Right Hand Gesturing Right and Right Hand Gesturing Left (+ related ZWJ sequence to create Multi-Skintoned Handshake Emoji) for Unicode 14.0
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The following two characters are proposed in service of established ESC priorities to support a ZWJ sequence for multi-skintoned handshakes (🤝 U+1F91D).

I. Identification

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Note: This proposal requires 2 characters, both Emoji_Modifier_Base characters + 10 RGI modifier sequences for them. + 5 RGI modifier sequences with handshake symbol (for the combinations with same skin tone) + 20 RGI ZWJ sequences with hand + mod + ZWJ + hand + mod (for the combinations with different skin tones)

II. Images

72px: ![White rightwards backhand](image) 18px: ![White rightwards backhand](image) 72px: ![White leftwards hand](image) 18px: ![White leftwards hand](image)

License
We certify that the images have appropriate licenses for use by the UTC.

III. Sort location
People & Body - hand-fingers-open
👋🏼 👉🏼 👋🏼 👉🏼 👋🏼 👉🏼 👋🏼 😚
IV. Selection factors — Inclusion

A. Compatibility

n/a

B. Expected use

1. Frequency

Usage is expected to be reasonably high, both relative to gesturing as a stand-alone character, and as part of ZWJ sequences.

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<td>extended-hand</td>
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<td>144,000</td>
<td>24,400,000</td>
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Note: Hands (and gestures as a concept) are difficult to characterize in google trends data. Including comparison to “hand” for broader view.
2. **Multiple usages**

Can represent the general concept of reaching for something. As both individual components as ZWJs we see many uses for these emoji additions.

- When you’re far away from that special someone: “I miss u” 🙋🏼‍♂️ 🎈 🍋
- When playing telephone tag: “Tag, you’re it” 👯‍♂️ ☑️
- To communicate grabbing i.e. “Nice catch” 👯‍♂️ 🐻
- To offer a helping hand 👯‍♂️ 🍋
- Did someone say extra Jazz hands?? “Happy Birthday!” 👯‍♂️ 😻 👯‍♂️
- Dog Sheriff and Cat Sheriff can finally agree on something

![Emoji Examples]
3. Use in sequences
Among other things, it is intended that this will be used in a ZWJ sequence to create an emoji for a multi-skintone handshake.

4. Breaking new ground
n/a

C. Image distinctiveness
These images are distinctive.

D. Completeness
Helps round out a set of some of the highest frequently used emojis (hands) such as 👋 waving hand 👌 OK hand and 👉 Backhand Index Pointing.

E. Frequently requested
n/a
VI. Selection factors — Exclusion

F. Overly specific
   No, this is a fairly generic and iconic of how to depict a hand gesturing left and right.

G. Open-ended
   No, this is not part of a set of similar items.

H. Already representable
   No, there are no open fingered hands miming to the left and right.

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities
   Not applicable. There are no logos, brands, signage or otherwise among the proposed characters.

J. Transient
   Not applicable.

K. Faulty comparison
   Justification for encoding the proposed emoji does not depend on analogy with other emoji that were encoded only for compatibility reasons.

L. Exact Images
   An exact image is not required.
VII. Proposed ZWJ Sequence: Multi-skintoned Handshake

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<td>Unification, equal rights, civil rights, handshake, agreement</td>
<td>🙌握手</td>
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Notes:
- [握手] + [Skin Tone] + [ZWJ] + [握手] + [Skin Tone] (fallback = 👋 👋)

VIII. Selection factors — Inclusion

A. Compatibility
A number of major platforms support non-rgi variations of the handshake emoji with skin-tone options.

Above: Shared skin tone support is not RGI but is supported by Samsung, Facebook, WhatsApp, Google, Twitter (shown L-R above).

B. Expected use

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<td>49,900,000</td>
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2. Multiple usages
Can represent the general concept of unity and two sides coming to an agreement.

3. Use in sequences
N/a this is a ZWJ sequence.

4. Breaking new ground
This would be the only emoji depicting physical agreement amongst two people of different skintones in a way that is not explicitly romantic in nature (Existing emojis that clearly depict two individuals in contact: 👫, 💪, 👐).

C. Image distinctiveness
A multi-skintoned handshake is iconic and symbolic in a manner that is distinct from the existing RGI handshake emoji.

D. Completeness
Of our 39 body part emojis that have skintone, HANDSHAKE emojis is the single only emoji that does not support skintone.

E. Frequently requested
There are a number of stories covering the deficiencies in a single gold handshake emoji, it’s the TK number requested emoji on emojipedia, and this is publicly documented priority for the ESC to resolve.

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