Spell Check
Version 3.0c

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Spell Check 3.0 is an upgrade to Spell Check 2.X and WinCIM/CIS Spell Check 1.X.

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Introduction.

Spell Check 3.0 is a high performance spell checker for the Windows Environment. The program was originally designed to spell check mail messages created using the CompuServe Information Manager for Windows (WinCIM). In each of the subsequent revisions to the program we have refined the spell checking engine as well as added support for additional Windows Applications.

Spell Check supports America Online, CsNAV, WinCIM (including the ZiffNet Edition), GoCIS, MS Mail (Windows for WorkGroups Edition), Norton's DeskEdit, WinFax, Windows Notepad, Windows Clipboard, and Sierra Solutions MailRoom.

Spell Check 3.0 includes a context sensitive helps system. Just press F1 while using Spell Check!

Also, you can modify Spell Check to support almost any Windows Application! Search the accompanying online help system for Keyword "strokes3.ini" Select the Modifying Strokes3.ini topic.

Spell Check is provided for evaluation purposes. If you decide to use the software, please register it. We offer two registration alternatives.

1. **Registration without disk.** When registering in this manner you will receive

complete written documentation via conventional mail, legal license to use the software, and the registered version of the program (without the shareware screen). **The registered version will be sent to you via electronic mail.** The registration fee is only $11.95.

2. **Registration with disk.** When registering in this manner you will receive complete written documentation via conventional mail, legal license to use the software, and the registered version of the program (without the shareware screen). **The registered version will be sent to you on disk via conventional mail.** The registration fee is only $14.50.

We offer three ways to register the program.

To register Spell Check using your VISA/MASTERCARD or American Express:
1 Press the Registration Info button in the Select Application Window.
2 Fill-in the electronic order form.
3 Select an order delivery method.

You can print and mail you order, send it via America Online or send it via CompuServe (using WinCIM). If you send you order electroncially be sure that America Online or WinCIM is running before you select an order delivery method. Spell Check will create an email message containing your order. After the message is created please log on and send the message. Also, please do not modify the formatting of the order message in any way after the order is pasted into your front-end.

To register Spell Check using CompuServe:
1 Press the Traffic Light Icon ("Go")
2 Type SWREG
3 Press Enter
4 Select Register an application
5 Spell Check's ID # is 2887 with disk or 1761 without disk.

To register by conventional mail and receive a copy of Spell Check on Disk:
1 Press the Registration Info button in the Select Application Window.
2 Press the Check/MO button. Answer yes when prompted whether to print an order form.
3 Complete the order form (be sure to include your electronic mail address).
4 Send a Check or Money Order for $11.95 (with disk) or $14.50 (without disk) and the order form to:

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Note: Shipping and handling is included in the above prices for orders shipped to addresses within the United States. Please add an additional $0.35 (without disk) or $0.50 (with disk) for orders shipped to Canada or Mexico. All others please add an additional $1.00 (without disk) or $1.35 (with disk).

What's new in Version 3.0

• Almost 10,000 additional words.
• Smaller dictionary file siVersion 3.0a resolves a compatiability issue with WinFax Pro as well as fixes to several minor bugs that were present in version 3.0.ze (37,000 bytes less than version 2.0)
• Floating misspelled word dialog box (misspelled dialog box does not cover misspelled words).
• Extensive user defined options, such as run minimized, always stay on top and auto update.
• User defined Closings. Spell Check can automatically add your name and email address to the end of each of your messages.
• Context Sensitive help. Just press F1 while using Spell Check to access the help system.
• Technical reference to help you make spell check run with almost any Windows Application. Search the online help file for the keyword "Technical Reference".
• Improved installation process.

Version 3.0a resolves a compatibility issue with WinFax Pro as well as fixes to several minor bugs.

Version 3.0b resolves a compatibility issue with Windows Write as well as provides embedded tools to facilitate the registration of the program. Spell Check provides only limited support for Write. Text formatting may be lost during the spell check. Accordingly, we recommend that you create the text, run a spell check and then format the the document.

Version 3.0c resolves a compatibility issue with Windows Clipboard under 3.0b.

Installation.

Below are step by step installation instructions. Please note that the directory names may be different on your system. Also, note that America Online will execute steps 1 through 3 automatically.

1. Double Click on the MS-DOS Prompt in the Main Program Group. Change to the

directory where you downloaded the file wcspell3.zip. For example, type cd\cserve\ download and press enter.

2. Create a directory for Spell Check by typing the following at the DOS Prompt:
    md c:\spell
 Press Enter
 Unzip the Compressed File to the c:\spell directory by typing the following:
    pkunzip wcspel.zip c:\spell
 Press Enter

3. Return to Windows by typing exit and pressing enter.

4. Spell Check requires that vbrun300.dll be installed on your system. For more information on how to download and installed vbrun300.dll see Installing Vbrun300.dll below.

Windows 3.1 Users:
5. You may want to consider Adding Spell Check to the Startup Group. Below are instructions on how to create an icon for Spell Check:
 • Switch to the Program Manager
 • Open the Desired Program Group
 • Select the New Item from the File Menu
 • Select Program Item and Press OK
 • Enter a Description "Spell Check 3.0"
 • Enter the Command Line. The Command Line should contain the full path for Spell Check. For example, c:\spell\wcspell3.exe. If you downloaded Spell Check from America Online, Spell Check is likely stored in c:\waol\download\wcspell3\wcspell3.exe. You may find it useful to press the browse button, navigate the directory tree and click on the file wcspell3.exe.
 • Leave the Working Directory Field Blank
 • Enter a Shortcut Key such as "S".
 • Press the OK Button.

Norton Desktop Users:
5. You may want to consider adding Spell Check to your launch list. Below are instructions on how to create an icon for Spell Check:
 • Select the Quick Access item from Desktop's Window menu.
 • Double Click on the Startup Group.
 • Select the New Item from the Group Menu.
 • Click on the General Icon
 • Enter the Program's Title. For example, "Spell Check"
 • Enter the Filename. For example, "c:\spell\wcspell3.exe" If you downloaded Spell Check from America Online, Spell Check is likely stored in c:\waol\download\

wcspell3\wcspell3.exe. You may find it useful to press the browse button, navigate the directory tree and click on the file wcspell3.exe.
- • Click on Advanced
- • Enter the Startup Directory. For example, "c:\spell". AOL users should enter "c:\waol\download\wcspell3.wcspell3.exe".
- • Enter a Description. For example, "Spell Check"
- • Move to the shortcut key field and press CTRL + ALT + S
- • Select Normal from the Run Style dropdown list.
- • Press OK

Installing VBRUN300.DLL

Vbrun300.dll is a dynamic link library file used by Spell Check. Numerous other programs use the file so you may already have it on your system. If Spell Check runs on your computer, vbrun300.dll must be installed.

Unfortunately, most online services do not allow software publishers to include a copy of vbrun300.dll with their programs. As you might expect it would eat lots of precious disk space. Likewise, users do not want to waste their time and money downloading a file they already have.

To determine whether vbrun300.dll is installed on your system:
1. Start the Windows File Manager.
2. Select the Search Item from the File Menu.
3. Enter vbrun300.dll in the Search For Box
4. Enter c:\ in the start from box
5. Press enter
6. If the file is found make sure that it is installed in the windows\system directory. Installing vbrun300.dll in the system directory will allow all programs that require this file to have access to it. See To Move Vbrun300.dll below.

If your search for vbrun300.dll is unsuccessful then you must download the file.

To Download VBRUN300.DLL from CompuServe:
1. Go Wugnet by pressing the Green Light Icon and entering wugnet.
2. Press the Books Icon to open Libraries
3. Double Click on Batch and Basic Lib
4. Scroll down to the file "Updated Visual Basic Runtime" dated 10/24/93.
5. Press Retrieve
6. Unzip the file as described in Installation Steps 1-3 above. Make sure you unzip the file vbrun.zip instead of wcspel.zip.
7. Execute moving vbrun300.dll as described below.

To Download VBRUN300.DLL from America Online:
1. Select the Keyword item from the Goto Menu.
2. Enter Quickfind and press enter.
4. Enter vbrun300.dll and press Enter.
5. Download the file.
6 . Double click on the "download" directory in the filename dialog box.
7. AOL will download the file and unzip it to c:\waol\download\vbrun300.
8. Execute moving vbrun300.dll as described below.

To Move VBRUN300.DLL to the windows\system directory:
1. Start the Windows File Manager.
2. Select the Search item from the File Menu.
3. Enter vbrun300.dll in the Search For Box.
4. Enter c:\ in the Start from Box.
5. Press Enter.
6. If vbrun300.dll is not stored in the windows\system directory then select the file and
Select the Move item from the File Menu. Enter c:\windows\system and press enter.

Starting Spell Check the First Time

The first time you start Spell Check you will be asked a series of questions. Your
responses will be used to configure the program.

Using Spell Check to Check a Message

You must create a message in your frontend application (WinCIM, AOL, Notepad etc.)
before Spell Check can check your message. After you finish typing your message
execute the steps described below.

Remember, Spell Check must be running before you can check a message. If Spell
Check is running you must restore it before checking a message.

To Start Spell Check:
1. Simply Double Click on the Spell Check Icon
 or
 Press the user Defined Hot-Key (normally CTRL + ALT + S) while using the Program
 or Desktop Manager.
2. If Spell Check Runs Minimized simply double click on the minimized icon.

To restore Spell Check after it is already running:
1. Press Spell Check's hot-key (CTRL + ALT + S) or
    Double Click on the Minimized Icon or
    Switch to Spell Check using the Windows Task List (CTRL + ESC)

To Begin Checking a Message:
1. If the Select Application Window is not visible press the Get Message Button, otherwise skip to Step 2.
2. Select the Application that contains the text you want to check by choosing the application's name from the drop-down list. Under most circumstances Spell Check will anticipate what application contains the text.
3. Select a Closing. Spell Check can automatically add a closing, such as your email address, to the message after the spell check is completed. See Defining a Closing for more details.
4. Select the desired Other Options. Auto Update will cause Spell Check to automatically update the corrected text to the frontend application when the spell check is completed. Stay on Top will make the Spell Check icon remain visible after the spell check is completed. See Summary of Default Settings in the online help system for more details.
5. Select the Type of Message (Mail or Forum) or press the Text button.
6. Spell Check will grab the text and spell check it.

Note: Press the Defaults button while the Select Application Dialog box is visible in order to set the numerous default settings. For more information, search the online help system for keyword "Defaults" and select the desired topic.

Note: Under Windows 3.1 and Norton Desktop, you must have the Windows 3.1 Program Manager or Desktop Manager in the foreground the first time you press the hot-key combination. In other words, Spell Check will not be activated if you press the hot-key combination for the first time while using another application, such as WinCIM. However, the hot-key will call Spell Check while using another application (such as WinCIM) if Spell Check is already running.

Be sure to explore the Default Settings and take advantage of such features as, Run Minimized and Stay On Top. Also, try the Closing Feature! The online help system contains step by step instructions on all of Spell Check's features.

Defining a Closing

Spell Check allows you to define 2 closings. After defining a closing Spell Check can add it to the end of your messages. The closing can include up to five lines of text as well as the current time and date.

A typical closing might include your name and email address. For Example:

Very truly yours,
Barney Smith

AOL - BSMITH@AOL.COM

To Define a Closing:
1. Press the Define Closing button in the Select Application window.
2. Enter the desired closing
3. Mark the date and/or time boxes as desired.
4. Press the OK button.
5. If you are satisfied with the Closing Press Yes.

To Select a Closing:
1. Select the No Closing, Closing 1 or Closing 2 in the Select Application window.

Note: When adding a closing to your message Spell Check will determine whether you included a blank line at the end of your message (by pressing the enter key). If you did not include a blank line Spell Check will add a blank line before attaching your closing.

Window resizing and "European" version of Windows⌦

Some users prefer that Spell Check maximizes an application's windows after completing a spell check. The standard strokes3.ini file maximizes the front-end application after the spell check is completed.

Some users prefer that Spell Check "restores" an application's windows rather than maximize it after completing a spell check. Thus, we have provided the file strokes3.eur for these users. Simply backup strokes3.ini to strokes3.max. Then rename the file strokes3.eur to strokes3.ini. *Users of "European" version of windows may find that the need to make this change in order for spell check to function correctly.*

Technical Support

Next Generation Software, Inc. provides technical support for Spell Check users via electronic mail. When seeking technical support be sure to clearly document the problem and if possible, attempt to recreate it. Send requests for technical support to:

CompuServe - 72154,1174
America Online - NEXTGENSFT.
Internet - nextgensft@aol.com

We pride ourselves on providing quick and accurate responses to our users. If you have a question about the program or a suggestion about a new feature, we want to hear from you.

Remember, Spell Check is provided for evaluation purposes. If you decide to use the software, please register it. Registered users will receive complete written documentation, legal license to use the software, and the registered version of the program (without the shareware screen). The registration fee is only $11.95.