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The Unicode Consortium has continued to function as Registration Authority for ISO 15924 “Codes for the representation of names of scripts”, with Michael Everson of Evertypeworking for the RA as Registrar. The ISO 15924 Web site, <http://www.unicode.org/iso15924> has been updated regularly. A dated list of changes is available at: <http://www.unicode.org/iso15924/codechanges.html>. Nineteen alterations were made in 2016, eleven of which were for new code elements.

The tables of code elements remain freely available from that site. The RA does not charge fees for adding codes. We have had no legitimate complaints in the last year. (The main complaint in past years have had to do with rejections by the RA of requests for novel, idiosyncratic, or irrelevant script codes.)

To date, it is known that use of the codes is made by the Unicode Consortium, and by the IETF in the language codes defined by BCP 47 (see [www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/bcp/bcp47.txt](http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/bcp/bcp47.txt)) and registered with IANA. Through this, ISO 15924 is carried over into the XML and HTML standards; ISO 15924 has become widely used in industry.

ISO 15924 script codes are also used in the Unicode CLDR project, which is also widely used in industry.

ISO 15924 has also been used in ICU (since at least 2009). ICU is extremely widely used in industry. Nearly every mobile phone or tablet on the planet uses it, for example, so ISO 15924 codes are potentially embedded in billions of devices.

In our view, the text of ISO 15924 does not require revision. It remains relevant and useful as it is. It might be helpful to users of the standard if the full text of the standard were available free of charge from ISO or from the RA; most applicants seem to be familiar only with the Request Form <http://www.unicode.org/iso15924/iso15924form.html> for additions and changes, or with descriptions of the standard on the Wikipedia.

The RA will be necessary as long as there are new scripts being added to the UCS. A glance at the roadmap to the SMP <http://www.unicode.org/roadmaps/smp/> should suffice as evidence that new work will continue for quite a while.

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