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Subject: How to add/enable spell-CORRECTING with richedit  
(not-quite-solved-sort-of)

Posted by [slashupp](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 12:37:49 GMT

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(linux, latest svn Upp)

How do I enable/set up spell-checking with RichEdit?

Am specifically using a UWord-derived control and want to have it automatically do spell-checking,

the spellcheck bool = true, so I guess it is a dictionary issue? how do I specify that for english US or UK?

What must I do?

(just now saw I asked this before & forgot)

anyway, what I did was:

downloaded the .udc from <http://sourceforge.net/projects/upp/files/SpellerDictionaries/>. as per dolik

actually from: <https://sourceforge.net/projects/upp/files/SpellerDictionaries/Aspel/>

then I clicked the language-tool in UWord toolbar & specified EN GB in the little popup-dialog

Now I get red-underlined miss-spelled words. GOOD, NICE.

Follow-on question:

When I right-click I want to display for select&replace the possible correct spellings how do I do that?

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Subject: Re: How to add/enable spell-CORRECTING with richedit  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 03 Jan 2019 08:47:55 GMT

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Quote:

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Thats not implemented (yet?). But it would be fun to add... Any pointers on suitable algorithm?

Mirek

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Hello Mirek

To measure the "difference" between words to see what are the best matches in dictionary, I use the Levenshtein distance and the DamerauLevenshtein distance. One is faster and the other, better.

As the implementation considers all characters as char, prior to this I normalize accented and special characters.

This is the implementation:

```
int LevenshteinDistance(const char *s, const char *t) {
```

```
    int lens = int(strlen(s));
```

```
    int lent = int(strlen(t));
```

```
    Buffer<int> v0(lent + 1);
```

```
    Buffer<int> v1(lent + 1);
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i <= lent; ++i)
```

```
        v0[i] = i;
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < lens; ++i) {
```

```
        v1[0] = i + 1;
```

```
        for (int j = 0; j < lent; ++j) {
```

```
            int deletionCost = v0[j + 1] + 1;
```

```
            int insertionCost = v1[j] + 1;
```

```
            int substitutionCost;
```

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            if (s[i] == t[j])
```

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                substitutionCost = v0[j];
```

```
            else
```

```
                substitutionCost = v0[j] + 1;
```

```
            v1[j + 1] = min(deletionCost, insertionCost, substitutionCost);
```

```
        }
```

```
        Swap(v0, v1);
```

```
    }
```

```
    return v0[lent];
```

```
}
```

```
int DamerauLevenshteinDistance(const char *s, const char *t, int alphabetLength) {
```

```
    int lens = int(strlen(s));
```

```
    int lent = int(strlen(t));
```

```
    int lent2 = lent + 2;
```

```
    Buffer<int> H((lens+2)*lent2);
```

```
    int infinity = lens + lent;
```

```
    H[0] = infinity;
```

```

    for(int i = 0; i <= lens; i++) {
    H[lent2*(i+1)+1] = i;
    H[lent2*(i+1)+0] = infinity;
    }
    for(int j = 0; j <= lent; j++) {
    H[lent2*1+(j+1)] = j;
    H[lent2*0+(j+1)] = infinity;
    }
    Buffer<int> DA(alphabetLength, 0);

    for(int i = 1; i <= lens; i++) {
    int DB = 0;
    for(int j = 1; j <= lent; j++) {
    int i1 = DA[t[j-1]];
    int j1 = DB;
    int cost = (s[i-1] == t[j-1]) ? 0 : 1;
    if(cost == 0)
    DB = j;
    H[lent2*(i+1)+j+1] =
    min(H[lent2*i    + j] + cost,
    H[lent2*(i+1) + j] + 1,
    H[lent2*i    + j+1] + 1,
    H[lent2*i1   + j1] + (i-i1-1) + 1 + (j-j1-1));
    }
    DA[s[i-1]] = i;
    }
    return H[lent2*(lens+1)+lent+1];
}I hope this helps.

```

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Subject: Re: How to add/enable spell-CORRECTING with richedit  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2019 15:48:30 GMT  
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First iteration committed. Be aware that you need 'new' speller files with .udc extension for this to work, you can download those here:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/upp/files/SpellerDictionaries/Aspell/>

BTW, LevenshteinDistance is both too slow and does not suggest good words (e.g. for "tomrw" I expect to have "tomorrow" as the best choice and LevenshteinDistance does not lead to this), so I had to invent my own algo there...

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Subject: Re: How to add/enable spell-CORRECTING with richedit  
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Posted by [koldo](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2019 16:46:13 GMT

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Excellent!

Is the new API accessible out of RichEdit?

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2019 18:51:24 GMT

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koldo wrote on Sat, 19 January 2019 17:46Excellent!

Is the new API accessible out of RichEdit?

```
Vector<String> SpellerFindCloseWords(int lang, const String& w, int n);
```

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Subject: Re: How to add/enable spell-CORRECTING with richedit  
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Posted by [koldo](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2019 13:47:32 GMT

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OK. And to get the distance between words it would be `WordDistanceTester::Get()`.

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Subject: Re: How to add/enable spell-CORRECTING with richedit  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2019 15:14:39 GMT

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koldo wrote on Sun, 20 January 2019 14:47OK. And to get the distance between words it would be `WordDistanceTester::Get()`.

Yes. It is class as some things are reused between tests... (to be more specific, I do not want clear 65536 bytes to zero after each test...).

Mirek

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