

Re: Emoji Timeline
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The following is an overview of the events (meetings, announcements, etc) for the next two releases of Emoji as we transition the schedule to move the releases up to the start of the year. This focuses on emoji does not include details about the schedules of other releases (cldr, icu,...).

Note that this proposes “turning the volume up to 11”: changing the version number for Emoji v6.0 to Emoji v11.0 to synchronize major versions of Emoji and Unicode. If an intermediate version of the emoji data and/or UTS #51 is needed (adding RGI or emojiification) those can use minor or update versions (such as 11.1 or 11.0.1).

Approx. Dates	Week	ΔWeeks	Event	Unicode 11.0 UTS #51 Emoji v11.0	Unicode v12.0 UTS #51 Emoji v12.0
2017-Jan-01	0				
2017-Jan-23	3	Δ=+03	UTC #150	Accept Provisional Candidates	
2017-Apr-01	13	Δ=+10	UTC #151	Accept Provisional Candidates	
2017-Jul-01	26	Δ=+13		<i>Deadline for new emoji character proposals</i>	
2017-Jul-31	30	Δ=+04	UTC #152	Accept Draft Candidates	
2017-Sep-25	38	Δ=+08	wg2		
2017-Oct-23	42	Δ=+04	UTC #153	Tune Draft Candidates	Accept Provisional Candidates
2018-Jan-22	55	Δ=+13	UTC #154*	Select Final Candidates. Unicode beta approved; UTS#51 spec approved	Accept Provisional Candidates
2018-Mar-09	62	Δ=+07	announce	Unicode beta starts	
2018-Mar-15	63	Δ=+01	announce	Emoji 6.0 final codepoints/names/data	<i>Deadline for new emoji character proposals</i>
2018-Mar-31	65	Δ=+02	announce	CLDR & ICU release candidate	
2018-Apr-30	69	Δ=+04	UTC #155	Unicode approved	Accept Draft Candidates

2018-Jun-20	76	$\Delta=+07$	wg2		
2018-Jun-20	76	$\Delta=+00$	announce	Unicode release, Emoji UTS #51 publ.	
2018-Jul-23	81	$\Delta=+05$	UTC #156		Tune Draft Candidates
2018-Sep-17	89	$\Delta=+08$	UTC #157		Select Final Candidates. Unicode & UTS#51 beta approved
2018-Oct-01	91	$\Delta=+02$	announce		Unicode & UTS#51 beta starts
2019-Jan-14	106	$\Delta=+15$	UTC #158*		Unicode & UTS#51 approved
2019-Mar-01	113	$\Delta=+07$	announce		Unicode & UTS #51 final
2019-Mar-31	117	$\Delta=+04$	announce		CLDR & ICU release candidate
* gap inc. winter holidays				Tune = may add/remove, change names or draft code points	
				Emoji events same weeks after previous UTC as in 2016	
					Unicode and UTS #51 now in sync