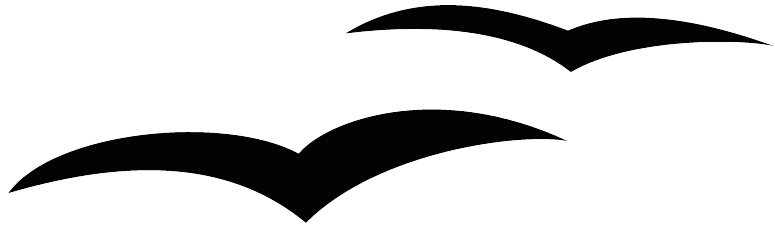


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Overview

This document shows the average user a way to import external word lists into the OpenOffice.org dictionary system.

Importing User Word Lists into OpenOffice.org

Where a user has a list of words in plain text. This list can be used by OpenOffice.org by following the steps below. (At the time of writing, there does not appear to be a limit to size of the file as the one used for this and the user guide is about 5500 words):

1. Open the list in OpenOffice.org, use **File > Properties > Statistics** to get the number of words that are in the file and insert this number at the top of the file.
2. Probably a good idea to sort the list.
3. Then save it as Text with extension `.txt` and **NOT** as "*Text Encoded*" which uses the same extension.
4. Rename it to, say, *MyDict.dic* or something more descriptive of the content, such as *Medical.dic* for medical terms.
5. Copy this file to either your workstation/personal copy into the following directory,
`<Home_OOo_install_directory>/user/wordbook/OpenOffice.org/`
or, if you have permission, to the main installation directory,
`<OpenOffice.org-install_directory>/share/dict/ooo/`
6. In both cases, open the file `dictionary.lst` that is in that directory and add the new dictionary to the list. For example, Add an entry such as

```
    DICT en US MyDict
```

where `en US` is the language that is supported. It could just as easily be `fr CA` for example.
7. Save the file.
8. Close OpenOffice.org, including any existing instances of a quickstarter.
9. Restart OpenOffice.org.

User(s) should now be able to use the new dictionary.

Note, this should allow for the use of capitals or lower case, but will not cope with possessives (-'s) or plurals. If that feature were important then you would have to include an affix file and munch, et cetera, as I understand it. The new words will be offered as spelling options in your document.

Other tools and methods

1. [Dictionary Import/Export by Russ Phillips](#)
2. <http://www.ooforum.org/forum/viewtopic.phtml?t=10248>
3. <http://word.mvps.org/FAQs/Customization/ExportAutocorrect.htm>

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