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SIMPLE UNIX "ASCII LITERATURE LIBRARY"

METHOD:

- 1) Sign up for daily mailings of newly submitted abstracts from arXiv.org
- 2) arXiv sends a single composite ASCII (text) file of abstracts received during the last 24 hours (M-F). You can read it from your mailer or save it to your computer to read later.
- 3) Copy individual abstracts of interest and paste each into an ASCII file with a title containing the lead author's name, a compressed description, and the year. I use a ".abs" suffix for clarity.

Optionally do light editing on the abstract: e.g. breaking the usual indigestible block of text into separate paragraphs or capitalizing key items.

- 4) Store files in topic-oriented directories. In some cases, it's useful to cross-index files by storing them under several topics. You could also use soft links to do that.
- 5) You can read, annotate, search, list, rename, grep, sort, combine, or hardcopy files with simple UNIX commands using the Terminal. The "more" command to display content doesn't care about an ASCII file's suffix. Terminal display and manipulation of files is faster and cleaner than dealing with PDF, Word, or other proprietary formats.
- 6) Download full PDF versions only of papers that appear particularly relevant or important. The URL for the PDF is contained in the abstract file.
- 7) If you don't want to be bothered with daily mailings, you can use the same technique directly on the arXiv.org listings as viewed in a browser, although this is less convenient, more time consuming, and requires you to take the initiative.
- 8) This method allows you to search/organize literature files by author, date, and title. You can add additional special keywords to files to help find or organize them in the form of "tags." Most popular operating systems support the use of arbitrary tags. MacOS offers a robust system. The content of

files is not changed: instead, tags are associated with them as metadata by the file management system. One problem with this feature is that although the files themselves are portable, metadata may not survive a migration to another computer or operating system.

- 9) You can embed BibTex-like entries in the files, but that involves an extra step.

EXAMPLE:

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/Users/rwo/lit/spops ls -lt *
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-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2065 Jul 20 15:24 sharda-
origin-bottom-heavy-IMFs-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2355 Jul 19 15:31 kauffmann-
popgrads-faceon-disks-MANGA-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2059 Jul 19 15:28 kauffmann-
flatter-central-IMF-in-MANGA-disks-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2101 Jul  8 08:50 lonoce-IMF-
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resolved-EA-galaxies-MANGA-21.pdf
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          1975 Jul  5 16:06 greene-
resolved-EA-galaxies-MANGA-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2487 Jul  5 15:59 fielder-MW-
UV-to-IR-SED-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2176 Jun 29 11:26 chandar-SFH-
PSB-glx-from-clusters-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2387 Jun 29 10:57 sedgwick-SFR-
in-Eglx-from-SNe-21.abs
-rw-r--r--      1 rwo  staff          2052 Jun 28 12:04 bravo-glx-
color-evol-no-green-pop-21.abs
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/Users/rwo/lit/spops more greene-resolved-EA-galaxies-MANGA-21.abs
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arXiv:2106.15613
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Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2021 17:58:26 GMT    (29720kb,D)
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Title: Refining the E+A Galaxy: A Spatially Resolved
Spectrophotometric Sample of Nearby Post-starburst Systems in
SDSS-IV MaNGA (MPL-5)
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Authors: Olivia A. Greene, Miguel R. Anderson, Mariarosa Marinelli,
Kelly
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Holley-Bockelmann, Lauren E. P. Campbell, and Charles T. Liu
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Categories: astro-ph.GA
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Comments: 11 pages, 2 tables, 8 figures and a complete sample appendix
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