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Phil wrote:

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Phil wrote:

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I don't know how the Thunderbird development team built its dictionary, but I can't believe it prefers "dialog" to "dialogue".

They use the same dictionary developed for OpenOffice. I forgot

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the exact name. (something like mySpell?)

and AFAIK there is British English version so you can chose as you prefer.

It's not really an American/British thing. They seem to have chosen to include one and only one spelling for most words, even when alternatives exist. In my youth, "dialogue" and "analogue" were preferred American spellings. I still think of "analog" as a computer and chemistry term, separate from the more general "analogue". "Dialogue" and "analogue" are both perfectly acceptable American spellings, just less common these days. They would have done better to include common variants. I hit this all the time, with words like "kidnaped" and "dreamt", which have undergone the same usage shift during my lifetime.

Learnt was the one I noticed most.

What did you notice about it? It has been the preferred British spelling for aeons, n'est-ce pas?

I learned British English in school and learnt to spell the word that way. Later, when I moved back to the US, I learned that learnt was considered a misspelling. However, I have also come across people from the UK that insist on the British spelling of words like 'colour', 'centre', and so on but have somehow learnt to spell 'learnt' as 'learned'.

They should be put in gaol.