

# The spelling errors caused catastrophic damage, losing billions of dollars

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Perhaps everyone in the world has made a couple of spelling mistakes, but often those are small, less serious consequences. However, for some special job positions, even a small spelling mistake can cause catastrophic damage, affecting millions of people, losing billions of dollars.

Here are the spelling errors that caused the million dollar disaster, repeated over the following decade.

## **An incorrect hyphen caused a NASA rocket to explode in 1962**



Mariner 1 rocket.

The Mariner 1 rocket launched on July 22, 1962 with the purpose of making an unmanned flight to Venus. This is NASA's first alien mission in space race with Russia. But an error in the computer programming code, an incorrect hyphen seems to have caused its trajectory to be misaligned when launched. Because of avoiding any possible incidents when the rocket returns to Earth, a NASA safety officer pressed the button to blow it away after 293 seconds of it was launched.

This explosion has blown NASA \$ 80 million (at the present time this figure is about \$ 673 million). Some later reports suggested that the cause of this error was a misplaced decimal number, but others thought the hyphen

was the 'culprit'.

This is the "most expensive hyphen in history," according to Arthur C. Clarke, a science fiction writer.

### **A Japanese company lost \$ 225 million due to a typo**



In 2005, a typo accidentally listed 610,000 shares of a Japanese company called Mizuho Securities on the stock exchange for 1 yen per share instead of 610,000 yen (about US \$ 5,041) as originally planned. .

The Tokyo Stock Exchange refused to cancel the order at the request of Mizuho, ??causing the company to lose at least \$ 225 million and the Nikkei 225 index also dropped nearly 2%.

### **Many restaurants are not corrected by a typo in the tax code**



In 2017, the United States enacted a tax cut and worked to reduce taxes on restaurants and shops if their owners wanted to remodel. But just because of a typo, restaurants and shops have been removed from the list of tax exemptions for 39 years.

#### **Incident Taylor & Sons and Taylor & Son**



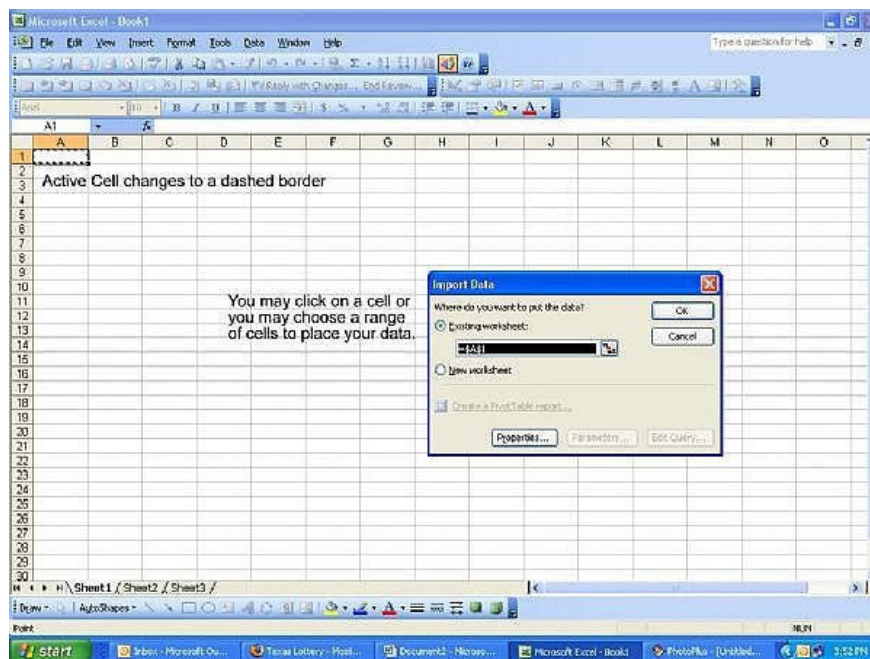
Companies House, a UK government executive agency and trading fund when planning to track all businesses that have confused the Taylor & Sons, an engineering company in Cardiff, Wales with Taylor & Son, another company, ceased operations in 2009. This left Taylor & Sons severely damaged by customers who thought the company no longer existed. Even Taylor & Sons had to close in 2014 because of the error. Taylor & Sons then sued Companies House and received compensation of £ 8.8 million.

## Deutsche Bank accidentally gave a \$ 6 billion hedge fund for errors on an ancient computer



In 2015, a hedge fund, one of Deutsche Bank's customers, received a random payment of \$ 6 billion. However, the following day the fund had to repay this amount. This problem was caused by a mistake of a bank employee, a typo caused the bank to plan to overhaul its management system and equipment.

## An Excel error led to the London Whale event



In 2012, an employee of JPMorgan Chase financial company, nicknamed Whale London, for a simple error, created a \$ 6.2 billion trading loss for his own company. Whale London, of course, lost his job and was investigated on suspicion of financial fraud.


Then, the 'culprit' that caused this error was determined to be due to Microsoft Excel software.

In 2012, JPMorgan Chase & Co. still recorded a record profit of 21.3 billion USD.

### **The US government lost \$ 40 million due to a typo in the 1872 tariff act**

Articles exempt from duty on and after August 1, 1872.

- Flint, flints, and ground flint-stones;
- Fossils;
- Fruit, plants tropical and semi-tropical for the purpose of propagation or cultivation;
- Galanga, or galangal;
- Garauciue;
- Gentian-root;
- Ginger-root;
- Ginseng-root;
- Goldbeaters' molds and goldbeaters' skins;
- Gold-size;



In 1872, a comma that should have been a hyphen in the 1789 Tariff Act stipulates which taxes on the country would be taxed and which goods did not give the US government \$ 2 million in tax, 40 million dollars today.

Specifically, the 1872 update that should have listed "fruit trees" on the non-taxable list would list "Tropical fruits, plants and subtropics". This confusion prevented all tropical fruits and tropical plants from being taxed when imported into the United States.

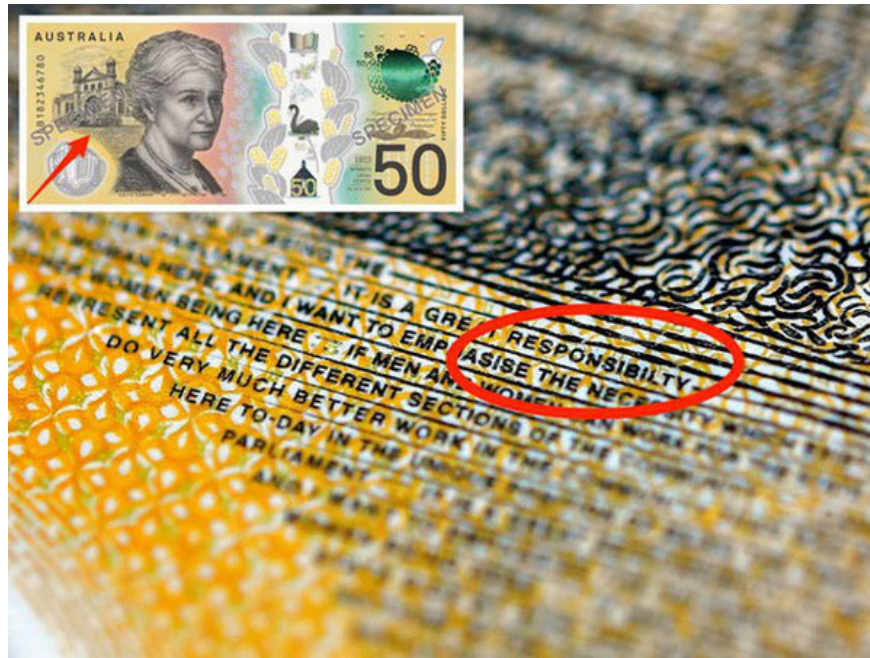
### **The Tokyo Stock Exchange lost \$ 617 billion just because it hit the wrong button**



In September 2014, a trader accidentally pressed the wrong button on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, which caused the share sales to 67.78 trillion yen to be canceled.

This mistake is one of the biggest "fat fingers" errors in history to be made for example when forced to work under high pressure.

### **Wrong typing error on A \$ 50 note**



In October 2018, Australia printed 46 million Australian dollars \$ 50, but this amount had a typo. In a text excerpt from a speech by Australia's first Member of Parliament, Edith Cowan in 1921 printed on the note, the word 'responsibility' was incorrectly written as 'responsibilty' three times.

The Central Bank of Australia knows, the amount of error prints is still circulating and they will correct this typo in the next print.

### **Internet chaos in a day by the fault of Google**



On January 31, 2009, from 6:30 am to 7:25 am, anyone who logs on to any site via Google tools will see the message: "Warning! This site may harm your computer ".

The reason for this mess is because someone has added a "/" to the list of harmful sites and every site has a slash somewhere so they are all considered harmful to computers. . The problem was fixed soon after, but left millions affected.

## Spelling mistakes turn "weird" vacations into "pornographic"



In 1988, Banner Travel Services, a travel company in California (USA) posted an ad about a "exotic" vacation destination on Yellow Pages. However, due to misspellings, this page accidentally advertised "exotic" vacation as a "porn" destination. This caused older customers to cancel the tour, but a large number of young couples showed interest and contacted it.

1. 3 common mistakes when searching on Google prevent you from getting the best results

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