

NAME

anagrams.py – finds all words and word-combinations in a given language that form an anagram of the (combination of) word(s) given as argument(s).

SYNOPSIS

anagrams.py [*options*] [*word*₁ [... *word*_{*n*}]]

DESCRIPTION

anagrams.py is a Python3 program that finds all words and *word-combinations* in a given language that form an anagram of the (combination of) word(s) – whether or not existing – given as argument(s).

It offers the following possibilities to manipulate and filter the output:

- language: only one at the time, default language is Dutch;
- minimum length of words in matching combination;
- maximum number of words in matching combination;
- characters to be excluded from match (in order to avoid dots, apostrophs etc.);
- a (quoted sequence of) word(s) that must be part of the matching combination (whether or not existing, length nor characters restricted);

or to have the program:

- permute the word order of all matching word combinations (default only one word order);
- instead of returning the anagrams, provide all the single ‘subset-words’.

The results are sent to standard output and can be piped to e.g. ‘less’ or other utilities and applications.

Perequisite is presence on the system of a word list in flat text format of at least one language.

In its present form, the program code references following language word lists:

- */usr/share/dict/dutch*
- */usr/share/dict/american-english*
- */usr/share/dict/british-english*
- */usr/share/hunspell/de_DE_frami.dic*
- */usr/share/dict/french*
- */usr/share/dict/spanish*
- */usr/share/dict/italian*

OPTIONS

anagrams.py takes the following options:

- a** Use American-English language dictionary.
- b** British-English language dictionary.
- d** Use Dutch language dictionary.
- f** Use French language dictionary.
- g** Use German language dictionary.
- h** Help (this output).
- i** Use Italian language dictionary.
- s** Use Spanish language dictionary.
- l *MINLENGTH***

Print anagram results with words of at least *MINLENGTH* only, being a positive integer representing the number of alphanumeric characters. If this option is not used, the minimum word length is two (2). This option does however not restrict any of the words given with option -I.

-q *MAXQTY*

Print anagram results with maximally *MAXQTY* words only, being a positive integer.

-x *CHARS*

Exclude words with any of these *CHARS*. This option does however not restrict any of the words given with option **-I**.

-I *INCLWRDS*

Print anagram results including *INCLWRDS* only, being a (combination of) word(s), either existing or non-existing. This option overrides option **-S**. *INCLWRDS* is *not* restricted by options **-I** and **-x**. If *INCL WRDS* consists of two (2) or more words, the combination shall be enclosed by double quotes.

-P Permute word order per anagram if it contains two (2) or more words.

-S Instead of anagrams, print all character subset words, of which all characters are in the given arguments word(s) as well. This option is overridden by option **-I**.

Only one of the language options can be used at the same time. If no language option is given, Dutch is the default language. All other options can be combined, unless otherwise stated.

For example, the command:

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./anagrams.py -a -l5 word combination
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gives following result:

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Acton Brown idiom
Acton brown idiom
canto Brown idiom
canto brown idiom
Brown Macon idiot
brown Macon idiot
Robin contd miaow
robin contd miaow
Rodin Twain combo
Rodin twain combo
baton crown idiom
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COMPATIBILITY

Python3 should be installed. In order to be able to use (a) certain language option(s), the associated language file(s) as specified above should be installed on the system.

BUGS

No known bugs.

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REPORTING BUGS

Please report any bugs to the author by e-mail or via <https://github.com/jazzfan2/text2troff/issues>