

L2/03-186**PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM****A. Administrative****1. Title:**

Proposal to encode two additional combining diacritics in the UCS

2. Requester's name:

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3. Requester type:

Expert contribution

4. Submission date:

2003-06-11

5. Requester's reference**6. Completion**

This is a complete proposal.

B. Technical - General**1. The proposal is for addition of characters to an existing block:****Name of the existing block:**

Combining Diacritical Marks (035A-035B)

2. Number of characters in proposal:

2

3. Proposed category

Category C

4. Proposed Level of Implementation (1, 2 or 3):

Level 3

5a. Character names provided?

Yes.

5b. Character names in accordance with guidelines

Yes.

5c. Character shapes reviewable?

Yes

6a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font for publishing the standard?

David Perry and TLG Project

6b. Fonts currently available.

Yes.

6c. Font Format

True Type

7a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?

Yes

7b. Are published examples of use of proposed characters attached?

Yes.

8. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing?

No.

C. Technical - Justification**1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before?**

No.

2. Has contact been made to members of the user community

Yes. The TLG has been in contact with a great number of experts. Earlier versions of this proposal have been posted online and received comments by members of the profession.

3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters

Scholarly community.

4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare)

Fairly common in editions of ancient texts.

5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?

Yes. Characters are present in various editions of Greek texts and used extensively by scholars of Greek. General references provided in attached bibliography.

6. After giving due considerations to the principles in *Principles and Procedures document*, must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?

Yes, preferably.

If YES, is a rationale provided?

Accordance with the Roadmap. Characters should be part of the Greek Extended set.

7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?

Characters should preferably be kept together.

8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?

No.

9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters?

No.

10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?

No.

11a. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences?

Yes.

12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics?

No.

13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)?

No.

Proposal

Editing and typesetting ancient fragmentary papyri requires an array of editorial characters to indicate, e.g., a letter which cannot be read, a letter which has been inserted by the editor or a letter which was inserted in antiquity.

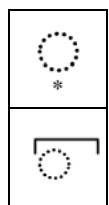
The **Combining Asterisk Below** is used to mark a letter that was altered in antiquity, and so to distinguish this alteration from a modern editorial alteration.

The **Combining Double Bridge Above** is used to mark up Roman numerals.

The property of these two characters is “Mn”.

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TABLE 0300-036F: COMBINING DIACRITICAL MARKS

035A
COMBINING ASTERISK BELOW

035B
COMBINING DOUBLE BRIDGE ABOVE