

A historical version of the `dblp.xml` (called `hdblp.xml`) is now [available at zenodo](#). `hdblp` contains historical revisions of all metadata records in `dblp`. The file can be used to reconstruct the state of `dblp` for each day between June 1999 and March 2018.

The `dblp` computer science bibliography was founded in 1993. Since then, `dblp` has gathered (as of March 2018) data on more than 4 million publications written by about 2 million different authors. For each publication and each author, the collection maintains a simple metadata record which contains all descriptive information. The set of all records is available as daily snapshot as well as [stable monthly releases](#). The records are modified frequently to add additional information or to correct defects. In this document, we describe the `hdblp` collection which contains the historical content of each metadata record. For every time that a record is modified, `hdblp` contains a revision of the record's content. Within certain limits, `hdblp` can be used to reconstruct the state of `dblp` for each day between July 1999 and March 2018. This data can be used to study the development of the collection over a period of almost 19 years. Like the `dblp` snapshots themselves, `hdblp` is published under the open ODC-BY 1.0 license.

[Please see zenodo](#) for a short documentation of the `hdblp.xml`.