

Re: Spell checker problem

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I just went through the experience of a hard drive failure and when I got a new hard drive installed and my system back alive I found that Outlook Express won't do a spell check. The spell check function limits me to French only, and since I don't know or use French this is of no benefit to me.

When I open Tools > Options then click on the Spelling tab I see the slot at the bottom with the words French (France) in it. The drop-down for this slot has no other languages listed.

The spell checker works okay in all my Office 2007 applicaitons, and it goes through the process of doing a spell check in Outlook Express, but calls every word misspelled because it doesn't match any words in the French spell checker dictionary.

I'm using Windows XP Pro SP 2 and MS Office 2007 along with a few other programs such as Adobe Photo Shop. All these programs seem to be working right and Outlook Express works very well except for the spelling check problem.

Any suggestions? Thanks, Gordon

Outlook Express does not come with its own spell checker. It used the one installed with Office. Unfortunately, Microsoft decided to remove this feature starting with Office 2007. Take a look at these articles for more info;

After installing Office 2007 RTM, you don't have English as a choice of language in the spell checker of Outlook Express and potentially other programs.

<http://pschmid.net/blog/2006/11/13/80>

You no longer have spell checking capabilities in some languages in Outlook Express 6.0 after you install the 2007

Microsoft Office system

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/932974>

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If you upgraded from Office 2003 and still have the installation media for that version the easiest solution to this problem is to install the Office 2003 Proofing tools. That's how I got around this issue. You will need to perform a custom installation. The Proofing Tools can be found under Office Shared Features.

If you don't have an Office 2003 installation CD, here are a few free spell checkers that you may find helpful.

Vampirefo Spell Check:

<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download.php?det=2952>

TinySpell:

<http://www.tinyspell.m6.net/>

Spell Checker for OE

<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/spelloe.html>

Spell Checker for OE 2.1

<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download.php?det=2952>

If you're looking for more options or information, you might want to post this question to the Outlook express newsgroup.

Good luck

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