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If you entered help after starting the SpellListMenu macro, the title bar of the Microsoft Word window will blink to remind you that you still have a macro running.

## Registration Information

You are licensed to try **SpellList** and **EditDictionary** for thirty days free of charge, after which you must either register it or delete it. The entire **SpellList** package costs only \$20 (check or money order), and is available from

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### Note:

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### Revision History

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## Overview of SpellList

**SpellListMenu** is a replacement macro for the Word for Windows spell checker which works on a principle I call suspect word checking. Instead of constantly presenting you with just one word to check and pressuring you to make the decision on the spot, **SpellList** finds all the suspect words in your document and lets you work with the entire list of suspects at once. You can print the list of suspect words and look it over at your leisure--after all, many of us can tell better when a printed word is spelled correctly than just another word on the screen we stare at all day. If you like, you can check the spelling of a particular word in context, just as the Word spelling checker does. Or you can make a repeated word search to catch those typos like "the the." And when you are done you can save the list--removing any words which are misspelled first, of course--as a custom dictionary. If you goof and leave a misspelled word in the list, just use the accompanying **Edit Dictionary** macro to clean up the dictionary.

If you use numerous proper names or unusual words, suspect word checking will take the stress out of spell-checking your document--no more snap decisions. On a long document it may take the **SpellList** macro a minute or two to build the list. Why not relax and go get a cup of coffee or tea or even a pint of beer? When you come back, you can print the list of suspect words and look it over while you sip your drink, check off which ones are really misspelled, look at any uncertain ones in context and then make a custom dictionary with the correctly spelled words that Word's spell checker didn't know.

The **SpellList** macro can be started by choosing **SpellListMenu** from the **Tools** menu or by choosing **ToolsMacro**, highlighting **SpellListMenu**, and then choosing **Run**. Or simply press the **SpellList** toolbar button.

## Using Custom Dictionaries with SpellList

When you start the macro, **SpellList** asks what dictionaries you would like to use in checking your document. You may use a maximum of nine custom dictionaries, as **SpellList** uses one of the ten provided by Word for Windows. This dialog box presents you with three options, or you may cancel. The current dictionaries currently selected appears at bottom right.

The first button, **Use None**, will check your document using only the built-in dictionaries supplied with Word for Windows. This option is particularly useful because the resulting list will give you every possible suspect word. It's recommended that you print this list. If there are any errors in your custom dictionaries or any typos which happened to match a custom dictionary word, this option will catch it. It gives you the most complete opportunity to proof your document.

The second button, **Use Current**, is provided for repeated edits nearing the final draft. When you spell check a document repeatedly custom dictionaries make a lot more sense-- you don't have look through the same list of already checked words again. Choosing this button uses the three dictionaries listed at the bottom right.

The third button, **Use Other**, is provided to change the current dictionaries. It invokes the Word for Windows command ToolsOptionsSpelling, lets you adjust the dictionary selection, and then returns you to the Which Dictionaries dialog box. When the dictionaries are listed, hit the **Use Current** button to proceed.

## Print SpellList

The **Print List** button prints a list of suspect words to the current printer. Make sure your printer is properly set up before choosing this option. The printed list is often easier to read and less stress-inducing than trying to correct words on the screen. The list is formatted in multiple columns to reduce paper waste on long lists of words.

## Repeated Word Search

When **SpellList** builds its list of suspect words, it omits a very important function of the built in spelling checker--checking for repeated word typos such as "the the." These words will cause **SpellList** to beep as it builds the list. Choose the **Repeated Words** button to do a search for this kind of typo on the document. This command uses the built-in spelling checker controls.

If you attempt to exit **SpellList** without performing a Repeated Word search, Spell List will remind you that the possibility of such typos still exists.

## Give Context

To use the **Give Context** button you must first select a suspect word from the list. **SpellList** will then give you the context of the suspect word, suggestions to replace it, and allow to you ignore, change, or change all occurrences of the word in the document. Choosing ignore or change will bring you to the next occurrence of the word.

If a dialog box asking you to search again from the beginning of the document should appear, check no. Selecting Yes merely causes **SpellList** to attempt to find the suspect word again.

The word you may have changed or corrected remains in the list of suspect words. If it was misspelled, use the **Remove Words** button remove it from the list of suspect words before making a document dictionary.

You may exit this dialog box at any time.



## Remove Word

The **Remove Word** button is provided to remove words which are definitely misspelled, have been changed using the **Give Context** button, or you would simply like to be reminded you are using. Use this button to remove such words before saving the list of suspect words as a dictionary using the **Make Dictionary** button. You may also use **EditDictionary** to remove words from a dictionary once it has already been saved.

## Make Dictionary

The **Make Dictionary** button saves the current list of suspect words to a document dictionary. The document dictionary has the same eight character base filename as the current document followed by the ".DIC" dictionary extension (e.g. "SPELL6.DOC" produces "SPELL6.DIC"). Be sure to use the **Remove Words** button to remove any misspelled words from the suspect word list before choosing this option. Use **EditDictionary** to remove words, add words or edit words from a document dictionary.

## SpellList Simple

**SpellListSimple** is a simplified version of the **SpellList** macro which will make a list of all suspect words using no custom dictionaries at all and then print them to the printer. It operates just as **SpellList** would if you chose the **Use None** button when **SpellList** asks which dictionaries to use, next hit the **Print List** button, and then exited the program.

**SpellListSimple** can be started by choosing **SpellListSimple** from the **Tools** menu or by choosing **ToolsMacro**, highlighting **SpellListSimple**, and then choosing **Run**.

## About Edit Dictionary

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## Overview of Edit Dictionary

**EditDictionary** is a convenient and interactive method to add, remove, or edit words in a custom dictionary. Additionally, you may print out the custom dictionary, or you may combine two or more custom dictionaries using the merge command. **EditDictionary** will edit dictionaries up to 512 words in length and up to 64 different dictionaries. All custom dictionaries are expected to be in the Word's home directory (e.g. "C:\WINWORD"). While it's not quite as fast as editing dictionary files as text files in Word for Windows, **EditDictionary** makes the job of maintaining custom dictionaries much easier!

**EditDictionary** can be started by choosing **EditDictionary** from the **Edit** menu or by choosing **ToolsMacro**, highlighting **EditDictionary**, and then choosing **Run**.

## Get Dictionary

The **GetDictionary** button loads a custom dictionary into memory for editing. This step must be done before any words can be added, removed, or edited. The list of dictionaries are those found in the Word for Windows home directory (usually "C:\WINWORD"). To edit custom dictionaries found in other directories, first move them to your home directory. (Hints: Your home directory appears at the top of the Get Dictionary dialog box; custom dictionaries are found either there or in the "C:\WINDOWS\MSAPPS\PROOF" directory.)

Additionally, you can use this command to abandon unsaved changes made to a dictionary should you decide that you have made a mistake in editing the dictionary file and wish to start over.

To create a new, empty dictionary for use with **EditDictionary**, you must first use Word's ToolsOptionsSpelling command. (For more information, choose help from Word for Windows and search for "custom dictionaries," then show the relevant topics and go to "Creating a new custom dictionary.") When you load the newly created dictionary with the **Get Dictionary** button, the new custom dictionary will be empty. You may then use the **Merge Dictionary** button or the Add Word button to add words to the new dictionary.

## **Print Dictionary**

The **Print Dictionary** command prints the dictionary to the current printer. The list of words may then be reviewed to check for any erroneous words. Make sure your printer is on and supplied with paper before choosing this command. The list of words is formatted in multiple columns to save paper.

## Remove Word

The **Remove Word** button removes a word from the dictionary. Select the word to be removed from the list of words in the box on the right, and then choose the **Remove Word** button.



## **Add Word**

The **Add Word** button adds a word to the dictionary. Added words are placed at the end of the list of words and no attempt is made to check for duplicates. The next time you add a word to the dictionary using the Word for Windows spelling checker the words will be sorted and duplicates discarded.

## Edit Word

The **Edit Word** button may be used to correct misspelled words which have found their way into a spelling dictionary. Select the word to be edited from the list of words in the box on the right, and then choose the **Edit Word** button. The edited word appears in the same position on the list.

## Merge Dictionary

The **Merge Dictionary** button is provided to combine two or more dictionaries into one. To combine dictionaries: The dictionary you select using this command is merged into the currently opened one. You may not choose merge dictionaries before one is being edited.

1. Use the **Get Dictionary** button to open the dictionary you wish to add to.
2. Use the **Merge Dictionary** button to add a different dictionary's contents to the first.
3. Make any editing changes you wish to the merged dictionary. You may also use the **Merge Dictionary** button again to add more words to the current dictionary.
4. Save the dictionary. It will have the same name as the dictionary you originally opened.

Added words are placed at the end of the list of words and no attempt is made to check for duplicates. The next time you add a word to the dictionary using the Word for Windows spelling checker the words will be sorted and duplicates discarded.

To merge several directories into a new dictionary, you must first create and load an empty dictionary with the name you wish to use. Then use **Get Dictionary** to load the empty dictionary, and then use merge dictionary to add words to the new dictionary. See help on the **Get Dictionary** command for more details on how to create a new dictionary.

## Save Dictionary

The **Save Dictionary** button saves the dictionary to disk under the same name. If you do not save before exiting or before trying to open another dictionary to edit, **EditDictionary** will warn you. You may choose to continue and abandon any unsaved changes.

