppl/lppl-1-3c.html>.

⁴<https://github.com/maieul/biblatex-realauthor/issues>.