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Most of the emoticons that have appeared frequently in text messages using ASCII-range sequences have corresponding emoticon characters in the Unicode Emoticons block. However there are several that do not have corresponding emoticon characters, though corresponding emoticon glyphs are provided by various messaging services such as those provided by AIM, MSN, and Yahoo!. I am planning to propose the addition of four such characters to the Emoticons block; they could be added at U+1F641 through U+1F644.

A motivation for encoding single characters for these is unambiguous interchange; the ASCII-range sequences are ambiguous. For example

- The sequence :-X is used for “money mouth” by AIM users, but may be interpreted as “don’t tell anyone” (lips are sealed) by Yahoo! users: <http://pc.net/emoticons/shortcuts/yahoo>.
- The sequence :-@ is used for “sick” by MSN users, but may be interpreted as “chatterbox” by Yahoo! users: <http://pc.net/emoticons/shortcuts/yahoo>.

I welcome any feedback. A more formal proposal is likely to be submitted for the October WG2 meeting.

ASCII versions	Sample glyph sketch	Possible name(s)	Sample usage contexts, external citations
:-X :-#		SEALED LIPS FACE or ZIPPER LIPS FACE	Don't tell anyone okay? Your secret is safe with me! See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_emoticons http://messenger.msn.com/Resource/Emoticons.aspx/ http://pc.net/emoticons/shortcuts/aim
:-\$		MONEY MOUTH FACE	Put your money where your mouth is! Making money is all you ever talk about! See: http://pc.net/emoticons/shortcuts/aim
:-B 8-		NERD FACE	Can't go to the party, gotta study! See: http://messenger.yahoo.com/features/emoticons/ http://pc.net/emoticons/
:-@ +o( emoji presentation is green	SICK FACE or NAUSEOUS FACE	Don't think I can make it tonight, feeling awful! Jimmy asked me out today—what a creeper! See: http://messenger.yahoo.com/features/emoticons/ http://messenger.msn.com/Resource/Emoticons.aspx/