NAME

spell – find spelling errors

SYNOPSIS

spell [–**bivx**] [**+***local_file*] [*file*] . . .

AVAILABILITY

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DESCRIPTION

The **spell** command collects words from the named *file*s and looks them up in a spelling list. Words that neither occur among nor are derivable (by applying certain inflections, prefixes, and/or suffixes) from words in the spelling list are printed on the standard output. If no *file*s are named, words are collected from the standard input. Copies of all output are accumulated in the **spellhist** file.

OPTIONS

The following options are supported:

–**b** British spelling is checked. Besides preferring "centre," "colour," "programme," "speciality," "travelled," and so forth, this option insists upon –*ise* in words like "standard*ise*."

–**i** This option causes **deroff**(1) to ignore **.so** and **.nx** commands. If **deroff**(1) is not present on the system, then this option is ignored.

–**v** All words not literally in the spelling list are printed, and plausible derivations from the words in the spelling list are indicated.

–**x** Every plausible stem is displayed, one per line, with **=** preceding each word.

+*local_file* *local_file* is the name of a user-provided file that contains a sorted list of words, one per line. With this option, the user can specify a set of words that are correct spellings (in addition to **spell**'s own spelling list) for each job. Words found in *local_file* are removed from **spell**'s output. Use **sort**(1) to order *local_file* in ASCII collating sequence. If this ordering is not followed, some entries in *local_file* may be ignored.

OPERANDS

The following operands are supported:

file A path name of a text file to check for spelling errors. If no files are named, words are collected from the standard input.

ENVIRONMENT

See **environ**(5) for descriptions of the following environment variables that affect the execution of **spell**: **LC_CTYPE**, **LC_MESSAGES**, and **NLSPATH**.

EXIT STATUS

The following exit values are returned:

0 Successful completion.

>0 An error occurred.

FILES

D_SPELL=/usr/lib/spell/hlist[ab]	hashed spelling lists, American & British
S_SPELL=/usr/lib/spell/hstop	hashed stop list
H_SPELL=/var/adm/spellhist	history file
/usr/share/lib/dict/words	master dictionary

SEE ALSO

deroff(1), **sort**(1), **environ**(5)

NOTES

Because copies of all output are accumulated in the **spellhist** file, **spellhist** may grow quite large and require purging.