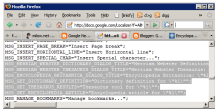


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New Google plans discovered

Some time ago it was rumored that Google prepares a presentation tool that can compete with Microsoft's PowerPoint and will complete the Office suite. It appeared to be true. Now, new speculations concerning Google Docs are spread on the Internet: the Mountain View company plans to add interoperability between the document editor and Encyclopedia Britannica, one of the largest encyclopedias in the world. A new document was discovered by blogger Ionut Alex who wrote that Google will also offer access to dictionaries and thesaurus straight from a document, while you're editing it. "Among the new features that are referenced by the Google Docs' code, the most important seems to be the integration with online knowledge bases. Google Docs will let you access Merriam-Webster's dictionary and thesaurus directly from a document. You'll also be able to read articles from Encyclopedia Britannica," Ionut Alex Chitu said. As the blogger reported, it's quite interesting the fact the Google chose Encyclopedia Britannica in the detriment of Wikipedia, the open-source encyclopedia that is accessible for free. Probably, the main reason is that Wikipedia can be viewed by anybody so there would be no reason to use Google Docs for the interoperability with it. In the same time, Encyclopedia Britannica is not a 100 percent free service because it offers only a small part of an article while for reading the full version you have to place a link on your website to its official webpage. At this time there is no official confirmation or statement from the Google representatives but, since the information is included in the Google Docs code, it might be really true. Recently, the parent company Google debuted a Dictionary that is added to the other translation tools released a long time ago. This new utility is able to translate only one word, offering you related phrases while the other solutions can translate fragments of text as well as full websites.