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Preface

This is *The Unicode Standard, Version 11.0*. It supersedes all earlier versions of the Unicode Standard.

**Why Unicode?**

The Unicode Standard and its associated specifications provide programmers with a single universal character encoding, extensive descriptions, and a vast amount of data about how characters function. The specifications and data describe how to form words and break lines; how to sort text in different languages; how to format numbers, dates, times, and other elements appropriate to different languages; how to display languages whose written form flows from right to left, such as Arabic and Hebrew, or whose written form splits, combines, and reorders, such as languages of South Asia. These specifications include descriptions of how to deal with security concerns regarding the many “look-alike” characters from alphabets around the world. Without the properties and algorithms in the Unicode Standard and its associated specifications, interoperability between different implementations would be impossible, and much of the vast breadth of the world’s languages would lie outside the reach of modern software.

**What’s New?**

Unicode Version 11.0 adds 684 characters, for a total of 137,374 characters. Other important updates in Version 11.0 include:

- Georgian Mtavruli capital letters, newly added to support modern casing practices
- Simplification of emoji-related rules for grapheme cluster boundaries and word boundaries

**Support for Languages and Symbol Sets.** The following seven new scripts were added in Version 11.0:

- Dogra, used to write the historic Dogri language in South Asia
- Gunjala Gondi, used to write the Adilabad dialect of the Gondi language in South Asia
- Hanifi Rohingya, used to write the modern Rohingya language in Southeast Asia
- Makasar, used to write the historic Makasar language in Indonesia
- Medefaidrin, used for modern liturgical purposes in Africa
• Old Sogdian, used to write historic Sogdian in the third to fifth centuries in Central Asia
• Sogdian, used to write historic languages in the seventh to fourteenth centuries in Central Asia

Additional support for lesser-used languages and scholarly work was extended worldwide, including:
• For the Mazahua language, a Mesoamerican language recognized by law in Mexico
• For Mayan numerals used in printed materials in Central America
• For Sanskrit manuscripts written in Bengali
• For Gurmukhi manuscripts
• For historic documents of the Buryats of the Barguzin Steppe

Further additions were also made for East Asia:
• Five urgently-needed CJK unified ideographs: three for newly standardized names of chemical elements, and two for Japan’s government administration Moji Joho Kiban Project that includes ideographs for personal and place names

Important symbol additions include:
• 66 emoji characters, including 4 new emoji components for hair color
• Copyleft symbol
• Half stars for rating systems
• Additional astrological symbols
• Xiangqi Chinese chess symbols

Property and Behavioral Updates. The core data files of the Unicode Character Database were updated for the new additions in Version 11.0.

Detailed Change Information. See Appendix D, Version History of the Standard and also http://www.unicode.org/versions/Unicode11.0.0/ for detailed information about the changes from the previous versions of the standard, including character counts.

Organization of This Standard

This core specification, together with the Unicode code charts, the Unicode Character Database, and the Unicode Standard Annexes, defines Version 11.0 of the Unicode Standard. The core specification contains the general principles, requirements for conformance, and guidelines for implementers. The character code charts and names are available online.
Concepts, Architecture, Conformance, and Guidelines. The first five chapters of Version 11.0 introduce the Unicode Standard and provide the fundamental information needed to produce a conforming implementation. Basic text processing, working with combining marks, encoding forms, and normalization are all described. A special chapter on implementation guidelines answers many common questions that arise when implementing Unicode.

Chapter 1 introduces the standard’s basic concepts, design basis, and coverage and discusses basic text handling requirements.

Chapter 2 sets forth the fundamental principles underlying the Unicode Standard and covers specific topics such as text processes, overall character properties, and the use of combining marks.

Chapter 3 constitutes the formal statement of conformance. This chapter also presents the normative algorithms for several processes, including normalization, Korean syllable boundary determination, and default casing.

Chapter 4 describes character properties in detail, both normative (required) and informative. Additional character property information appears in Unicode Standard Annex #44, "Unicode Character Database."

Chapter 5 discusses implementation issues, including compression, strategies for dealing with unknown and unsupported characters, and transcoding to other standards.

Character Block Descriptions. Chapters 6 through 23 contain the character block descriptions that provide basic information about each script or group of symbols and may discuss specific characters or pertinent layout information. Some of this information is required to produce conformant implementations of these scripts and other collections of characters.

Code Charts. Chapter 24 describes the conventions used in the code charts and the list of character names. The code charts contain the normative character encoding assignments, and the names list contains normative information, as well as useful cross references and informational notes.

Appendices. The appendices contain additional information.

Appendix A documents the notational conventions used by the standard.

Appendix B provides information about Unicode publications and links to other important Unicode resources.

Appendix C details the relationship between the Unicode Standard and ISO/IEC 10646.

Appendix D lists version history and details code point allocation history.

Appendix E describes the history of Han unification in the Unicode Standard.
Appendix F provides additional documentation for characters encoded in the CJK Strokes block (U+31C0..U+31EF).

Index. The appendices are followed by an index to the text of this core specification.

Online Information. A glossary of Unicode terms, the Unicode Character Name Index, and the list of references for the Unicode Standard are located at:

http://www.unicode.org/glossary/

http://www.unicode.org/charts/charindex.html

http://www.unicode.org/references/

The Unicode Character Database

The Unicode Character Database (UCD) is a collection of data files containing character code points, character names, and character property data. It is described more fully in Section 4.1, Unicode Character Database and in Unicode Standard Annex #44, “Unicode Character Database.” All versions, including the most up-to-date version of the Unicode Character Database, are found at:

http://www.unicode.org/ucd/

Information on versioning and on all versions of the Unicode Standard can be found at:

http://www.unicode.org/versions/

Unicode Code Charts

The Unicode code charts contain the character encoding assignments and the names list. The archival, reference set of versioned 11.0 code charts may be found at:

http://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/Unicode-11.0/

For easy lookup of characters, see the current code charts:

http://www.unicode.org/charts/

An interactive radical-stroke index to CJK ideographs is located at:

http://www.unicode.org/charts/unihanrsindex.html

Unicode Standard Annexes

The Unicode Standard Annexes form an integral part of the Unicode Standard. Conformance to a version of the Unicode Standard includes conformance to its Unicode Standard Annexes. All versions, including the most up-to-date versions of all Unicode Standard Annexes, are available at:

http://www.unicode.org/reports/index.html#annexes
The following is the list of Unicode Standard Annexes:

Unicode Standard Annex #9, “Unicode Bidirectional Algorithm,” describes specifications for the positioning of characters in text containing characters flowing from right to left, such as Arabic or Hebrew.

Unicode Standard Annex #11, “East Asian Width,” presents the specification of an informative property for Unicode characters that is useful when interoperating with East Asian legacy character sets.


Unicode Standard Annex #24, “Unicode Script Property,” describes two related Unicode code point properties. Both properties share the use of Script property values. The Script property itself assigns single script values to all Unicode code points, identifying a primary script association, where possible. The Script_Extensions property assigns sets of Script property values, providing more detail for cases where characters are commonly used with multiple scripts.


Unicode Standard Annex #34, “Unicode Named Character Sequences,” defines the concept of a Unicode named character sequence.

Unicode Standard Annex #38, “Unicode Han Database (Unihan),” describes the organization and content of the Unihan database.


Unicode Standard Annex #44, “Unicode Character Database,” provides the core documentation for the Unicode Character Database (UCD). It describes the layout and organization of the Unicode Character Database.
and how the UCD specifies the formal definition of Unicode character properties.

Unicode Standard Annex #45, “U-Source Ideographs,” describes U-source ideographs as used by the Ideographic Rapporteur Group (IRG) in its CJK ideograph unification work.


**Unicode Technical Standards and Unicode Technical Reports**

Unicode Technical Reports and Unicode Technical Standards are separate publications and do not form part of the Unicode Standard. However, several Unicode Technical Standards are versioned synchronously with the Unicode Standard and have newly published versions:

- Unicode Technical Standard #10, “Unicode Collation Algorithm,” details how to compare two Unicode strings while remaining conformant to the requirements of the Unicode Standard. It includes the Default Unicode Collation Element Table (DUCET) and conformance tests.

- Unicode Technical Standard #39, “Unicode Security Mechanisms,” specifies mechanisms that can be used to detect possible security problems involving Unicode characters. It includes data tables for confusable characters.


- Unicode Technical Standard #51, “Unicode Emoji,” defines the structure of Unicode emoji characters and sequences, and provides data to support that structure, such as which characters are considered to be emoji, and which emoji should be displayed by default with a text style versus an emoji style. It also provides design guidelines for improving the interoperability of emoji characters across platforms and implementations.

All versions of all Unicode Technical Reports and Unicode Technical Standards are available at:

http://www.unicode.org/reports/
Updates and Errata

Reports of errors in the Unicode Standard, including the Unicode Character Database and the Unicode Standard Annexes, may be reported using the reporting form:

http://www.unicode.org/reporting.html

A list of known errata is maintained at:

http://www.unicode.org/errata/

Any currently listed errata will be fixed in subsequent versions of the standard.

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