

**NAME**

lkbib – search bibliographic databases

**SYNOPSIS**

**lkbib** [**-n**] [**-i** *fields*] [**-p** *filename*] [**-t** *n*] *key* ...

**lkbib --help**

**lkbib -v**

**lkbib --version**

**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 *indxbib*(1) exists, then it will be searched instead; each index can cover multiple databases.

**OPTIONS**

Whitespace is permitted between a command-line option and its argument.

**--help** Display a usage message and exit.

**-istring**

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

**-p** *filename*

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

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

**-v**

**--version**

Display version information and exit.

**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), *indxbib*(1)