NAME

spell – find spelling errors

SYNOPSIS

spell file ...

## DESCRIPTION

Spell attacks the same problem as typo (I), but from the opposite direction. It extracts words from the input files and looks them up in Webster's Seventh Collegiate Dictionary; any words which appear neither in the dictionary nor in a list of about 2000 words frequently occuring in Bell Laboratories documents are listed on the output file sp.out. Words which are reasonable transformations of dictionary entries (e.g. a dictionary entry plus s) are so marked; words which could not be found even when transformed are marked with asterisks.

The process takes on the order of 5 to 10 minutes. There is a limit of nine input files.

FILES

/usr/lib/w2006, /usr/dict/words, sp.out; spjnkq[123] are temporaries.

SEE ALSO

typo (I)

**BUGS** 

There should be no limit on the number of input files.

More suffixes, and perhaps some prefixes, should be added.

It should be usable as a filter.