

## PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM

**A. Administrative****1. Title:**

Proposal to encode the Greek Rho Abbreviation Symbol in the UCS

**2. Requester's name:**

Thesaurus Linguae Graecae Project (University of California, Irvine)

**3. Requester type:**

Expert contribution

**4. Submission date:**

2002-06-11

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

This is a complete proposal.

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

Greek and Coptic

**2. Number of characters in proposal:**

1

**3. Proposed category**

Category C

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

Level 1

**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)**

Common in Greek papyri.

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

Yes. Character present in various editions of Greek texts and used by scholars of Greek.

**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.

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

N/A

**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?**

No.

**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)?**

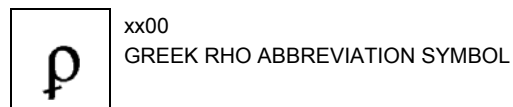
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## Introduction

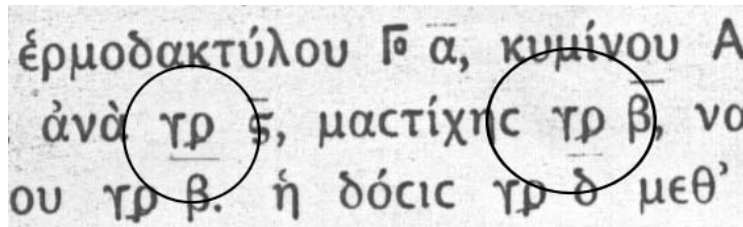
This abbreviation is a conventional and common character in Greek papyri as well as modern editions of papyri and related secondary literature. The character is common in modern typography and considered a standard symbol, therefore, it needs a separate codepoint in the Unicode Standard.

This character may represent any abbreviation with the letter rho in it. E.g. it may be used as part of the abbreviation for the weight ‘gramma’ (see example).

The property for this character is “Lo.”



## Example



Paulus Aegineta, 7.5.3

## Bibliography

J.L. Heiberg, *Paulus Aegineta*, 2 vols. [*Corpus medicorum Graecorum*, vols. 9.1 & 9.2.] (Leipzig, 1921, 1924)

J.-R. Vieillefond, *Les "Cestes" de Julius Africanus* (Florence, 1970)