

NAME

Enchant - a spellchecker

SYNOPSIS

enchant [-a] [-l] [-L] [-v]

DESCRIPTION

Enchant is an ispell-compatible spellchecker.

OPTIONS

- a List alternatives.
- l List only the misspellings.
- L Include the line number in the output.
- v Prints the program's version.

ENCHANT ORDERING FILE

Enchant has a global and a per-user ordering file named *enchant.ordering*. It lets the user specify which spelling backend to use for individual languages in the case when you care which backend gets used. The global file is located in $\$(datadir)/enchant$ and the per-user file is located in $\sim/.enchant$. The per-user file takes precedence, if found.

The ordering file takes the form language_tag:<comma-separated list of spelling backends>. I am currently aware of the following backends: aspell, myspell, ispell, uspell, hspell, voikko, and zemberek. '*' is used to mean "use this ordering for all languages, unless instructed otherwise." For example:

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*:aspell,myspell,ispell
en:aspell,myspell,ispell
en_UK:myspell,aspell,ispell
fr:myspell,ispell:aspell
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DIRECTORIES IMPORTANT TO ENCHANT

Unless configured otherwise, Enchant's Myspell, Ispell, and Uspell backends will look for dictionaries in directories specific to Enchant, and will not use your system-wide installed dictionaries. This is for pragmatic reasons since many distributions install these dictionaries into different locations.

Like the *enchant.ordering* file described above, Enchant looks in the global directory for these dictionaries and a per-user directory. The per-user directory takes precedence if it is found. Enchant

looks for Myspell dictionaries in $\$(datadir)/enchant/myspell$ and $\sim/.enchant/myspell$. Enchant looks for Ispell dictionaries in $\$(datadir)/enchant/ispell$ and $\sim/.enchant/ispell$. Enchant looks for Uspell dictionaries in $\$(datadir)/enchant/uspell$ and $\sim/.enchant/uspell$.

Packagers and users may wish to make symbolic links to the system-wide dictionary directories. Or, preferably, use the `--with-myspell-dir`, `--with-ispell-dir`, and `--with-uspell-dir` 'configure' arguments.

MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.abisource.com/enchant/>

SEE ALSO

aspell(1), **ispell(1)**,

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