





SELFIE with people/gender

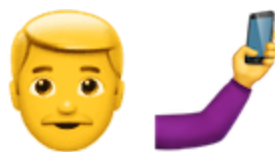
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When SELFIE was originally proposed with an image using just an arm and phone (see [L2/15-054r4](#)), the idea was that it could be used in a sequence with face symbol (of any sort) to suggest a person taking a selfie. However, most current implementations just support SELFIE by itself with no built-in option for any other combination, and just display the arm and phone; see <http://www.unicode.org/emoji/charts/full-emoji-list.html#1f933>

This is a bit odd, since the whole idea of a selfie is to feature the person taking the picture. Our designers feel that an image with a person does a much better job of conveying the idea, and an emojiRequest.com version with a smiley face is #41 in the ranked list of faces (Skype has a similar selfie face); see for example the following choices:

 <p>Apple current example (iOS 10.2 public beta)</p>	<p>versus</p>	 <p>Apple sample with woman</p>	 <p>Apple sample with man</p>	 <p>emojiRequest / emojiXpress sample</p>
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An image with a person would of course would mean supporting options for gender appearance and skin tone. The suggested approach is to add ZWJ sequences for WOMAN + SELFIE, MAN + SELFIE (as with the professions). Compared to using SELFIE + ♀/♂, this would have much better fallback rendering:



Also consider adding a sequence for GRINNING FACE WITH SMILING EYES (U+1F601) + SELFIE.

