

**NAME**

Enchant – a spellchecker

**SYNOPSIS**

**enchant** [-a] [-d dict] [-h] [-l] [-L] [-v]

**DESCRIPTION**

**Enchant** is an ispell-compatible spellchecker.

**OPTIONS**

- a** List suggestions in ispell pipe mode format.
- d dict** Use dictionary <dict>.
- h** Show short help.
- 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 *~/.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 *~/.enchant/myspell*. Enchant looks for Ispell dictionaries in *\$(datadir)/enchant/ispell* and *~/.enchant/ispell*. Enchant looks for Uspell dictionaries in *\$(datadir)/enchant/uspell* and *~/.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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