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Overview

This document shows the average user a way to import external word lists into the OpenOffice.org dictionary system.
Importing User Word Lists into OpenOffice.org

Where a user has a list of words in plain text. This list can be used by OpenOffice.org by following the steps below. (At the time of writing, there does not appear to be a limit to size of the file as the one used for this and the user guide is about 5500 words):

1. Open the list in OpenOffice.org, use File > Properties > Statistics to get the number of words that are in the file and insert this number at the top of the file.

2. Probably a good idea to sort the list.

3. Then save it as Text with extension .txt and NOT as "Text Encoded" which uses the same extension.

4. Rename it to, say, MyDict.dic or something more descriptive of the content, such as Medical.dic for medical terms.

5. Copy this file to either your workstation/personal copy into the following directory,
   
   `<Home_OOo_install directory>/user/wordbook/OpenOffice.org/
   
   or, if you have permission, to the main installation directory,
   
   `<OpenOffice.org-install directory>/share/dict/ooo/
   
6. In both cases, open the file dictionary.lst that is in that directory and add the new dictionary to the list. For example, Add an entry such as

   
   DICT en US MyDict
   
   where en US is the language that is supported. It could just as easily be fr CA for example.

7. Save the file.

8. Close OpenOffice.org, including any existing instances of a quickstarter.


User(s) should now be able to use the new dictionary.

Note, this should allow for the use of capitals or lower case, but will not cope with possessives (-'s) or plurals. If that feature were important then you would have to include an affix file and munch, et cetera, as I understand it. The new words will be offered as spelling options in your document.

Other tools and methods

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