

Title: Defect Report on Zones
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The USA and The Unicode Consortium endorse the analysis contained in document N1873 that the concept of zones is no longer productive and needed and is causing maintenance costs.

It is proposed to remove the definitions of A-, I-, O-, and R- zone and to remove their mention.

In particular

Delete the 2nd paragraph in clause 8, plus the table and illustration that follow.
Replace the last paragraph in clause 8 by:

Code positions 0000 D800 to 0000 DFFF are reserved for the use of UTF-16 (See Annex Q)
Code positions 0000 E000 to 0000 F7FF are reserved for private use.

Delete the reference to A-Zone and S-Zone in Figure 3 and Figure 4.

Reword clause 10 to reflect the comments in N1873.