

Add the BigWords File to the Spell Checking Dictionary

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The included BIGWORDS.WP file contains 60,878 words. The words have been checked for correct spelling, but you might want to retrieve the file into WP and scan through it. You needn't bother to delete the more obscure terms, because when we compile this list into WP{WP}US.LEX, WordPerfect's very efficient method of coding is not going to increase the size of the file appreciably.

1. Copy or move BIGWORDS.WP into your c:\WP51 directory (or a directory of your choice) and make sure SPELL.EXE (which is not used by the WP.EXE program to check spelling, but only for "dictionary management") is present.
2. Run SPELL. A menu will display (see Figure 1 below). Select 2 - Add Words to Dictionary.
3. A number of options for adding words will display (see Figure 2 below). WP supports a "common word list" for super-speedy lookups, but we don't want BIGWORDS there. Neither do we want these terms in one of the "special" dictionaries WP supports, where you would put transient terms such as client names, geographical or technical specifics for one big but rather short-term purpose. Choose 2 - Add to common word list (from a file), and tell SPELL that the file is named C:\WP51\BIGWORDS.WP (or the directory to which you copied the file).
4. SPELL will begin showing you what it is doing: "writing" alphabetically-grouped words.
5. When it is done, you'll see the main SPELL menu again. Type "0" to quit the SPELL program, and your dictionary has now been updated with that long list of words. Moreover, SPELL has collated the new words, so if by chance some of them were already in there, they aren't duplicated.

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spell -- wordPerfect speller utility WP{WP}US.LEX
0 - Exit
1 - Change/Create Dictionary
2 - Add words to Dictionary
3 - Delete words from Dictionary
4 - Optimize Dictionary
5 - Display Common word List
6 - Check Location of a Word
7 - Look Up
8 - Phonetic Look Up
9 - Convert 4.2 Dictionary to 5.1
A - Combine Other 5.0 or 5.1 Dictionary
B - Compress/Expand Supplemental Dictionary
C - Extract Added words from wordlist-based Dictionary
selection:
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Figure 1

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spell -- Add words WP{WP}US.LEX
0 - Cancel - do not add words
1 - Add to common word list (from keyboard)
2 - Add to common word list (from a file)
3 - Add to main word list (from keyboard)
4 - Add to main word list (from a file)
5 - Exit
selection:
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Figure 2