

Reference Database Program

Organize your references using Dbase! The flexibility of dbase II or III allows you to create custom menu-driven programs for reference entry and retrieval tailor-made for your operation.

REFS is a menu-driven dbase program, written by Kenneth Cole, which will: 1) Look up articles by author, 2) look up articles using one or more subject keys, 3) edit reference entries, and, 4) output articles to the printer or a computer file. By using REFS, hardcopy library index cards can be maintained by typing a reference only once into the database. Author and subject index cards can be output directly from the database. Because of the flexibility of dbase programming, the printout of references can even be customized.

Because REFS stores the entire reference, (Authors, Title, Journal, Subjects), it is memory intensive, and a hard disk is useful for databases over 600 references. But the advantage of storing all of this into the computer is that subject keys can be written in English rather than codes, and you can produce an alphabetized bibliography for a paper in a few minutes rather than having to look everything up to get all the details (ie. volume, page numbers).

I have run different versions of REFS using Dbase III+ or Dbase II on a DOS system or Dbase II on a CP/M system. For a free copy of the 20K program send a blank disk (specify Dbase and system) to: **Ken Cole, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, 1100 N. Mineral Springs Rd., Porter, IN 46304. (219) 926-7561, FTS 370-6419.**