

Counting total words in a folder.

## PROBLEM Find the sum of all the words of all the files in a directory.

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**Use Case:** You have a folder containing files corresponding to different chapters. You need to find the current size of the entire book.

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## SOLUTION in Wolfram Mathematica.

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Create the following Wolfram Script.

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#!/usr/bin/env wolframscript

(* Name this file "wordCount.wls". The above line enables you to run this script
from the command line using the following.
>> wolframscript wordCount.wls *)

ListOfFiles = FileNames["*.md"];
Looper = Range[Length[ListOfFiles]];
Contents = Import[ListOfFiles[[#]]& /@ Looper;
(* '&' turns 'Import[ListOfFiles[[#]]]' into a function.
'/'@ applies the function to 'Looper' elementwise. *)
WCList = WordCount@ Contents;
TotalCount = Total@ WCList;

Print[TotalCount]
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Open the Shell, cd to the relevant folder, and then run the following.

```
wolframscript wordCount.wls
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