

Re: ESC Report for 2021 Q2 UTC
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1. Update on 14.0

The Emoji Subcommittee (ESC) has no additions to the provisional emoji candidate list ([L2/20-242 R2](#)) discussed at the 2020 Q3 and Q1 2021 meetings.

Document [L2/21-071](#) contains a zip file of the draft emoji data files recommended by the UCD for addition to the beta UCD files and beta UTS #51 data files.

2. Public Feedback on 14.0

ESC comments on 2020 Q4 feedback | [L2/21-055](#)

We agree and recommend UTC make the requested changes to NamesList for 14.0 Alpha accordingly:

- Current Names
 - 1FAC3 MAN WITH SWOLLEN BELLY
 - 1FAC4 PERSON WITH SWOLLEN BELLY
- Recommendation, Modified
 - 1FAC3 PREGNANT MAN
 - 1FAC4 PREGNANT PERSON

PRI #428 Names of U+1FAF1 and U+1FAF2

We agree and recommend UTC make the requested changes to NamesList for 14.0 Alpha accordingly:

- Current Names
 - 1FAF1 RIGHTWARD BACKHAND
 - 1FAF2 LEFTWARD HAND
- Recommendation, Modified
 - 1FAF1 RIGHTWARDS BACKHAND
 - 1FAF2 LEFTWARDS HAND





Regarding the feedback to add an additional THUMBS UP and THUMBS DOWN hands viewed from both the inside and outside (*below in italics*). The ESC will review a proposal if one such is proposed. That being said it is unlikely the addition of these additional 12 emoji meet our criteria for inclusion as they do not provide a meaningful semantic addition to the emoji inventory that the existing THUMBS UP and THUMBS DOWN already convey.

“Note that the THUMBS UP and THUMBS DOWN hands are not completely encoded. Users should be able to select whether they wish to show hands with

thumbs up or down based on how they would see it if they were holding their hands out in front of them. When I look at my right hand thumbs up I see the palm. When I look at my right hand thumbs down, I see the back.”

3. Moving Forward, Emoji Schedule for Emoji v15:

One change to our release calendar is that emoji submissions opened April 15th not April 2nd as previously noted.

-  Emoji Submissions Open, **April 15**
-  Emoji Submissions Close, **Aug 31**
-  ESC Alpha Candidates approved by UTC, **October** (Q4 UTC)
 - Repertoire and code points final.
 - Suggested CLDR names & sort order not final.
-  Emoji Beta Candidates Finalized by UTC, **January** (Q1 UTC) following year
 - English CLDR Names are final, goes for translation, etc.

4. Emoji 15.0 Progress on stated goals [L2/20-132](#)

Identifying globally relevant emoji

- Category managers are creating guidelines as it relates to the ESC’s stated goals for the year and for the general public interested in submitting emoji proposals. In addition to the Smilies Shortlist ([L2/19-390](#)) we have published additional documentation as we begin to intake proposals for Emoji 15.0.
 - Guidelines on Additional Hand Gesture Emoji [L2/20-274](#)
 - On Emoji and Gender [L2/21-056](#)
 - Strategizing Colored Heart Emoji [L2/ 21-075](#)

Converging on designs early

- Heart Colors
 - Vendors have agreed to adjust the color of their heart emoji if proposals described in document [L2/ 21-075](#) becoming alpha emoji candidates.
- Syringe
 - Earlier last year major vendors expressed intent to change the design of the syringe emoji to remove the blood. Apple, Google, and Twitter have already rolled this change out publicly.

4. Future Encoding Strategies

The Emoji Subcommittee has been exploring encoding paths to ensure emoji scale properly in the future future. No recommendation has been made but we have identified a few possible paths forward. Public feedback welcome. ([L2/21-078](#))