Re: ESC Recommendations for 2019Q3 UTC
From: Mark Davis and the ESC
Date: 2019-07-25

1. Recommendation to make Proposed update for 13.0 (after any amendments in discussion)
Working Draft for Proposed Update UTS#51, Unicode Emoji [Davis, Edberg, L2/19-203]
From discussion: add review note that the color section will be enhanced to set the right expectations: that it is not a generative mechanism for RGI.

2. Recommendations for Unicode 13.0
Recommendations for Gendered Emoji ZWJ Sequences for Unicode 13.0, Phase 2 [ESC/Daniel, L2/19-231]
Alternate ZWJ sequences for women/men holding hands [Edberg, L2/19-275]

3. Proposals that depend on color mechanism
Proposal for WHITE WINE emoji ZWJ sequence for RGI [Curry, L2/19-276]
— ESC recommends to hold off pending further investigation
Proposal for Emoji: BLACK CAT [Sunne, L2/19-277]
1F408 + ZWJ + 2B1B
— ESC recommends addition as draft candidates for Emoji 13.0
Proposal for Emoji: POLAR BEAR [Sunne & Riedel, L2/19-296]
1F43B + ZWJ + 2B1C
— ESC recommends addition to draft candidates for Emoji 13.0

4. Recommendations for Unicode 14.0
Right Hand Gesturing Right and Right Hand Gesturing Left (+ related ZWJ sequence to create Multi-Skintoned Handshake Emoji) for Unicode 14.0 [ESC/Daniel, L2/19-265]

5. Still under consideration for 14.0, but not yet processed by ESC
Proposal for Biting Lip emoji [Daniel, L2/19-219]
Proposal for emoji: TROLL (WG2 N5058) [West, Everson, L2/19-232]
Proposal to Define Emoji Variation Sequences for PLAYING CARD BLACK JOKER [Buff, L2/19-274]

6. WG2 Interactions
Emoji comments from SC2/WG2 [Moore, L2/19-273]
ESC Response to WG2 Comments on Draft Emoji Candidates (L2/19-273) [ESC/Lunde, L2/19-279]

7. Report on Vendor Intention (no action required by UTC)
Using gender inclusive designs [Daniel, L2/19-078]

8. Feedback on Draft Candidates
ESC sees no reason to withdraw the trans flag
The Curse of Representation by Specificity, or: Why There Should Not Be a Transgender Flag Emoji (L2/19-080) [Buff, L2/19-084]
Response to The Curse of Representation by Specificity, or: Why There Should Not Be a Transgender Flag Emoji [ESC/Jones, L2/19-194]

9. General Feedback
The following are suggested dispositions

QID-related comments. ESC recommends no action.
Summary:
 issue 1: Length - prefers uncompressed
 issue 2: Tag Base - prefers single base
 issue 3: Sequences - unclear
 issue 4: Registry - not in favor if for restricted group
 issue 5: Limiting RGI (misunderstood; this should not have been presented as issue.)

b. Date/Time: Tue Jun 4 13:17:54 CDT 2019; Name: William Overington
Color-related. ESC recommends no action.
- Extending the Emoji_Modifier model would be too disruptive, so future sequences should just use ZWJ
- There is no need for additions, since the squares were intentionally extended for that purpose.

c. Date/Time: Tue Jun 4 18:37:44 CDT 2019; Name: Charlotte Buff
QID-related. In response to this feedback, the “Related Q&A” section was added to Working Draft for Proposed Update UTS #51.

d. Date/Time: Tue May 28 12:07:33 CDT 2019; Name: William Overington
QID-related. This centers around the phrase “corresponding to a valid Wikidata QID representing a depictable object.”
Recommends
1. Change the formulation to:
1. Corresponding to a valid Wikidata QID. That QID should represent a visually depictable entity.

2. Change “depictable object” to “visually depictable entity” in the second table, and clarify the term in a note below the table:
   ○ A “visually depictable entity” can refer to an object, action, or emotion, and means that it is possible to produce an emoji-style rendering that is sufficiently distinct and clear at typical emoji sizes, such as 18-point text, and accurately represents the actual object, action, or emotion. The following are additional considerations:
     i. Common actions are typically depicted using “comic-style” visual elements, such as thought bubbles (💭 U+1F4AD), motion lines (👋 U+1F44B,🗣 U+1F5E3), or other signifiers (😴 U+1F634); or capturing a person or object in the midst of that action (🏃 U+1F3C3).
     ii. Emotions can be represented by a face or body exhibiting that emotion.

3. Note: The example depiction of “red jagged shape enclosed within a yellow rounded shape” for “risk management” is not sufficient.

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e. Date/Time: Thu May 23 05:27:36 CDT 2019; Name: Mike FABIAN

Informative version number issue for some Emoji_ZWJ_Sequence characters. ESC recommends that Mark take an action to fix the comment version numbers in the data files.

> The Emoji ZWJ Sequence “people holding hands”, which appeared in Emoji-12.0/Unicode-12.0 has “10.0” in the comments in emoji-zwj-sequences.txt

f. Date/Time: Sun Jul 7 13:41:43 CDT 2019; Name: Ken Martin

The first LOINC codes for emoji, which are for Unicode emoji skin type modifier codes, have been released. Also broaches the possibility of using emoticons for use in a pain scale as used in the medical profession. The ESC recommends no action as it appears to be purely informative feedback.