

Exercise sheet 3

(Submit by email to dm@ling.osu.edu before class on Thursday, February 12)

1. Write a web form on which the user can enter a sentence and spell-check it. The web form should call `ispell -a` and report in user-friendly format for each word whether
 - it was in the dictionary
 - as such
 - after affix removal, based on what root
 - through compound formation
 - it was not in the dictionary
 - but there are near misses, reporting how many and which these are
 - but one could derive it by removing (illegal) affixes from a known root
 - and no near misses or derivations are available
2. Explore the nature and use of ispell dictionaries:
 - Download a story from The Lantern at <http://www.thelantern.com/> and introduce five (different) typographical errors into the article.
 - Run `ispell` over it, noting whether it finds the errors and what suggestions it makes for fixing them.
 - Use `buildhash` to define an ispell dictionary that is restricted to the vocabulary that occurs in this article. Using this dictionary, run `ispell` over the text with the five errors, noting whether it finds the errors and what suggestions it makes for fixing them.