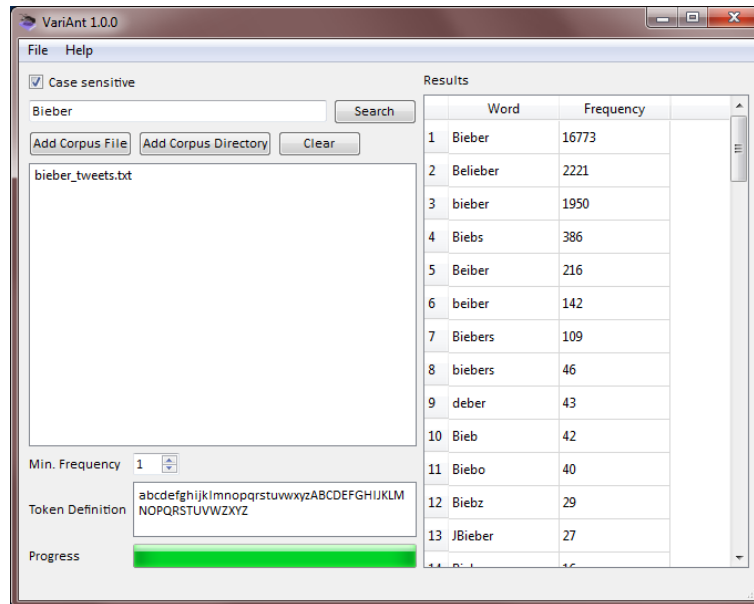# VariAnt (Windows)
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Introduction

VariAnt is a simple freeware spelling variant generation tool that takes a search word and a corpus of texts (UTF-8 encoded), and find variants of the search word within the corpus. *VariAnt* runs on any computer running Microsoft Windows (tested on Win 7), Macintosh OS X (tested on OS X 10.9 Mavericks), and Linux (tested on Linux Mint 17) computers. It is developed in Python and Qt using the *PyInstaller* compiler to generate executables for the different operating systems.

Getting Started (No installation necessary)

Windows

On Windows systems, simply double click the *VariAnt* icon to launch the program.

Macintosh OS X

On Macintosh systems, simply double click the *VariAnt* zip file. The zip file will unzip the *VariAnt* application. Then, you can drag the *VariAnt* application to your application folder, your desktop, or anywhere else you like. Throw away the zip file when you are finished.

Linux

On Linux systems, set the permissions to run the executable, then double click the *VariAnt* icon to launch the program.

Step 1: Type a search word for which you want to find spelling variants.
Step 2: Select the corpus you want to use. You can do this in four ways:
   a) Click on the File->Open File(s) menu option and select the corpus you want to use;
   b) Click on the File->Open Dir menu option and select a directory of corpus files you want to use;

c) Click on either the "Add Corpus File" or "Add Corpus Directory" button in the main interface and follow the dialog box instructions.

d) Drag and drop corpus files directly onto the VariAnt application.

Step 3: Click the "Search" button next to search entry box and wait for the results to appear.

Additional Features

A minimum frequency threshold and a definition of tokens (words) can be set at the bottom of the main interface. Results can be selected, copied, and pasted as is standard on the operating system:

Windows:	CTRL-A ⇨ Select All	CTRL-C ⇨ Copy	CTRL-V ⇨ Paste
Macintosh:	CMD-A ⇨ Select All	CMD -C ⇨ Copy	CMD -V ⇨ Paste

NOTES

Comments/Suggestions/Bug Fixes

All new editions and bug fixes are listed in the revision history below. However, if you find a bug in the program, or have any suggestions for improving the program, please let me know and I will try to address the issues in a future version.

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KNOWN ISSUES

None at present.

REVISION HISTORY

1.1.0 Minor upgrade
New features
1. Updated the search procedure so that only words with a high probability of being variants of the search word are used. To do this, candidates at an edit distance of 3 or more must be based on words that actually exist at an edit distance or 2 or less
2. The edit distance can now be set by the user (size 0 to 5).
3. Revised help page.

1.0.0
This is the first version of the program

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