

# Language and terminology

## Language

Most existing Lix documentation is written in British English. We intend to continue with that.

## Terminology

(FIXME: unsure if this should be in the style guide but ... it kinda should be -jade)

- **Nix language** - Use this to refer to the language which haunts us all.
- **Nix** - Nix refers to the *technology*. Used when referring to the Nix store, for example. Or, to a Nix derivation. Lix is a *Nix* implementation.
- **CppNix** - This is the preferred term for when it is necessary to refer to Nix, the software that Lix is forked from, rather than the technology.
- **Lix** - Use *Lix* when referring to the implementation. For example, "Install Lix".
- `nix`, `nix-build`, etc - Use lowercase `nix` when referring to the `nix` command, which is still supported by Lix.

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