







More hand gestures






To: UTC
 From: Peter Edberg, Emoji Subcommittee
 Date: 2016-10-31

Proposed characters

Tier 1: Two often-requested signs (ILY, Shaka, ILY), and three to complete the finger-counting sets for 1-3 (North American and European system). None of these are known to have offensive connotations.

		<p>HAND SIGN SHAKA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaka sign • ASL sign for letter ‘Y’ • Can signify “Aloha spirit”, surfing, “hang loose” • On Emojipedia top requests list, but requests have dropped off • 90°-rotated version of CALL ME HAND, but EmojiXpress has received requests for SHAKA specifically, noting that CALL ME HAND does not fulfill need
		<p>HAND SIGN ILY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASL sign for “I love you” (combines signs for I, L, Y), has moved into mainstream use • On Emojipedia top requests list
		<p>HAND WITH THUMB AND INDEX FINGER EXTENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger-counting 2, European style • ASL sign for letter ‘L’ • Sign for “loser” • In Montenegro, sign for the Liberal party • In Philippines, sign used by supporters of Corazon Aquino • See Wikipedia entry
		<p>HAND WITH THUMB AND FIRST TWO FINGERS EXTENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger-counting 3, European style • UAE: Win, victory, love = work ethic, success, love of nation (see separate proposal L2/16-071, which is the source of the information below about this gesture, and also the source of the images at left) • Representation for Ctrl-Alt-Del on Windows systems • Serbian “три прста” (tri prsta), symbol of Serbian identity • Germanic “Schwurhand”, sign for swearing an oath • Indication in sports of successful 3-point shot (basketball), 3 successive goals (soccer), etc.
		<p>HAND WITH FIRST THREE FINGERS EXTENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger-counting 3, North American style • ASL sign for letter ‘W’ • Scout sign (Boy/Girl Scouts) is similar, has fingers together

Tier 2: Complete the finger-counting sets for 4-5, plus some less-requested hand signs.

		<p>HAND WITH FOUR FINGERS EXTENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finger-counting 4
		<p>HAND SIGN FINGERS ALL TOGETHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israel, Egypt, ...: “wait a minute”, “hurry up”, “ready soon” Turkey: something is beautiful or well Italy: “What is this”, “What do you want” <p>(some information in Huffington Post guide, Robin Esrock blog, etc.)</p>
		<p>ISLAMIC PRAYER HANDS (Image credit: EmojiXPress)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of several hand positions used in Islamic prayer or supplication.
		<p>WEST COAST HAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject of a separate proposal, which is the source of the image at left. Popularized by rappers in 1990s to indicate west side of town, or west coast. Stylized ‘W’.
		<p>EAST COAST HAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counterpart to WEST COAST HAND. Stylized ‘E’.

Tier 3: Additional possibilities, not currently part of this proposal:

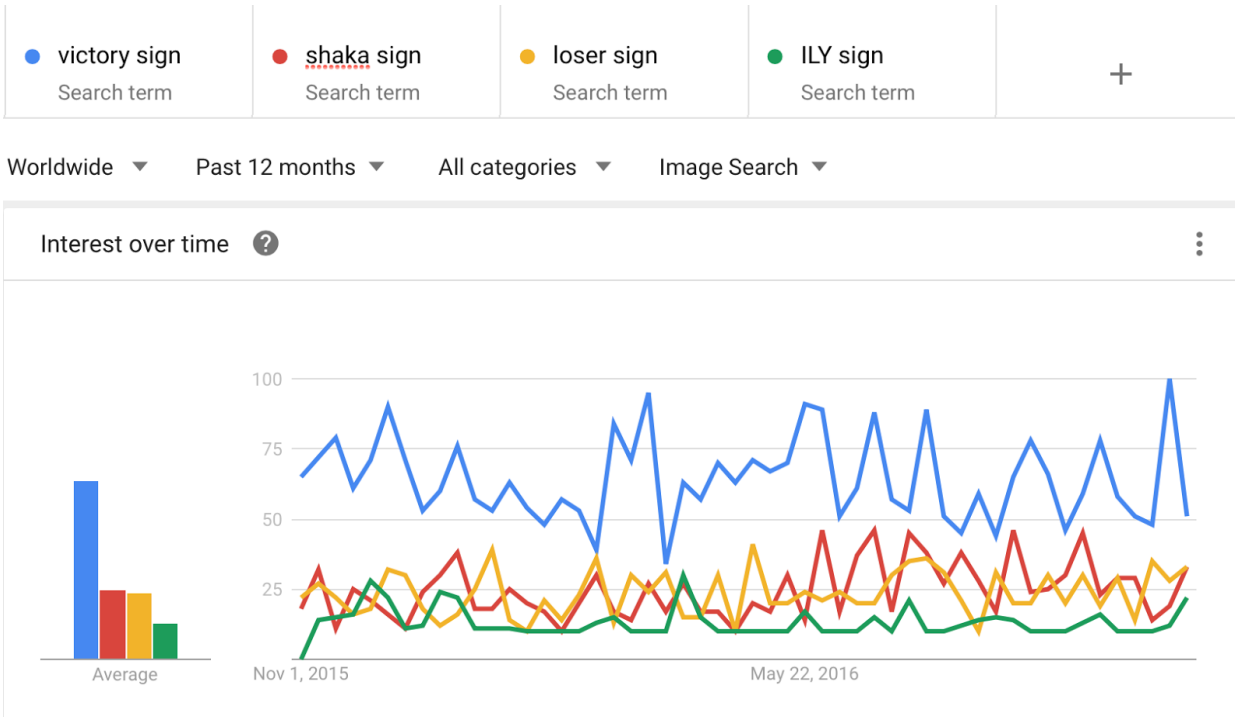
- [Fig sign](#) (also ASL sign for letter ‘T’); has sexual connotations in some cultures.
- Giving emoji property to 1F594 REVERSED VICTORY HAND; British sign with meaning similar to middle finger.
- Steepling hands (palms facing each other but slightly apart, fingertips touching).

Factors for Inclusion

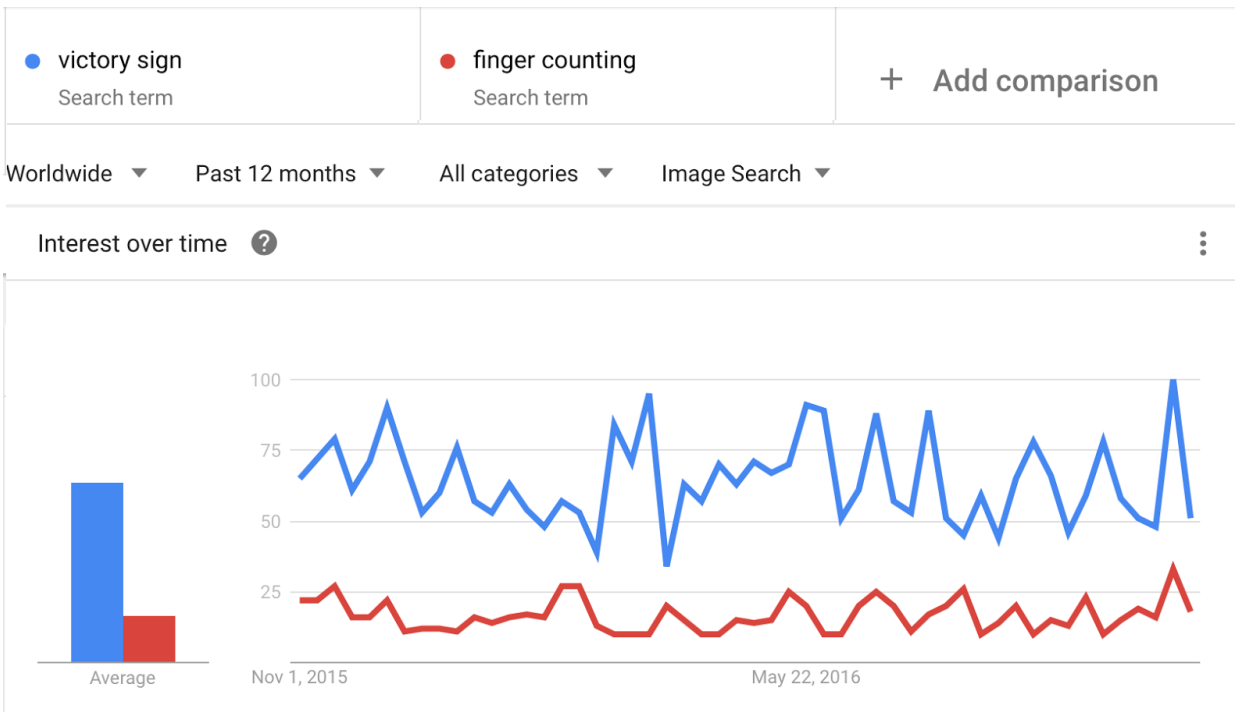
- Completeness
 - Three of the five signs proposed in tier 1 are intended to complete sets of images for North American and European finger-counting systems for 1-3.
- Expected usage level is high; several are also frequently requested.
 - Hand signs as a category are popular; 12 of the top 100 emoji on [emojitracker.com](#) are hand signs.
 - Two of the five signs proposed in tier 1 are on the [Emojipedia top requests list](#) (top 30 requests for 2016)

- Many of the signs have multiple usages and meanings, as detailed above.
- See image search results below
- Others
 - Images are distinctive.
 - Proposed characters are not overly specific; nor are they already representable e.g. with sequences.

As an example, the Google image search results comparing “victory sign” (emojitracker #28) to “loser sign”, “shaka sign” and “ILY sign” are shown below.



It is more difficult to find appropriate image search terms for the specific finger-counting forms. However, the results of a more general search for “finger counting” vs “victory sign” are given below.




Background

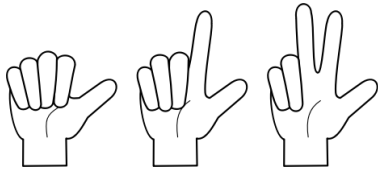
B1. Finger counting systems for 1-5

a) Finger counting in North America, UK, Japan, China (except that China may use a different variant for 3 that has the thumb and index finger folded in). Unicode already includes characters for 1, 2, 5, so we would want the ones here for 3 and 4:








b) Finger counting on European continent (at least western part) differs for 1, 2, 3. The gestures for 2 and 3





















also have many other meanings; for 1 Unicode already has  which may be close enough, though it is often depicted with a [different orientation](#). We would certainly want to propose characters for 2 and 3 here, and possibly also for 1.
























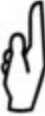
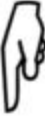








B2. Hand symbols already encoded







(with some additional annotations)

	not emoji	261C	WHITE LEFT POINTING INDEX (xref 1F448, 1F598)
		261D	WHITE UP POINTING INDEX (xref 1F59E) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finger-counting 1, North American style
	not emoji	261E	WHITE RIGHT POINTING INDEX (xref 1F599)
	not emoji	261F	WHITE DOWN POINTING INDEX (xref 1F597, 1F59F)

		270A	RAISED FIST
		270B	RAISED HAND
		270C	VICTORY HAND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger-counting 2, North American style • ASL sign for letter 'V'
		1F446	WHITE UP POINTING BACKHAND INDEX
		1F447	WHITE DOWN POINTING BACKHAND INDEX
		1F448	WHITE LEFT POINTING BACKHAND INDEX
		1F449	WHITE RIGHT POINTING BACKHAND INDEX
		1F44A	FISTED HAND SIGN
		1F44B	WAVING HAND SIGN
		1F44C	OK HAND SIGN

		1F44D	THUMBS UP SIGN
		1F44E	THUMBS DOWN SIGN
		1F44F	CLAPPING HANDS SIGN
		1F450	OPEN HANDS SIGN
		1F590	RAISED HAND WITH FINGERS SPLAYED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finger-counting 5
	not emoji	1F591	REVERSED RAISED HAND WITH FINGERS SPLAYED
	not emoji	1F592	REVERSED THUMBS UP SIGN
	not emoji	1F593	REVERSED THUMBS DOWN SIGN
	not emoji	1F594	REVERSED VICTORY HAND
		1F595	REVERSED HAND WITH MIDDLE FINGER EXTENDED

		1F596	RAISED HAND WITH PART BETWEEN MIDDLE AND RING FINGERS
	not emoji	1F597	WHITE DOWN POINTING LEFT HAND INDEX
	not emoji	1F598	SIDEWAYS WHITE LEFT POINTING INDEX
	not emoji	1F599	SIDEWAYS WHITE RIGHT POINTING INDEX
	not emoji	1F59E	SIDEWAYS WHITE UP POINTING INDEX
	not emoji	1F59F	SIDEWAYS WHITE DOWN POINTING INDEX
		1F918	SIGN OF THE HORNS
		1F919	CALL ME HAND (9.0)
		1F91A	RAISED BACK OF HAND (9.0)
		1F91B	LEFT-FACING FIST (9.0)

		1F91C	RIGHT-FACING FIST (9.0)
		1F91D	HANDSHAKE (9.0)
		1F91E	HAND WITH INDEX AND MIDDLE FINGERS CROSSED (9.0) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASL sign for letter 'R'