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Title: Proposal to encode Latin letters for the Komi Latin alphabet (supplementing L2/19-

224)

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Terminology used in this document:

"Descender" refers to the specially formed appendage on letters like the one in the already encoded letter U+A790 LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N WITH DESCENDER.

"Typographical descender" refers to the part of a letter below the baseline, thus resembling the term "descender" as used in typography.

1. Introduction

In 2012, the document L2/12-045 "Revised proposal to encode Latin letters used in the Former Soviet Union" was presented, proposing a larger set of Latin letters for several languages used in the Soviet Union. For several reasons, the work was not continued at that time.

Now, the document L2/19-224 is presented, which proposes letters for two single languages, Komi-Zyrian (simply referenced as "Komi" in L2/12-045) and Komi-Permyak. All the proposed letters are contained in L2/12-045 or documents referenced there.

This proposal supports L2/19-224 by presenting parts of L2/12-045 regarding Komi, and supplements it by listing the proposed letters as requested for valid Unicode proposals.

1.1 Deviations from L2/19-224

- The letters named "Latin capital/small Letter Komi Back I" in L2/19-224 are here named "LATIN CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER YERU", as they are common in Latin alphabets devised for languages in the Soviet Union during the 1920s/1930s. See e.g. L2/12-045.
- As the stroke overlay on the S is actually short and not oblique in every case, U+A7A8/A7A9 LATIN CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER S WITH SHORT STROKE OVERLAY (proposed elsewhere; accepted according to L2/19-250) seems more appropriate than U+A7C9/A7CA LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH OBLIQUE STROKE.

1.2 Deviations from L2/12-045

• For the letter pairs named "Latin capital/small letter C with middle tilde" and "Latin capital/small letter Ze with descender" in L2/12-045, the namings of L2/19-224 are proposed: "Latin capital/small Komi cha" resp. "Latin capital/small letter reversed open e with descender".

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2. Encoding Considerations

All characters proposed here are Latin letters in case pairs without special properties.

2.1 The descender

A common feature of the letters newly created for the 1920s/1930s Latin orthographies of the Soviet Union is the descender.

It is an appendage put on the bottom of the letter to create a new one, which usually is phonetically related to the original one. Obviously, it has its model in the appendage which distinguishes the Cyrillic letters Ш (SHA) and Щ (SHCHA).

In the Latin orthographies, it has no precedence and therefore no typographic tradition. Thus, in the evidence presented here and L2/12-045, it shows many different forms (rectangle, triangle, Щ-descender, hook similar to a palatal hook, cedilla, or comma below). Most often, it is placed at the right end of the bottom of the base character, but small right deplacements from the central line or exact central placements also occur (especially on letters with round bottom like C/D/S).

Usually (but not in every case), it is more prominent than the $\mbox{Ш/Щ}$ difference in common Cyrillic fonts, probably to support eyes which are not accommodated to the $\mbox{Ш/Щ}$ difference.

This variation occurs within samples of the same orthography and even also within the same book (see e.g. fig. 3).

Therefore, all forms of the same Latin base letter with descender are unified.

In accordance with the already encoded Latin H/K/N/Z with descender, and as the descender has no characteristic shape by itself, all letters with descender are proposed as individual atomic letters, rather than to propose a new diacritical mark "DESCENDER BELOW".

2.1.1 Descender vs. cedilla

This is also done for C and S. These letters, while occasionally show a form of the descender resembling a cedilla or comma below, in most of the specimens show a form resembling the descender form used for the other letters (e.g. triangle). Also, the horizontal placement is right from the vertical center in many cases. The examples show such variations even in the same book.

We deliberately do not propose a unification of the descender with the cedilla or the comma below. In contexts where only one diacritical mark attached at the bottom of letters prevails in everyday use, it is commonly observed that there prevails no carefulness regarding of the exact form. This e.g. can be observed in modern Turkey and Romania, where the cedilla and comma below are often confused or reduced to more simple forms like a vertical line. This, however, does not affect the basic identity of the diacritical marks, which are a cedilla for Turkish and a comma below for Romanian.

We have a similar situation here. Komi uses the descender, which in its essential form is attached at the bottom of the base character as rightmost as typographically acceptable. For characters with a symmetric round bottom like C, S, or 3, this position may in fact be the middle, and then a cedilla or "comma below" form may considered adequate.

This does not change the underlying identity of the "descender". If the descender were unified with the cedilla or the "comma below" for the letters with round bottom, no longer can a font be made which is conformant to the majority of the designs which retain the descender form used for N, Z, and so on.

Also, a unification with either "cedilla" or "comma below" hampers the identity of these two

diacritics, as font designers have to be free in their decision whether they give the descender the form of either a cedilla or a "comma below" when they would address the design of any original font doing this. In the case of a unification, they had to give a "cedilla" the form of a "comma below" or vice versa, instead of being able to preserve the identity of these diacritical marks while giving the form they want to the descender only, which in fact has this larger glyph variation bound to its character identity.

2.2 Character forms similar to Cyrillic ones

The Latin and Cyrillic alphabets share several letters which commonly have identical forms, independent whether they usually denote the same phoneme (A/a) or different ones (P/p). Also, in several cases, the complete case pair resembles (e.g. C/c), while in other cases only the capital letters resemble (e.g. T/t vs. T/T).

Thus, it is no surprise that some of the additional letters proposed here also resemble Cyrillic letterforms.

This leads to the possibility of unifying the Latin characters proposed here with the existing Cyrillic letters, to save a few code points.

However, we consider such script mixing being a bad thing for the following reasons:

- The issue of identically looking letters in different scripts is understood and handled very well already (e.g. for URL spoofing).
- Script mixing within one orthography (i.e. within one locale) makes issues like sorting and searching (and specifying the rules for this) unnecessary complicated.
 It is expected that people will create library catalogs and archive pages using the original titles of publications using these orthographies (e.g., this fact was emphasized in private communication with people of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek [Bayarian National Library]).
- Script mixing irritates the common user: When they know that they have to use Cyrillic letters in Latin text anyway, they will do so for any letters when the outcome shows correct to them.
 - Thus, they will use Cyrillic characters even when an appropriate Latin one exists (e.g. Cyrillic small B instead of Latin small capital B, to give an example not as trivial as mixing Cyrillic P/p with Latin P/p in the same text although in fact only the latter one was yielded).
- Besides the heritage of Unicode 1.0, script mixing within European Alphabetic Scripts was
 done in no case for orthographies (i.e. character sets which are intended for use in everyday
 life, as opposed to scientific sets like the Uralic Phonetic Alphabet).
 As an example, U+A698/A699 CYRILLIC CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER DOUBLE O were
 accepted (see WG2 N4107), instead of unifying them with U+A74E/A74F LATIN
 CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER OO which exactly look the same.

3. Proposed letters

(Note: Explanations given in italics are intended to be not included in the final standard text.)

Block: Latin Extended-D

Letters for orthographies of the Soviet Union used in the 1920s/1930s

b u+a7C0 Latin Capital Letter Yeru

b U+A7C1 LATIN SMALL LETTER YERU

- → 0131 latin small letter dotless i
- → 0185 latin small letter tone six
- → 044B cyrillic small letter yeru
- → 044C cyrillic small letter soft sign
- in Tatar and other Janalif-based orthographies, it denotes sounds like those denoted by the dotless i in Turkish or the yeru (ы) in Russian

(this letter pair may be unified with Latin letter tone six (U+0184/0185), if the representative glyphs of the latter will be changed according to the "Proposal B" contained in L2/19-258 "Proposal to change the representative glyphs of the Latin letter tone six (U+0184/0185)").

Letters for the Komi Latin alphabet and other historical Latin based orthographies used in the 1920s/1930s in the Soviet Union

(the annotations regarding other orthographies than Komi are taken from L2/12-045)

C U+A7CB LATIN CAPITAL LETTER KOMI CHA

€ U+A7CC LATIN SMALL LETTER KOMI CHA

= latin small letter c with middle tilde

→ 0454 cyrillic small letter ukrainian e

Komi

U+A7CD LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C WITH DESCENDER

→ 2185 roman numeral six late form

U+A7CE LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH DESCENDER

- → 0481 cyrillic small letter koppa
- → 04AB cyrillic small letter es with descender
- Abkhaz, Adyghe, Kabardian, Komi, Udi
- the descender shape differs from the shape of U+04AB

D	U+A7CF	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D WITH DESCENDER
d	U+A7D0	LATIN SMALL LETTER D WITH DESCENDER • Adyghe, Komi
Ц	U+A7D1	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH DESCENDER
1	U+A7D2	LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH DESCENDER • Abaza, Kabardian, Komi
Ş	U+A7D3	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH DESCENDER
Ş	U+A7D4	LATIN SMALL LETTER S WITH DESCENDER • Abaza, Abkhaz, Avar, Bashkir, Komi
Ţ	U+A7D5	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T WITH DESCENDER
ţ	U+A7D6	LATIN SMALL LETTER T WITH DESCENDER • Abaza, Abkhaz, Avar, Komi, Kurdish, Tsakhur, Udi
3	U+A7D7	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER REVERSED OPEN E WITH DESCENDER
3	U+A7D8	LATIN SMALL LETTER REVERSED OPEN E WITH DESCENDER → 025E latin small letter reversed open e → 0499 cyrillic small letter ze with descender • Komi • the descender shape differs from the preferred shape for U+0499

Letters already accepted due to another proposal according to L2/19-250

(See also: L2/19-260 "Supplemental proposal on the Latin letter S with short stroke overlay")

- S U+A7C9 LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH SHORT STROKE OVERLAY
- S U+A7CA LATIN SMALL LETTER S WITH SHORT STROKE OVERLAY
 - → A7A9 latin small letter s with oblique stroke
 - Gaulish
 - Komi, Kumyk, Tsakhur (historical orthographies)
 - stroke may be diagonal, vertical or horizontal

Properties

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A7C0;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER YERU;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7C1;
A7C1;LATIN SMALL LETTER YERU;Ll;0;L;;;;N;;;A7C0;;A7C0
A7CB;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER KOMI CHA;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7CB;
A7CC;LATIN SMALL LETTER KOMI CHA;Ll;0;L;;;;N;;;A7CB;
A7CC;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7CC;
A7CE;LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7CC;A7CC
A7CF;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7DG;
A7D0;LATIN SMALL LETTER D WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7DG;
A7D1;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D2;
A7D2;LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D1;A7D1
A7D3;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D4;
A7D4;LATIN SMALL LETTER T WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D3;A7D3
A7D5;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D5;A7D5
A7D6;LATIN SMALL LETTER T WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D5;A7D5
A7D7;LATIN CAPITAL LETTER REVERSED OPEN E WITH DESCENDER;Lu;0;L;;;;N;;;A7D7;;A7D7;A7D7
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Also, special thanks to Enye Lav (Оньо Лав), who gave us valuable information on the Komi-Permyak language.

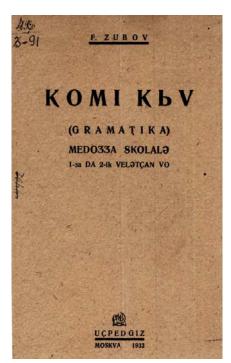
5. Examples and Figures

Fig. 1: Komi alphabet table, retrieved 2011-09-28 from http://foto11.com/komi/docs/latin1930thfont.htm (http://foto11.com is an internet page dedicated to Komi culture).

Aa - a	Ff - φ	Nn - нь	Uu - y
Вв - б	Gg - r	00-0	Vv - B
Сс - ц	li - и,i	Pp·n	Xx-x
Çç - ч	Jj - #	Rr -p	Zz - 3
€е - тш	Kk-ĸ	Ss - c	Zz - 3b
Dd - д	L1 - л	SS - CL	₹2 - ×
Д ф - дь	Ц - ль	Ss - III	33 - дж
Ee - 3	Mm - M	Tt · T	33 - дз
Əə - ö	Nn - H	Tt -Tb	Ьь -ы

Алфавит Коми языка на латинской основе был официальным в 1930-1935. Алексей Грен (1862-1932), основатель Общества изучения

Fig. 2: Title page and excerpt from p.17 of a Komi grammar printed in 1933. The excerpt shows LATIN CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER KOMI CHA.



§ 6. 8ьеz 8 da Є.

Zadaça 45. Lьddə viştsə. Gizə sijə tetradə. Gizikas кыгәунья шықап 8 выраззә әtік кыгәlәп, а Є выраззә кык кыгәlәп.

Skolaə loktikə.

Misa kotərtə skolaə. Қәz vыып pukalə kaea. Misa çagokən supkis kaeasə. Қаса leвzis.

Zadaça 46. Gizə viştsə. Gizikas kьгәvtьslə ulьşап є въраssesə.

Eakjavtən.

Me radejta eakjavnь. Tən nolən vetlimə: Masa, Қаеко, Əndrej, Sura da me. Eupəta log dьnəз kajlim. Me eaksə tьг əkti dozjam. Fig. 3: Showing the outer and inner title page of a book printed 1933.

While both pages share the same content, different fonts are used. This proves the existence of considerable glyph variation regarding the positioning and shape of the descenders and the slanting angle of the stroke of LATIN CAPITAL LETTER WITH SHORT STROKE OVERLAY.

On the outer title page shown left, U+0044 LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D shows a mirrored glyph variant.



Fig. 4: Ibid., two excerpts from p.51 showing LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH SHORT STROKE OVERLAY, having a vertical stroke in a bold font and a slanted stroke in a common font.

Sonadigan sanad asda da kasadigan topala.

Sonadamas sanad asda, kasadamas topala.

Fig. 5: Title page and sample page (p.85) of a Komi-Russian dictionary printed 1934. Note the glyph variation for LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH DESCENDER on the sample page. Also, "Medeεaьs" contains a LATIN SMALL LETTER KOMI CHA. On the title page, the subtitle starts with LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D WITH DESCENDER.

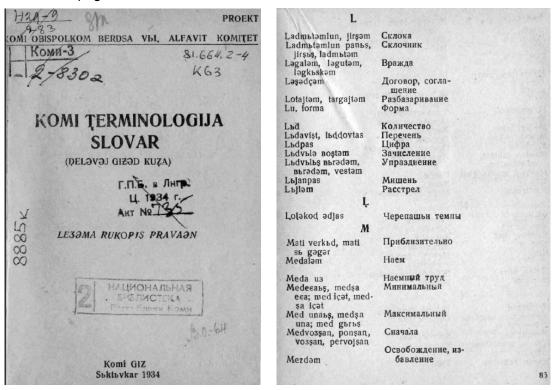


Fig. 6: showing a song text by the Komi poet Victor Savin (Нёбдінса Виттор; Nobdinsa Vittor;Виктор Алексеевич Савин; 1888–1943). Note that all descenders are placed rightmost here. Retrieved 2011-09-28 from http://foto11.com/komi/art/singing/songsavin.shtml#more



Fig. 7: Title page, p.27 and p.32 from a book printed 1932 in Kudymkar, showing several letters with descender including LATIN CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER REVERSED OPEN E WITH DESCENDER.

Juga.

Şuris kolxozə kulak Petra. Petra pondis sugnь us kolxozьn.

Petra zugdis vundan masina. Gusən vartis nan. Unaəs petkətis kolxozis.

Çoza kazalis Rolxoz 3ugəmsə Petraliş. Kulakəs kolxoz as dəniş vasətis. Petişşez bər pərisə kolxozə.

Şin озып pondis выdтынь kolxoz.

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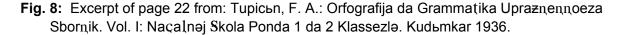
VELƏTÇAN LISBOK

Udarnik Tima,

Bura Tima usalə kolxozən.
Kər toko Tima uzə?
Asələn oş Tima əb vələn.
Vundə masinaən kolxozən.
Koknita tərtə norma.
Korə Tima vətçənə şəras mədik kolxoznikəs.
Bəd usən Tima munə oşən.
Kolxoz praznik lurə Timalə koznalisə sapoggez.

Dd ϵ Вв Cc Çç Ee Ff Gg li Эə Dd Kk LI ЦĮ Mm Nπ Jј Pр Rг Ss Nη Oo Şş Tt Ţţ Uи Vv Xx z_z Zζ Зз Ҙҙ Ьь

VIL KOMI ALFAVIT



Marked red: LATIN CAPITAL/SMALL LETTER REVERSED OPEN E WITH DESCENDER Marked green: LATIN SMALL LETTER KOMI CHA See also the numerous LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH DESCENDER in the two last lines.

63. Siҙzə, kьз 62 №, toko pervo gizə seєэт kьvvez, kьtən em z, sьвэгьп кьtən з.

Mijan velətçan ғыгыз ызыт. Zarən viзпы ғыгзә oz ləşav. Зозыз ғыгјаз kraşitəm vez kraskaən. Ətik stena vыып ет зазок.

64. Siҙzə, kьз 62 №, toko pervo gizə kьvvez, kьtən em викva ç, sьвəгьп кьtəп з.

3030g—gort pətка, eməş i vər зозодgez. Зиlim—исәtік кајок, olə kussezьп. Ме kazali kəç. Sija jirəm pipu кас. Uşkətçis kəçьs çassa kolasə.

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6. Choose one of the following: This is a complete proposal: Yes				
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b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block: Name of the existing block: Latin Extended-D				
2. Number of characters in proposal:				
Proposed category (select one from below - see section 2.2 of P&P document):				
A-Contemporary B.1-Specialized (small collection) X B.2-Specialized (large collection) C-Major extinct E-Minor extinct F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols				
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b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review? Yes				
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b. Identify the party granting a license for use of the font by the editors (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.): **Karl Pentzlin**				
6. References:				
 a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided? Yes b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached? Yes 				
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C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before?	Yes				
If YES explain See introduction					
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body,					
user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?	Yes				
If YES, with whom? Linguists, Librarians					
If YES, available relevant documents: see text					
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example:					
size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included?	Yes				
Reference: once used by several millions of people (see text)					
	rically common				
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5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?	Yes				
If YES, where? Reference: see text (e.g. historians, librarians, linguist	s)				
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characteristics.	ters be entirely				
in the BMP?	Yes				
If YES, is a rationale provided?	Yes				
If YES, reference: To keep them in line with already encoded cha	racters				
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8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing	,				
character or character sequence?	No				
If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?					
If YES, reference:					
9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either	·				
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If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?					
If YES, reference:					
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If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?					
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