

Re: ESC Recommendations for 2019Q3 UTC

From: Mark Davis and the ESC

Date: 2019-07-25

1. Recommendation to make Proposed update for 13.0 (after any amendments in discussion)

Working Draft for Proposed Update UTS#51, Unicode Emoji [Davis, Edberg, [L2/19-203](#)]

From discussion: add review note that the color section will be enhanced to set the right expectations: that it is not a generative mechanism for RGI.

2. Recommendations for Unicode 13.0

Recommendations for Gendered Emoji ZWJ Sequences for Unicode 13.0, Phase 2 [ESC/Daniel, [L2/19-231](#)]

Alternate ZWJ sequences for women/men holding hands [Edberg, [L2/19-275](#)]

3. Proposals that depend on color mechanism

Proposal for WHITE WINE emoji ZWJ sequence for RGI [Curry, [L2/19-276](#)]

– ESC recommends to hold off pending further investigation

Proposal for Emoji: BLACK CAT [Sunne, [L2/19-277](#)]

1F408 + ZWJ + 2B1B

– ESC recommends addition as draft candidates for Emoji 13.0

Proposal for Emoji: POLAR BEAR [Sunne & Riedel, [L2/19-296](#)]

1F43B + ZWJ + 2B1C

– ESC recommends addition to draft candidates for Emoji 13.0

4. Recommendations for Unicode 14.0

Right Hand Gesturing Right and Right Hand Gesturing Left (+ related ZWJ sequence to create Multi-Skintoned Handshake Emoji) for Unicode 14.0 [ESC/Daniel, [L2/19-265](#)]

5. Still under consideration for 14.0, but not yet processed by ESC

Emoji proposal: DIAPER [Resudek, et al, [L2/19-215](#)]

Proposal for Biting Lip emoji [Daniel, [L2/19-219](#)]

Proposal for emoji: TROLL (WG2 N5058) [West, Everson, [L2/19-232](#)]

Proposal to Define Emoji Variation Sequences for PLAYING CARD BLACK JOKER [Buff, [L2/19-274](#)]

6. WG2 Interactions

Emoji comments from SC2/WG2 [Moore, [L2/19-273](#)]

ESC Response to WG2 Comments on Draft Emoji Candidates ([L2/19-273](#)) [ESC/Lunde, [L2/19-279](#)]

7. Report on Vendor Intention (no action required by UTC)

Using gender inclusive designs [Daniel, [L2/19-078](#)]

8. Feedback on Draft Candidates

ESC sees no reason to withdraw the trans flag

The Curse of Representation by Specificity, or: Why There Should Not Be a Transgender Flag Emoji ([L2/19-080](#)) [Buff, [L2/19-084](#)]

Response to The Curse of Representation by Specificity, or: Why There Should Not Be a Transgender Flag Emoji [ESC/Jones, [L2/19-194](#)]

9. General Feedback

The following are suggested dispositions

a. Date/Time: Sat May 25 11:43:13 CDT 2019, Name: William Overington

QID-related comments. ESC recommends no action.

Summary:

Issue 1: Length - prefers uncompressed

Issue 2: Tag Base - prefers single base

Issue 3: Sequences - unclear

Issue 4: Registry - not in favor if for restricted group

Issue 5: Limiting RGI (*misunderstood; this should not have been presented as issue.*)

b. Date/Time: Tue Jun 4 13:17:54 CDT 2019; Name: William Overington

Color-related. ESC recommends no action.

Extending the Emoji_Modifier model would be too disruptive, so future sequences should just use ZWJ

There is no need for additions, since the squares were intentionally extended for that purpose.

c. Date/Time: Tue Jun 4 18:37:44 CDT 2019; Name: Charlotte Buff

QID-related. In response to this feedback, the “Related Q&A” section was added to Working Draft for Proposed Update UTS #51.

d. Date/Time: Tue May 28 12:07:33 CDT 2019; Name: William Overington

QID-related. This centers around the phrase “corresponding to a valid Wikidata QID representing a depictable object.”

Recommends

1. Change the formulation to:

corresponding to a valid Wikidata QID. That QID should represent a visually depictable entity.

2. Change “depictable object” to “visually depictable entity” in the second table, and clarify the term in a note below the table:

A “visually depictable entity” can refer to an object, action, or emotion, and means that it is possible to produce an emoji-style rendering that is sufficiently distinct and clear at typical emoji sizes, such as 18-point text, and accurately represents the actual object, action, or emotion. The following are additional considerations:

- i. Common actions are typically depicted using “comic-style” visual elements, such as thought bubbles (U+1F4AD), motion lines (U+1F44B, U+1F5E3), or other signifiers (U+1F634); or capturing a person or object in the midst of that action (U+1F3C3).
 - ii. Emotions can be represented by a face or body exhibiting that emotion.
3. Note: The example depiction of “red jagged shape enclosed within a yellow rounded shape” for “risk management” is not sufficient.

e. Date/Time: Thu May 23 05:27:36 CDT 2019; Name: Mike FABIAN

Informative version number issue for some Emoji_ZWJ_Sequence characters. ESC recommends that Mark take an action to fix the comment version numbers in the data files.

> The Emoji ZWJ Sequence “people holding hands”, which appeared in Emoji-12.0/Unicode-12.0 has “10.0” in the comments in emoji-zwj-sequences.txt

f. Date/Time: Sun Jul 7 13:41:43 CDT 2019; Name: Ken Martin

The first LOINC codes for emoji, which are for Unicode emoji skin type modifier codes, have been released. Also broaches the possibility of using emoticons for use in a pain scale as used in the medical profession. The ESC recommends no action as it appears to be purely informative feedback.