

Process for Emoji ZWJ Sequence Proposals

To: UTC

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Unicode currently lacks a documented process for handling proposals of Emoji ZWJ (Zero Width Joiner) Sequences.

This document requests a discussion at the UTC of whether a process should be created to handle incoming Emoji ZWJ Sequence proposals, and if so, what form that process should take

Background

The current situation regarding Emoji ZWJ Sequences (EZS) involves Unicode documenting (cataloging) an EZS when:

- A. there is a clear case of existing usage; and
- B. there is vendor commitment to support these in an ongoing basis

The current process does not provide a process for recommending new Emoji ZWJ Sequences, either when proposed by vendors or members of the public.

This creates a situation where new EZS are only created by vendors without a public mechanism for the public to propose new EZSs or for vendors to float ideas and get consensus..

As ZWJs can help bring forth new emoji quickly, it is important to consider whether a process in which the public or vendors could submit EZS proposals is appropriate, and which form that may take.

For example, we could add and publicize a way for people to submit new EZS proposals to the Emoji Subcommittee, with the well-formed proposals (with or without recommendation from the ESC) to be then forwarded to the UTC. If approved by the UTC (with sufficient vendor support), they would then added to the EZS data file and charts.