

# [MS-FSST]: Spelltuning File Format

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# 1 Introduction

This document specifies the Spelling File Format, which is used to make query spelling suggestions more relevant.

Sections 1.7 and 2 of this specification are normative and can contain the terms MAY, SHOULD, MUST, MUST NOT, and SHOULD NOT as defined in RFC 2119. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

## 1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-GLOS\]](#):

### Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF)

The following terms are defined in [\[MS-OFCGLOS\]](#):

**dictionary**  
**spell tuning**  
**term frequency**

The following terms are specific to this document:

**MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT:** These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

## 1.2 References

References to Microsoft Open Specifications documentation do not include a publishing year because links are to the latest version of the technical documents, which are updated frequently. References to other documents include a publishing year when one is available.

### 1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact [dochelp@microsoft.com](mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com). We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624>, as an additional source.

[ISO-639-1] International Organization for Standardization, "Codes for the representation of names of languages -- Part 1: Alpha-2 code", 2002, [http://www.iso.org/iso/catalogue\\_detail?csnumber=22109](http://www.iso.org/iso/catalogue_detail?csnumber=22109)

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

[RFC3066] Alvestrand, H., "Tags for the Identification of Language", RFC 3066, January 2001, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3066.txt>

[RFC5234] Crocker, D., Ed., and Overell, P., "Augmented BNF for Syntax Specifications: ABNF", STD 68, RFC 5234, January 2008, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5234.txt>

## 1.2.2 Informative References

[MS-FSLRDS] Microsoft Corporation, "[Linguistic Resource Data Structure](#)".

[MS-GLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "[Windows Protocols Master Glossary](#)".

[MS-OFCGLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "[Microsoft Office Master Glossary](#)".

[RFC1952] Deutsch, P., "GZIP file format specification version 4.3", RFC 1952, May 1996, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc1952.txt>

## 1.3 Structure Overview (Synopsis)

This document describes the following file formats that the **spell tuning** component uses to update the spell checking dictionaries:

- The format of a configuration file that enables or disables the item processing stage for term extraction.
- The format of the term frequency files that the item processing stage for term extraction uses to save information about **term frequencies** in the items in the current item batch. The files contain information about the language of the terms, the extracted terms, and the frequencies of the extracted terms. Every extracted term is a single token; that is, it does not contain any spaces. After the item batch is processed, these files are uploaded to the resource store, from which the spell tuning component later retrieves them to update the term frequencies in the spell checking **dictionaries**

## 1.4 Relationship to Protocols and Other Structures

[\[MS-FSLRDS\]](#) describes the format of the dictionaries that the spell tuning component uploads to the resource store.

## 1.5 Applicability Statement

The file formats that this document describes are relevant for tuning the spell checking dictionaries in the search engine.

## 1.6 Versioning and Localization

None.

## 1.7 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

## 2 Structures

### 2.1 Term Extraction Configuration File

The term extraction configuration file MUST have the format specified by the following **Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF)** (as specified in [\[RFC5234\]](#)).

```
lines = 1*line
line = content lineend
content = command / comment
comment = "#" *(WSP / VCHAR);
lineend = LF / (CR LF)
command = "active yes" / "active no" ; enable or disable the Term extraction
                                         ; "active yes" means enable it
                                         ; "active no" means disable it
```

### 2.2 Term Extraction Output Files

#### 2.2.1 File Name

Each file MUST conform to the format specified by the following Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF) (as specified in [\[RFC5234\]](#)).

```
filename = item-processor-port underscore hostname underscore timestamp dot extension
item-processor-port = 1*DIGIT ; the number of the port on which
                                         ; the item processor is running
hostname = 1*(DIGIT / ALPHA) ; the name of the host,
                                         ; without domain component
timestamp = 1*(DIGIT) [dot 1*3(DIGIT)]; the time of the file creation,
                                         ; the number
                                         ; of seconds that elapsed 1970-01-01
                                         ; UTC (Coordinated Universal Time)
                                         ; as a decimal number. The fractional
                                         ; part including the decimal
                                         ; separator '.' is optional and can
                                         ; contain up to 3 digits.
extension = "out.gz" ; fixed filename extension
underscore = %x5f ; the underscore character
dot = %x2e ; the dot character
```

#### 2.2.2 File Format

The files MUST be compressed through the gzip.exe tool. For more details, see [\[RFC1952\]](#).

In decompressed form, the lines are plain text files where each line MUST have the format specified by the following Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF) (as specified in [\[RFC5234\]](#)).

```
lines = 1*line
line = language whitespace term whitespace frequency lineend
language = "" / "zh-cn" / "zh-tw" / isolang
term = 1*(DIGIT / ALPHA) ; A string encoded in UTF-8, representing a single
                                         ; token extracted from a item batch
isolang = 2 * ALPHA ; a two-letter language code as described below
frequency = 1* DIGIT ; integer representing the frequency of the term
```

```
whitespace = %x20          ; whitespace character  
lineend    = LF
```

The language code is the empty string if the language has not been identified by the item processing. The values "zh-cn" and "zh-tw" conform to [\[RFC3066\]](#), and the two-letter language codes MUST conform to [\[ISO-639-1\]](#).

## 3 Structure Examples

### 3.1 Term Extraction Configuration File

To enable the term extraction, the configuration file will look as follows:

```
# enable the Term extraction
active yes
```

To disable the term extraction, the configuration file will look as follows:

```
# disable the Term extraction
active no
```

### 3.2 Term Extraction Output File Name

In the following file name example, 12200 is the port that the item processor runs on, "myhost" is the host name, and "1228825794.17" is the time stamp:

```
12200_myhost_1228825794.17.out.gz
```

### 3.3 Term Extraction Output File Content

These are three example lines from the file named 12200\_myhost\_1228825794.17.out.gz after decompression of the file:

```
en aaa 12
en baz 7
de bar 4
```

Here, "aaa" occurred 12 times, and "baz" occurred 7 times in all items from the current item batch identified as English. The word "bar" occurred 4 times in all items of the current item batch identified as German.



## 4 Security Considerations

None.

## 5 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs:

- Microsoft® FAST™ Search Server 2010

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

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