

Smileys for consideration for Unicode 14.0

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Introduction

The Emoji Subcommittee (ESC) is tasked with managing incoming emoji proposals and preparing these for submission to the Unicode Technical Committee (UTC). In addition, the ESC makes recommendations on proposals forwarded to the UTC Document Register.

This document combines a number of sources to present a combined list of smileys we'd like to consider for addition in Unicode 14.0. Sources are linked within this document and include individual smiley proposals if one exists.

Background

Document L2/19-390 from Daniel & Cohn (cognitive scientist and comics theorist), compares visual morphemes from Shonen and Shojo manga¹ (and cross references if these expressions are available on QQ or WeChat platforms which do not have Unicode code points.)





































The emoji subcommittee has reviewed this document and has compiled the following ten smileys which may be suitable for encoding. This does not yet form a recommendation but is intended to keep the UTC informed as to work in flight.

References

<http://www.visuallanguagelab.com/A/jv/morphology.html>

¹ This listing supplements the [paper](#), "The vocabulary of manga: Visual morphology in dialects of Japanese Visual Language" by Neil Cohn and Sean Ehly ([PDF](#)), which both documents these graphic schemas and explores the proportion that they are used in both Shonen and Shojo manga.

Table 1: Emojis Considered for Encoding

	Meaning	Draft proposal example	Closest Match	Reference image from JVL	Unicode / Suggested Name / JV description	Proposal status	QQ	WeChat
1	Sadness/happiness depending on context		 		Face holding back tears	Proposal under review by ESC	✗	✗
2	Shaking, movement		none		Shake face	Proposal under review by ESC	✗	✗
3	Relief		 		Breath mushroom	Proposal under review by ESC		✗
4	Creepy, unreal				No eyes	Proposal under review by ESC	✗	✗
5	Melting		none		Melted face	Proposal under review by ESC	✗	✗
6	Lost/anger/foggy depending on context				Head in cloud	No proposal yet	✗	✗
7	Pain, anger				Face with giant teeth	No proposal yet	✗	✗
8	Surprise, anger		 		Mouth larger than face	No proposal yet		
9	Warm blush		 		Flushed face	No proposal yet		
10	Focal attention		None		Zoom lines	No proposal yet	✗	✗