

## PROPOSAL FOR GARLIC EMOJI

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### Abstract

This proposal requests the addition of GARLIC to the Unicode Emoji character library. Garlic is a species in the Allium genus, a bulbous herb used culinarily worldwide.



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## Introduction

With a history of several thousand years of human consumption and use, garlic is native to Central Asia and northeastern Iran, and has long been a common seasoning worldwide. It was known to Ancient Egyptians, and has been used both as a food flavoring and as a traditional medicine.<sup>0</sup> People have used it as a protective charm against a wide variety of eventualities, biological and otherwise. Garlic was used as a field antibiotic in World War I. The original athletes in the Olympic games chewed on cloves of garlic before competing.

Garlic is known worldwide by its unique odor and flavor. It is sometimes called the stinking rose even though it is a member of the lily family.

It is high in fructans, allyl methyl sulfide, vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, and deliciousness. It has antimicrobial, anti-yeast, and antifungal properties. It inhibits the synthesis of fats and the growth of intestinal parasites. It repels many insects but attracts leeches.

There are restaurants, competitions and festivals, websites, books, and songs dedicated to garlic. It is featured in writings from past millennia. It has been claimed that garlic juice can [reduce the power of magnets](#).

Garlic has been featured in classic literature, including works by Bram Stoker, Shakespeare, Cervantes, Dumas, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Dr. Seuss, T.S. Eliot, Pablo Neruda, and Rudyard Kipling.

*“Stop and smell the garlic! That’s all you have to do.”* — William Shatner.

## Names

CLDR short name: garlic

CLDR keywords: garlic, food, allium

## Selection Factors Inclusion

### Compatibility

While there have been many requests for a GARLIC emoji, most popular messaging services have not included a GARLIC emoji yet. This proposal seeks to rectify that.

## Expected Usage Level

### Frequency

We expect use of the GARLIC emoji to be high globally, as garlic is found in cuisines throughout the world, said to have myriad health benefits, and has significance in many aspects of culture.

### Multiple Usages

The GARLIC emoji would be used heavily by food-eaters, chefs, and vampire enthusiasts. It could be used in combination with other emoji to express a variety of prepared dishes.

In computer networking, garlic routing is a variant of onion routing that encrypts multiple messages together to make it more difficult for attackers to perform traffic analysis and to increase the speed of data transfer.<sup>2</sup>

### Use in Sequences

apple-garlic donut: RED APPLE, GARLIC, DOUGHNUT

garlic bread: GARLIC, BREAD

garlic breath: GARLIC, FACE SAVOURING DELICIOUS FOOD or ZIPPER-MOUTH FACE or FACE WITH MEDICAL MASK or SPEAK-NO-EVIL MONKEY

garlic cheese: GARLIC, CHEESE WEDGE

garlic chicken: GARLIC, POULTRY LEG

garlic eggplant: GARLIC, AUBERGINE

garlic fried shrimp: GARLIC, FRIED SHRIMP

garlic fries: GARLIC, FRENCH FRIES

garlic ice cream: GARLIC, ICE CREAM

garlic overload: GARLIC, SKULL or SKULL AND CROSSBONES

garlic popcorn: GARLIC, POPCORN

garlic rice: GARLIC, COOKED RICE

slicing garlic: HOCHO, GARLIC

spaghetti aglio e olio: SPAGHETTI, GARLIC, COCKTAIL GLASS, FUEL PUMP

tomato-garlic stew: TOMATO, GARLIC, POT OF FOOD

vampire repellent: VAMPIRE, GARLIC

## Image Distinctiveness

Garlic bulbs, cloves, and even slices of a garlic clove are instantly recognizable.

## Completeness

Garlic represents a major category of culinary and cultural experience which is not represented in the current emoji list. We feel fruit are overrepresented in emoji, while allium are all but absent.

## Frequently Requested

Twitter is full of people with various levels of outrage at the lack of garlic emoji, and no shortage of tweets with the hashtag #garlicemoji.



حسام

@hussam\_alahdal

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Hi @Apple

There is no garlic or onion emoji 🙄.

12:32 AM - 26 Oct 2017



**Andrea Beça**

@contessabessa

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On days like today, when I eat hummus for breakfast, it's probably a very good thing I work alone from home. (garlic emoji)

12:24 PM - 21 Sep 2017



**Vampire Truther**

@VampireTruther

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There is no #garlic emoji because the #VampireSyndicate lobbys against it. #EvilHatesGarlic



**TORONTO GARLIC FEST** @TorontoGarlic

Despite having no #garlic emoji at her disposal, this SocialMediaPoster Girl took over TOGarlicFest accts last Sun in a vintageT circa2011 🧄➡️📱👉

2:10 PM - 21 Sep 2017



**TORONTO GARLIC FEST**

@TorontoGarlic

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Replying to @sophiaphotos



(using chestnut emoji b/c no garlic emoji)

5:57 PM - 20 Sep 2017



**Adam J. P.**

@adamjasonp

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Replying to @carrie\_rubin

Nah... I just love garlic hehe (no garlic emoji; shame)

8:54 PM - 19 Sep 2017



@rarecandyx

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there really should be a garlic emoji.

1:47 PM - 13 Sep 2017



**Nasty**  **Ready 2 im**   
@deidshaw

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Apropos of nothing but [@TraderJoesList](#)  
[@TraderJoesBest](#) their [#garlicspread](#) is my  
new [#kryptonite](#) - insert garlic emoji bc   
[@AlexKCreighton](#)

1:08 AM - 29 Aug 2017



**Olivia Helena Taylor**  
@OliviaHelenaa

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Also the fact there's no garlic emoji is  
thoroughly disappointing

2:51 PM - 23 Aug 2017





**Quinn**

@MagpieGravy

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## Cheesy Garlic Bread

[homemadefoodjunkie.com/cheesy-bruschetta](http://homemadefoodjunkie.com/cheesy-bruschetta)

... (Where's the damned emoji for garlic?)

#garlic



8:48 PM - 21 Aug 2017



Garlic is a very popular hashtag on Instagram.

[Instagram #garlicemoji](#)

[Instagram #garlicemojiplease](#)

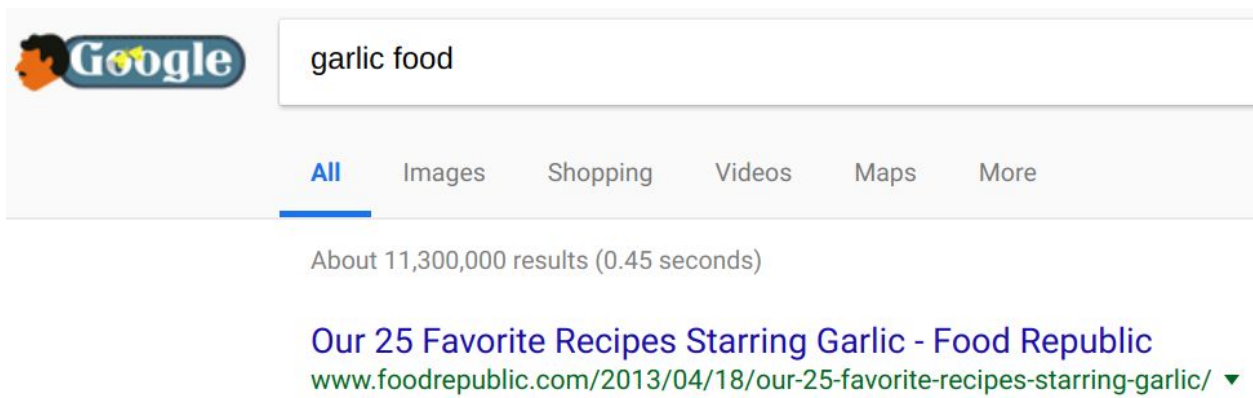
[Instagram #garlicemojirequired](#)

[Instagram #garlicemojineedstobeaddedtomylife](#)

[Instagram #garlicemojimuchneeded](#)

Google Trends (Web Search) indicates a level of interest in “garlic” consistently greater than that of “chestnut”, which is often used in garlic’s stead as an emoji.

Other required evidence relative to reference emoji MELON:



A screenshot of a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "garlic food". Below the search bar, the "All" tab is selected and underlined. Other tabs include "Images", "Shopping", "Videos", "Maps", and "More". Below the tabs, the search results indicate "About 11,300,000 results (0.45 seconds)". The first search result is titled "Our 25 Favorite Recipes Starring Garlic - Food Republic" and includes the URL "www.foodrepublic.com/2013/04/18/our-25-favorite-recipes-starring-garlic/" with a downward arrow icon.

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garlic food

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Simple Garlic Shrimp
Allrecipes
(741) · 389 p
25mins · 196 cal · 4 se

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Garlic Recipes - Allrecipes.com



About 3,060,000 results



### Eat Garlic and Honey on an Empty Stomach Happen to Your Body

Susana Home Remedies  3.3M views • 1 year ago

Optional Wikipedia pageview screenshot:



## Selection Factors Exclusion

### Overly Specific

While there are many delicious members of the Allium genus, none are currently represented in emoji, and were any others to exist, neither the onion nor the shallot nor the leek nor the scallion nor the chive nor the inimitable ramp would be an adequate stand-in for the glorious garlic.

## Open Ended

If garlic should open the floodgates to other edible plant bulbs, there are not that many, so the universe is limited. Also, GARLIC can probably wok as a standin.

## Already Representable

Given that people are using the text "garlic emoji" and the emoji CHESTNUT paired with an explanation that it is meant to be garlic and not a chestnut, it seems that there is no good way of representing garlic in lieu of an actual GARLICcodepoint.

## Transient

Garlic has existed for thousands of years. It is the subject of countless recurring festivals. It shows no outward signs of growing weary of this attention.

## Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

Garlic is featured in many logos, brands, and trademarks. Several types of garlic enjoy Protected Geographical Status in Europe. However, it would be absurd for garlic itself to be the victim of intellectual property restrictions.

## Sort location

Category: food-vegetable

After EAR OF MAIZE and before HOT PEPPER

## Other Character Properties

The other character properties are suggested to be defined as follows.

General Category: So

Canonical Combining Class: 0

Bidirectional Class: ON

Decomposition Type:

Decomposition Mapping:

Numeric Type:

Numeric Value:

Bidirectional Mirrored: N Unicode 1 Name:

ISO Comment:

Simple Uppercase Mapping:

Simple Lowercase Mapping:

Simple Titlecase Mapping:



## Author Bios

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Jennifer 8. Lee ([jenny@emojicon.co](mailto:jenny@emojicon.co)) notes that the four core elements of Chinese food worldwide (no matter what country it adapts to) are ginger, scallion, garlic and soy sauce. Also, the discovery of roasted garlic in Korean cuisine changed her life.