# **AutoCorrect Misspelled Words**

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Oxygen XML Editor[product] includes an *AutoCorrect* feature to automatically correct misspelled words, as well as to insert certain symbols or other text, as you type in **Author** mode. Oxygen XML Editor[product] includes a default list of commonly misspelled words and symbols, but you can modify the list to suit your needs. You can also choose to have the *AutoCorrect* feature use suggestions from the main spell checker. The suggestions will only be used if the misspelled words are not found in the *[Replacements Table](http://autocorrect-preferences-page.dita/" \l "autocorrect-preferences-page/replacements-section)*.

When enabled, the *AutoCorrect* feature can be used to do the following:

* Automatically correct misspelled words while you edit in **Author** mode. The actual operation of replacing a word is triggered by a space, dash, or certain punctuation characters (, . ; : ? ! ' " ) ] }).
* Easily insert symbols. For example, if you want to insert a ® character, you would type (R).
* Quickly insert text fragments.
* Quickly insert XML fragments. For example, if you enter a hyphen (**-**) in an empty paragraph followed by a space, it will automatically be converted to a list with a list item.

*AutoCorrect* is enabled by default. To configure this feature, [options\_preferences]open the **Preferences** dialog box **(Options**→**Preferences)**

and go to **Editor**→**Edit Modes**→**Author**→**AutoCorrect**.

## **AutoCorrect Case-Sensitivity**

The *AutoCorrect* feature results in the following types of substitutions regarding case-sensitivity:

* Words with all lower-case characters will be replaced with lower-case substitutions (for example, "*abotu*" is replaced with "*about*").
* Words with irregular-case characters will be replaced with lower-case substitutions ("*ABotU*" is replaced with "*about*").
* Words with all upper-case characters will be replaced with upper-case substitutions ("*ABOTU*" is replaced with "*ABOUT*").
* Words starting with an upper-case character will be replaced with substitutions having the same pattern ("*Abotu*" is replaced with "*About*").

**Note:** The *AutoCorrect* feature also uses the list of **[ignored elements from the Spell Check preferences page](http://preferences-editor-spell-check.dita/" \l "preferences-editor-spell-check/ignore-elements-section)**. All elements (along with their descendant elements) included in this list will be ignored by the *AutoCorrect* engine.

**AutoCorrect in Files Invoked from the DITA Maps Manager View**  
  
When working with DITA documents, if you invoke the **AutoCorrect in Files** action in the **[DITA Maps Manager](http://dita-maps-manager.dita/" \l "dita-maps-manager)** view, a slightly different version of the dialog box is displayed:

The following scopes are available when you check the spelling in files from the **[DITA Maps Manager](http://dita-maps-manager.dita/" \l "dita-maps-manager)**:

* **Current DITA Map hierarchy** - All the files referenced in the currently selected [glossentry\_ditamap]*DITA map* from in the **DITA Maps Manager** view.
* **Selected references** - Checks the spelling in the selected references.
* **Specified path** - Checks the spelling in the files located at a path that you specify.