
Subject: Re: Spell checking on linux
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 30 Apr 2010 08:55:43 GMT
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mr_ped wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 03:40I'm not sure how to deal with the GPL in dictionaries.

The mingw was included with GPL, although I'm afraid that's not ok (unless mingw has some exception), and I'm afraid the dictionaries would taint the whole package with GPL.

It would be easy to go around this by including just some wizard script (under BSD), which would download and convert dictionaries for the user who run it (I think this is trivial workaround for any programmer, so it would suit well our target users), but you hit the GPL issue again later when deploying the app. If you would include spell-check+dicts, you would have either to use such workaround even for final user (may work not as well as for u++ users), or be sure how to distribute the GPL dicts properly under their license. (it would be very likely OK to make them available as additional download on your site, so every user will get BSD package as deployment, and he can download any GPL stuff separately later on his own. I'm not sure if it's possible to create a legal bundle of both, I would say "no" unless you are very clever and creative.)

I guess for starters, putting them to sf.net and not making them the part of release would do.

I guess nobody wants to download all of them anyway.

Mirek
