

# \_includes\_configuring\_server\_custom\_dictionary\_steps1-2

## 1. Overview

The custom dictionary is a special mechanism that allows creating company-wide dictionaries that are intended to extend the vocabulary of the standard dictionary with custom words specific to your industry, domain, etc.

## 2. Dictionary format

The application supports two types of custom dictionary formats: textual (\*.txt) and native compiled (\*.clx). Note that the second, compiled format, is supported for English by the WebSpellChecker versions less than 5.24.0.0.

- A **textual dictionary** is stored in text lexicon files (\*.txt). It has a simple structure where each line contains only one word.



The last line in such a file must be empty, otherwise the last term in the list won't be recognized by the engine.

- A **native dictionary** is a compiled version of a textual dictionary (\*.clx). Compiling a custom dictionary into the native format will significantly improve the performance of the application, especially when the number of terms in the dictionary is over several hundreds.