

**NAME**

Enchant – a spellchecker

**SYNOPSIS**

**enchant-2** **-a|-l|-h|-v** **[-L]** **[-d** *DICTIONARY***]** **[FILE]**

**DESCRIPTION**

**Enchant** is an ispell-compatible spellchecker.

**-d** *DICTIONARY*

use the given dictionary

**-a** list suggestions in ispell pipe mode format

**-l** list only the misspellings

**-L** display line numbers

**-h** display help and exit

**-v** display version information and exit

**ENCHANT ORDERING FILE**

Enchant uses global and per-user ordering files named *enchant.ordering* to decide which spelling provider to use for particular languages. The per-user file takes precedence.

The ordering file takes the form *language\_tag*:<comma-separated list of spelling providers>. To see what providers are available, run *enchant-lsmod-2*. '\*' is used to mean "use this ordering for all languages, unless instructed otherwise." For example:

```
*:aspell,hunspell,nuspell
en:aspell,hunspell,nuspell
en_GB:hunspell,nuspell,aspell
fr:hunspell,nuspell,aspell
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**FILES AND DIRECTORIES**

Enchant looks in the following places for files, in decreasing order of precedence:

*ENCHANT\_CONFIG\_DIR*

(If the environment variable is set.)

*XDG\_CONFIG\_HOME/enchant* (non-Windows systems)

Default: *~/config/enchant*

*CSIDL\_LOCAL\_APPDATA/enchant* (Windows systems)

Default: *C:\Documents and Settings\username\Local Settings\Application Data\enchant*

*/\${prefix}/share/enchant*

(Or the equivalent location relative to the enchant library for a relocatable build.)

Dictionaries are looked for in a subdirectory with the same name as the provider; for example, */\${prefix}/share/enchant/hunspell* and *~/config/enchant/hunspell*.

Some providers may also look in a standard system directory for their dictionaries; the hunspell provider can be configured to do so at build time.

**SEE ALSO**

**aspell(1)**, **enchant-lsmod-2(1)**

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