




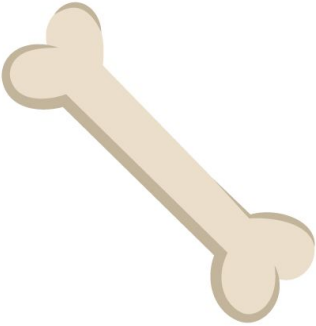
Body Parts Emoji Proposal

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Summary

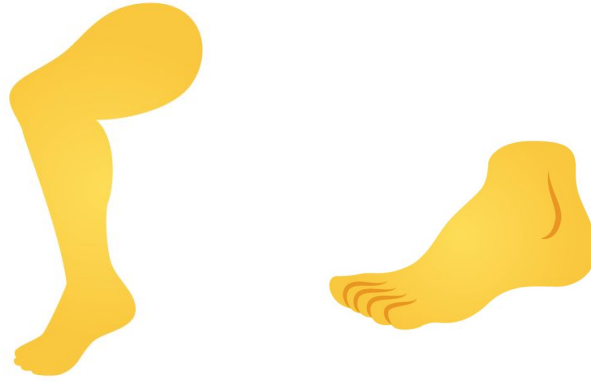
We are proposing a slate of body parts emoji to fill out the list.

EMOJI	IMAGE	ALSO USED	REASON
FOOT		Walking, running, foot pain	Completeness, Frequently Requested
LEG		walking, running	Completeness, Frequently Requested

TOOTH		dentist, dental hygiene, toothache	Frequently Requested, Iconic
BONE		dog food, death	Iconic, Frequently Requested

Images by Aphelanda Messer.. They may be freely distributed in connection with this proposal.

LEG AND FOOT EMOJI PROPOSAL



Submitted by Alex Marx (Emojination)
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“Dancing is poetry with arms and legs.” – Charles Baudelaire

This proposal is to request inclusion of two new emojis as Unicode emoji characters:

LEG and FOOT

The leg is the entire lower limb of the human body — including the foot, thigh and even the hip or gluteal region. Legs are used for standing and for all forms of locomotion — including walking, running and dancing. The foot is the terminal portion of the leg — which bears the weight and allows for the finer controls of locomotion.

These versatile emojis will be inclusive of the huge majority of people around the world - and will undoubtedly be used in a vast variety of ways.

One of the most important additions these emojis will provide, aside from simply representing themselves, is to allow people to use them in idiomatic phrases:

- “A leg to stand on” – a justifiable or logical basis for defence, as in: *“He doesn’t have a leg to stand on.”*
- “Break a leg!” – a theatrical manner of wishing good luck to a performer, “Good luck” being superstitiously considered to jinx the outcome.
- “Get a leg up” – the physical act of receiving a boost or lift upward, also used metaphorically to suggest support, encouragement or added advantage.
- “Get a leg over” – used in British and Australian slang this means to successfully have sex with someone, as in: *“How was last night? Did you finally get your leg over?”*

- “Put your foot in your mouth” – an occasion when you say exactly the wrong thing at exactly the right time.
- “Put your foot down” - to object to something strongly - or refuse to do something that you don’t want to do.
- “Cold feet” - to become afraid or hesitant about something at the last minute.

2. Names

2.1 CLDR Short Names

Recommended names: **LEG, FOOT**

2.2 CLDR Keywords

Recommended keywords: **leg, foot**

3.



TOOTH Emoji Submission

To: Unicode Consortium

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Abstract



We are constantly using, caring for, and losing our teeth. This vital body part allows us to eat, forms a central aspect of our appearance, and holds a multitude of cultural meanings. TOOTH also was one of the most highly requested emoji of 2017. For these reasons, we propose that the Unicode Consortium add a TOOTH emoji.

Introduction

Our teeth mark so many important cultural milestones and eras of our lives. If you are lucky, the tooth fairy visited your pillow 20 times, once for each baby tooth that fell out as a child. Hopefully you skipped braces and retainers in middle school and developed 32 beautiful adult teeth, 4 of them wisdom teeth you never needed¹. Perhaps at some

¹<http://www.colgate.com/en/us/oc/oral-health/basics/mouth-and-teeth-anatomy/article/how-many-teeth-do-we-have-0113>

point, you'll end up acquiring a filling or a crown, or in old age losing your teeth once more.

Teeth play a unique role in cultures across the world. From Ohaguro, the old Japanese practice of blackening teeth² to the modern day popularity of grills³, people alter the appearance of their teeth just as they might their ears or nose. And central to almost any smile, teeth are one of the first physical characteristics we observe in another person and use to judge them⁴.

Furthermore, this set of (mostly) white choppers makes it possible for us to eat delicious foods and gain the nutrition needed for a healthy life. And therefore, we are reminded on a daily basis of the importance of dental health through tooth care rituals such as brushing and flossing and the occasional dreaded visit to the dentist. Because of the tooth's relevance culturally and in daily health, it is high time that a TOOTH emoji enter the Unicode lexicon.

Names

CLDR Shortname: Tooth

Other Keywords: Teeth, molar(s), incisor(s), canine(s), fang(s), chopper(s)

Factors for Inclusion

I. Compatibility

No other TOOTH emoji currently exists across all digital platforms.

II. Expected Usage

Evidence of Frequency

A Google Trends comparison over time reveals that “tooth” searches are more frequent than searches for the word “tongue” (which already has its own emoji). This indicates a high expected usage for the TOOTH emoji.

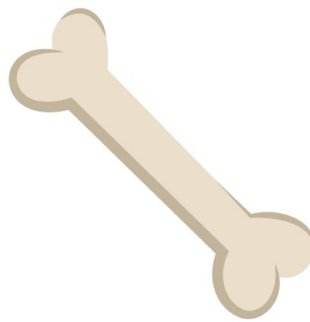
² <https://www.bustle.com/articles/119455-7-weirdest-beauty-trends-methods-throughout-history>
³ https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/znw9z4/the-ancient-history-of-grills-456
⁴ <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/08/05/science/roots-and-all-a-history-of-teeth.html>

Proposal for the Bone Emoji

Submitted by: Jane Solomon and Cody Baker

Date: 7/24/17

Images



Credit: Aphelandra Messer

Introduction

Bones are a fundamental part of existence, and so it's unsurprising that the term *bone* is used in numerous literal applications and metaphorical extensions. Evidence suggests that if a bone emoji were available, people would find various ways to incorporate it into their emoji repertoire.



Name

bone, dog bone

Selection Factors Inclusion

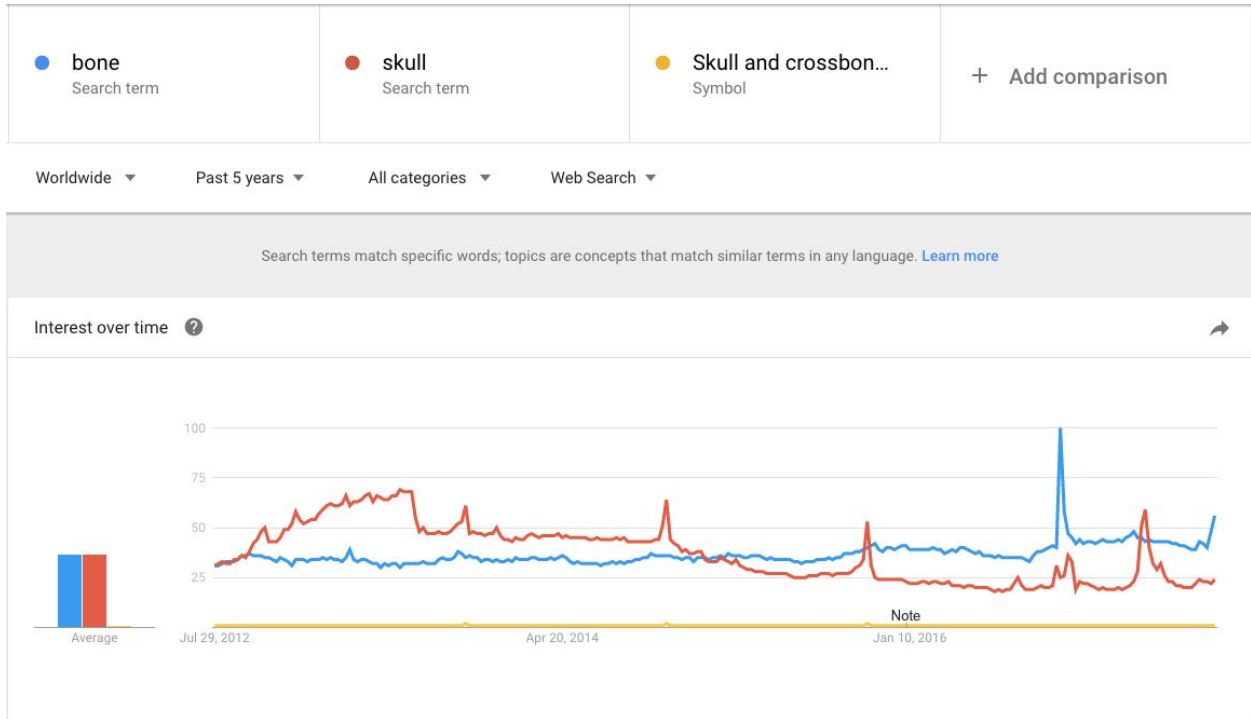
A. Compatibility

The bone emoji does not currently appear on any major platforms.

B. Expected Usage Level

Google Trends

As you can see from this screenshot of lookups for *bone*, *skull*, and *skull and crossbones* over the last five years, the interest in *bone* is not only constant over time, but in 2015 it surpassed interest in *skull* (which is already an emoji). *Bone* is far more popular than *skull and crossbones* (also already an emoji), likely because it's a much more general term and so can be used in far more contexts.



Instagram

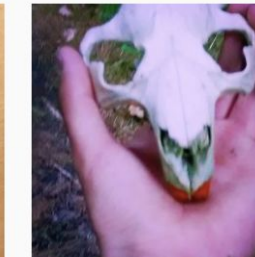
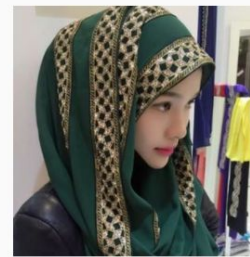
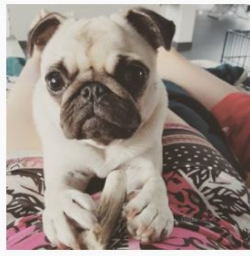
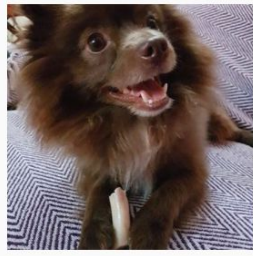
Current Instagram hashtag counts:

#bone 1,189,397 posts

#skull 9,311,633 posts

#skullandcrossbone 50,521 posts

On Instagram, **#bone** is often used with photos of dogs, X-rays, animal skulls, jewelry containing bone, weapons carved from bone, and women wearing hijabs (*bone* is sometimes used to refer to the [underscarf of a hijab](#)). Below are a sample of Instagram posts tagged with **#bone**.



Multiple Meanings

Anatomy/Medical Uses:

The bone emoji can be used to refer to literal bones in a body (from humans to dinosaurs). It could also be used in the context of broken bones, x-rays, skeletons, bone health, bone marrow, calcium, osteoporosis, etc.

Skeleton Imagery:

Aside from the more medical bone emoji uses, this emoji would likely be very popular surrounding topics like Day of the Dead, Halloween, various catacombs around the world, and the horror genre in general.

Dogs:

Dogs are the animal most associated with chewing on bones (including toy bones). Countless photos on Instagram tagged #bone are photos of dogs.

Food:

Bone broth is very popular across the globe. This sense could be possibly illustrated by the meat on bone or poultry leg emoji.

Raw Material:

Bone is a raw material used in tools, weapons, musical instruments, jewelry, etc.

Structural Metaphors:

Bone is used metaphorically in many contexts to refer to structure. A common way to talk about the structure of a building is through bones: *Does this house have good bones?*

Clothing:

Certain clothing items use bone (real or metaphorical) including corsets and the underscarf of a hijab.

Sex:

Boning is a very common euphemism for sex. In addition to the gerund form, it's also used as both a transitive and intransitive verb. *Bone* is used as a noun to refer to the penis.

Idiomatic Expressions:

not a mean bone in her body

bad to the bone

chilled to the bone

bone tired

bone up

feel in one's bones

have a bone to pick with someone

make no bones about it

C. Image Distinctiveness

The bone emoji is very simple in both shape and color, and would be easily recognizable even when displayed at a very small scale. While there are other emoji that currently contain bones (skull, skull and crossbones, meat on bone, and poultry leg), the standalone bone emoji would have a shape that is very distinct from these existing emoji.

D. Completeness

Current emoji offerings include many parts of the body, which are used both literally and metaphorically: mouth, tongue, brain, eyes, eye, nose, ear, and various hands, with a leg/foot emoji currently under consideration by the Unicode Emoji Subcommittee. Adding a bone emoji to this collection would be one of the next logical additions. Bone emoji is more akin to the brain emoji than the other parts of the body in that it's internal.

E. Frequently requested

The bone emoji is frequently requested on Twitter for use in a variety of contexts.


Actual dogs (the second one uses it in place of ❤️):

john sundman follows

 **Sarah B Tompkins** @SarestBearest · Mar 31

Replying to @bhappytogetherr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OSCAR! 🐶👉 (closest I could find to **bone emoji** 🐾)!

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 **ruby** @cornettofilms · Mar 26

i 🐶 my dog (that's the closest to a **bone emoji** they had)

god | **PINNED TWEET** @charilecox
YOU ARE A FURRY [twitter.com/teriyakigod/st...](https://twitter.com/teriyakigod/status)

Metaphorical dogs:

 **dom** 🌞🌊 @domluszczyszyn · May 14

Replying to @OnTheForecheck

do i look like a dog (how tf there no **bone emoji** tho)

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Everything + broken bones:

 **BambiRødo** 🌸 @OopsRodo · 29 Dec 2016

If they had a dog **bone emoji** I would use it for everything

 **h_rry_** @h_rry_n_ · 25 Dec 2016

Replying to @nadiathescammer

👉 (there's no broken **bone emoji**)

Bone broth/soup:



Expressions like “bad to the bone”:



Sex/booty call/“boning”:



Selection Factors Exclusion

F. Overly Specific

The bone emoji is a general-use emoji. Currently people sometimes use the more specific emoji that contain bones (skull, skull and crossbones, meat on bone, and poultry leg) to express the more general bone concepts because there is currently no more appropriate option.

G. Open Ended

The bone emoji is extremely versatile. The term *bone* itself is highly polysemous and is used in varied contexts and in several idiomatic expressions.

H. Already Representable

While you can sometimes approximate the concepts covered by the bone emoji using more-specific bone-related emoji (skull, skull and crossbones, meat on bone, and poultry leg), people often supplement their bone-related emoji use with an explanation of how there is no bone emoji, and so these other emoji will have to do. They often then ask why there is no bone emoji.

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

No brands or celebrities use similar bone imagery to my knowledge.

J. Transient

Bones provide the very structure to human and nonhuman bodies and so every emoji user will be able to relate to this universal symbol. Bones are not going anywhere and neither are the many many metaphorical extensions and idiomatic phrases related to bones.

Sort location

The bone emoji should appear next to the brain emoji since they both represent internal body parts.

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