

Re: English Spell Checker Switched to French!

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when trying to install the add-on to 'save as pdf' i had to 'authenticate' before i was allowed to download the add-on. when i hit authenticate it said that my 2007 passed authentication, but 2003 failed, i don't recall the exact message but it basically said 'you pirated the software key' which it is not.

everything works fine now with the 2000 version proofing installed but again, i shouldn't have to fall back to an older version for it to work. if I'd not owned previous versions the spell checking portion of OE wouldn't work unless i wanted to use French, which unfortunately i do not.

kc

"Patrick Schmid [MVP]" wrote:

What do you mean with an authentication failure? When do you get the message and what exactly does it say?

the only fix i have that works is to go all the way back to Office 2000 premium and install the proofing portions of it then all checks out fine. without a doubt nobody who paid the price we did for 2007 should have to fall back on a 7 yrs old version of the software for a basic feature that SHOULD be included with the newest version. a bit ridiculous if i do say so myself.

I posted more info about this on <http://pschmid.net/blog/2006/11/13/80>

From there:

* Office 2007 is replacing the v.3 English Proofing Tools that shipped in prior versions of Office with a new version (v.6). There are a number of changes in this new version, but the one that is causing this problem is that Outlook Express doesn't understand the new English Proofing Tools. This is a problem because Outlook Express has never shipped with its own proofing tools but has used the ones shipped by Office.

* There are a few scenarios in which you won't run into this problem:

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- o An upgrade from Office 2003 or earlier to Office 2007 RTM if you don't manually uninstall the earlier version of Office.
- o A configuration in which Office 2003 (or earlier) has not been removed.

For example, I have Office 2003 still on both of my computers, and I still have English in Outlook Express.

* The workaround for this problem is to install the English dictionary from Office 2003 (or Office XP). There should be no need to install all of Office just the dictionary. The English Proofing Tools can be found in the Custom Install tree under 'Office Shared Features|Proofing Tools|English'.

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OE cannot use the spell checker from Office 2007. Office 2007 ships with a new version of the spell checking tools that Outlook Express doesn't understand. The workaround to fix this is to install the English dictionary from Office 2003 (or Office XP). There should be no need to install all of Office just the dictionary. The English Proofing Tools can be found in the Custom Install tree under 'Office Shared Features|Proofing Tools|English'.

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"Tom Lake" <tlake@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:ullmGawBHHA.1224@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

"Milhouse Van Houten"

<btvs@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

<news:ue4Fb7tBHHA.4948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

"Tom Lake"

<tlake@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:%23dN4vWtBHHA.4948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I just
installed
Office 2007
final and
now my
spell
checker
uses a
French
dictionary
rather than
English to
check my
spelling. Of
course,
since I type
in English,
most words
are
flagged as
wrong. How
can I get
English
back? It's
not listed
as a choice
in
Tools/Options/Spelling.

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I'm so glad! I just posted this over in the OE group:

So, I had Office 2007 Beta 2 Technical Refresh installed, and all was well: OE6 (XP SP2) saw Office's U.S. English proofing tools just fine.

I uninstalled the beta and installed Office 2007 final.

Since that time, the only language listed in OE is French, and indeed, those are the only words it knows now.

I've confirmed that the U.S. English proofing tools are installed and that (as expected) they're the default in Word, where, BTW, English spell-checking works fine.

So...is there perhaps a Registry entry I can check that tells OE where to look for the proofing tools, or perhaps the languages?

Note that OE is not displaying any error when spell-checking, it just obviously thinks I'm French now and has that as the only choice of language in Tools/Options/Spelling.

Oops! I neglected to add that my case is the same as yours. Office 2007 works fine. It's Outlook Express that's stuck in French mode.

Tom Lake

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