

Proposed Changes to UAX #45 Status Values

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Summary

One of the changes made to UAX #45 in Unicode 15.0 is to alter various status values from being one letter to being multiple letters. This aids legibility and eliminates the possibility of ambiguity in the future. A proposed change of other values to emoji was rejected by the UTC (see L2/22-127, L2/22-121).

UAX #45 is therefore left with four single-letter status values: N, V, W, and X. None of these convey an obvious or easily-remembered meaning. We therefore recommend that they be changed to FutureWS, Variant, Rejected, and NoAction, respectively.