Unicode request for expected IPA retroflex letters and similar letters with hooks

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Unicode supports right-hook: consonants $d[\{\eta_{l}, \eta_{l}\}, \eta_{l}\}$ and vowels $a q e \epsilon_{l} a i \eta_{l}$, and left-hook: $\int and all basic Latin consonants except the semivowels <math>j y w$.

Expected IPA retroflex letters (from alveolars)

- f A7F2 LATIN SMALL LETTER T WITH TOP HOOK AND RETROFLEX HOOK. Figures 12–14 + note.
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Additional letter with fishhook

A7F4 LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH FISHHOOK. Figures 1–7.

Additional retroflex hooks

- ο 10790 LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH RETROFLEX HOOK. Figure 15.
- i 10791 LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH STROKE AND RETROFLEX HOOK. Figure 16.
- f 10793 LATIN SMALL LETTER TESH WITH RETROFLEX HOOK. Figure 17.

Additional palatal hooks

- 10794 LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH BELT AND PALATAL HOOK. Figure 24–25.
- ரூ 10795 LATIN SMALL LETTER ENG WITH PALATAL HOOK. Figure 26.
- ي 10796 LATIN SMALL LETTER TURNED R WITH PALATAL HOOK. Figures 18–20.
- ς 10797 LATIN SMALL LETTER R WITH FISHHOOK AND PALATAL HOOK. Figure 20.
- ₃ 10798 LATIN SMALL LETTER EZH WITH PALATAL HOOK. Figures 21–22.
- ය. 10799 LATIN SMALL LETTER DEZH WITH PALATAL HOOK. Figure 23.
- tf. 1079A LATIN SMALL LETTER TESH WITH PALATAL HOOK. Figure 23.

Properties

All proposed characters are simple letters and do not need decomposition. E.g.,

A7F4;LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH FISHHOOK;Ll;0;L;;;;N;;;;

Chart

Highlighted characters are those proposed in this request. Greyed-out cells are already assigned. Other characters are being proposed in separate requests by the same author.

The first three characters are proposed for the BMP, per the Script Ad Hoc Committee. A gap in the Supplemental Plane is left for $\langle d_3 \rangle$, which is expected from $\langle t_3 \rangle$ but not yet attested.



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<u>Figures</u>

Small l with fishhook / r with ascender (h)

An old letter for a lateral flap, used in IPA transcription before the official adoption of l. Used by Dolgopolsky (2013) for a liquid that is historically ambiguous between [r] and [l]. Considered for similar use (as a 'rhotic lateral') by the extIPA in 2015, but the eventual decision was to not adopt it.



Figure 5. Doke (1936: 68). An example of the *l*-*r* ligature in the context of a word.

 $r = a \text{ consonant (flap or tap) that is intermediate between r and l (Loubignac's I in ZAS), or a phoneme without phonemic distinction between r and l (as in proto-Agaw).$

Figure 6. Dolgopolsky (2013: 230)

und volksetymologischer Verdrehung") **||||** From N *paLuC ∇ (or *paLüC ∇ ?) 'stinging insect (flea, mosquito, tick)' > HS: C \approx *f ∇ 11 ∇ t-'flea' > EC: Gdl fillét id. (coll.); ?? Hr {AMS} fillayye, Gwd {AMS} fillaye 'flea' (× N *P'i?u'L ∇ 'stinging insect') || Ag *f3**k** ∇ t- (= *f311 ∇ t-), {Ap.} *f31 ∇ t- > Bln {R} filútā, Xm {R} falta, Q {R} peleyæ, {Flad} pelea, Km {Ap.} fäläy 'flea' ¶ Ap. AV 9 (Ag *f31 ∇ t-), Ap. WLQ 8, AD SF 45 (Ag *f ∇ 11 ∇ t- or *f ∇ rr ∇ t-), R WB

Figure 7. Dolgopolsky (2013: 494), for proto-Agaw ('Ag'), showing that here *h is not the lateral flap [J] but rather a consonant indeterminate between *l and *r.

Alveolar IPA letters with retroflex tail

Along with implosive $\langle q \rangle$ mentioned in the *Handbook* as an obvious, if unofficial, extension of the IPA, the lateral flap $\langle l \rangle$ and old-style implosive $\langle f \rangle$ fill out the retroflex series.

(For $\langle l \rangle$ and $\langle \beta / \beta \rangle$, see the separate requests for click and extIPA letters.)

Turned r with long leg and retroflex hook (1)

This is the retroflex lateral flap, a sound that occurs throughout South Asia in languages spoken by half a billion people, from Pashtun to Oriya (Masica 1991*The Indo-Aryan Languages*), in Sulawesi, and in various languages of Australia, Africa and the Americas.

Lateral approximant	Ĩ	l	λ	L
Lateral flap	1			

Figure 8. Bekker (2003: 439). The letter is grey rather than black because it's not an official IPA symbol.

suffice). Other unofficial symbols are[IJ] for a retroflex lateral flap and [Я] for an epiglottal Figure 9. Ball et al., section 4.1.

Table 1: Ku Waru phonemic inventory: Consonants					
	Labial	Apico- Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	
Plain stop	р	t		k	
Fricative		S			
Prenasalized stop	mb (b)	nd (d)	nđz (j)	ŋg (g)	
Nasal	m	n	ן (ny, yn)	ŋ (ng)	
Continuant	W	r	j (y)		
Retroflex flap	ζ.	Alveolar continuant	Palatal continuant	Prestopped velar	
Lateral <mark>.[</mark> (rlt)		1(l)	м (ly, yl)	भ <u>ि</u> (l)	
Figure 10. Rumsey (2017: Table 1)					

Retro	ofex lateral flap <mark>/.]</mark> /.
(1)	a. /.lim/ → [<mark>.l</mark> im] a woman's name
	b. /(kera) koIa/ \rightarrow [(kɛrʌ) ko <mark>I</mark> ʌ] '(bird) chicken'
	c. /(kum) piniI/ \rightarrow [(kum)pinI <mark>I</mark>] '(ear) eardrum'

Figure 11. Rumsey (2017: 98)

Mark Harvey (p.c.), who wrote a grammar of Gaagudju where the sound occurs allophonically, said of the letter l that he "can forsee that it will need to be used in descriptions of Australian languages, so [he] would be happy to support its inclusion."

Robert Mailhammer (p.c.) said of the proposal for *l* that "the symbol [I] used has been an l with either a tap or a retroflex tap superscript [...]. But having a proper symbol would, of course be good. [...] for the lateral flaps there is definitely a need."

Lakhan Gusain at John Hopkins (p.c.) says he would like to have this letter for Pashto.

Eric Zobel (p.c.) said "For us Sulawesianists, it's quite a pity that the retroflex lateral flap doesn't get a Unicode symbol. Sneddon has described it for the Sangiric languages, Himmelmann for Totoli and Dondo," and, "I'm am working on two chapters ('Chamorro'/'Palauan') for the OUP *Guide to the Malayo-Polynesian languages of Southeast Asia and Madagascar*, and there will also be a chapter about the languages of Sulawesi. I'm lobbying to have the authors use the SIL PUA symbol for the retroflex lateral flap in the phonetic overview, and mention the attestation in Buol, Totoli, Tonsawang, Sangir etc."

Small t with top hook and retroflex hook (f)

A voiceless retroflex implosive. It occurs in Oromo. It is the single missing voiceless implosive letter.

In addition to the above sounds, Oromo is also uniquely disting-
uished from may world languages in that it has a voiceless ingressive
retroflex stop. The IPA symbol for this sound is () but the
-11-
symbol /T/ will be used here. The choice of /T/ over the conven-
tional () is purely a matter of practicality in this paper.
Figure 12. Dissassa (1980: 10–11)

Table 28.1 lists the implosives that have been found in languages. Unlike ejectives, implosives can be either voiced or voiceless. The voiced series of implosives is more common than the voiceless series. There appear to be no implosive fricatives used in any language, although a voiced implosive affricate [d3] is reported to occur in Roglai of Vietnam (Norris McKinney, personal communication) and Komo of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Table 28.1. Implosive sounds	Table 28	.1. Imp	losive	sounds
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	Bilabial	Alveolar	Palato- alveolar	Retroflex (alveolar)	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	
vl.	ę	å				ğ	ç	implosive stop
vd.	6	ď		ď	f	g	ď	
vd.			dз					implosive affricate

The ingressive glottalic airstream mechanism is symbolized by adding a hook to the top of the basic symbol of the corresponding pulmonic sound.

Figure 13. Bickford & Floyd (2006)

b.,	17	t?	t?		k?
	<u>g</u> "	57		57	x?
р 6		f	e d		CL 120

Figure 14. Breckwoldt (1972: 288)

Other letters with retroflex tail

Small o with retroflex hook (q)

The only basic-Latin vowel without a tailed variant. Used for prosodic/allophonic retroflexion in descriptions of Iwaidja. In the figure below it slightly resembles an o-ogonek, but is analogous to other retroflex/rhotic vowels (cf. the a-with-tail $\langle a \rangle$ rather than a-ogonek $\langle a \rangle$ in the transcription following each example).

Firstly, although retroflexion can be realised phonetically on a syllable-initial segment (e.g. /gomdaw/ (I) 'long-necked turtle'), a final segment (e.g. /gunbad/ 'knee'), a vowel (e.g. /be'g/ 'deaf adder'), or various combinations of the above (e.g. dod/ 'louse', /galgii/ 'salmon-tailed catfish' (E:D)), it only needs to be marked once on any syllable and once a syllable is marked as retroflex the loci of retroflexion will be predictable: any apical segment in the syllable and the vowel. Retroflexion is more clearly audible on the vowel in monosyllables, which are phonetically lengthened, as discussed in §2.1.2.

Within a syllable, all apical stops and nasals agree in retroflexion. Thus there are words like /tit/ 'moon',/tot/ 'louse' and /tanki?/ 'near' on the one hand and /nin/ 'small bird', /nan/ 'I saw you' and /tarkujen/ 'long-legged' on the other, but no syllables like */tit/, */tit/, */nan/ or */nan/. The only exceptions to such 'retroflexion agreement' occur when two apical consonants are linked across a morpheme and syllable boundary (see below). Note also that the retroflex continuant /I/ does not participate in these effects and hence we find words like /naxin/ 'snake'.

Figure 15. Evans (2003: 86). Syllable-level retroflexion of consonants and vowels.

Small i with stroke and retroflex hook (i)

Used for Tarascan in the UPSID.



Figure 16. UPSID (1981: 229)

Small tesh with retroflex hook (t-∫ ligature: ţ)

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Polish

[proj<sup>w</sup>ā̃¥̃] 'please'

[proj<sup>J</sup>ā̃¥̃] 'pig'

[y<sup>J</sup>3J̃ãŨ̃] 'he took it'

[ʧ<sup>w</sup>tJi:nã] 'swamp plant'

[Jí tJíQ̃JJtJ̃E] 'luck'
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Figure 17. Laver (1994: 560)

Palatal hook

Turned r (with fishhook) and palatal hook (a, c)

Used for palatalization of English *r*.

effect, transcribing rara as ['ra:r θ]. In all positions it is slightly palatalized before *i*. Between low vowels some speakers, e.g. Dugal Goongarra, pronounce it as a retroflex flap, neutralizing the distinction between *r* and *rd*.

'south'	rana	/ ster/	[L9L']
'egg'	kuru	/kuju/	['k@J@]
'east'	riya	/ Jiya /	
'young girl'	nguriwa	/ ŋuɹiwa /	['ղզվին]
'red ant'	barakurra	/palakura/	[bajekur ~'bajekur]

Figure 18. Evans (1995: 56)

[β v z ð z J H z J z J 3 β ž j j ř r fi] denote weak (lenis) voiced fricatives. When initial in a word or final in a phrase, these sounds are often partly or wholly devoiced (equivalent to [β y z ð z J H z J z J 3 β ž j j ř r]. This fact is indicated by the field workers only when the devocalization is complete or especially noticeable.

Figure 19. Kretzschmar (1994: 124). The palatal *i* is repeated several times on the page. The symbol highlit in yellow goes with the next entry.



Figure 20. Kretzschmar (1994: 116).

Small ezh, dezh and tesh with palatal hook $(3, d_3, f_3)$

Used for palatalization of [3] since the dedicated IPA letter $\langle g \rangle$ was abandoned.

 $[t\int dz]$ denote the consonants in *church*, *judge*. These are regularly so written, though the stop element is probably often more palatalized and somewhat farther retracted than ordinary [t d]. When the palatalization is especially distinct, the sounds may be written as $[tf_3 dz_3]$ or $[t_3 f_3 dz_3]$.

Figure 21. Kretzschmar (1993: 123). $\langle \mathfrak{Z}_{2} \rangle$ is also visible (yellow) in my figures 19–20. On p. 115, Kretzschmar notes that in Kurath et al. (1943) *LANE*, $\langle \mathfrak{I}_{2} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathfrak{Z}_{2} \rangle$ have the hook coming off the bottom of the letters, but they are clearly allographs.



Figure 22. McDavid & O'Cain (1980: 130)

Apical Coronal Lingual (A.C.L.) [t; d; t; d; ts; dz; ts; dz; tθ; dð; t; d] Laminal Coronal Lingual (L.C.L.) [tf; ʤ; tf; ʤ]

Figure 23. Grunwell (1981: 73). $\langle \mathfrak{H} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathfrak{K} \rangle$. The $\langle \mathfrak{H} \rangle$ (yellow) may not look like a ligature, but the context suggests this is just a matter of font support.

Small I with belt and palatal hook (4)

A palatalized lateral fricative. Found for Coastal Chontal and also in Doke.

tion is Coastal Chontal, a Tequistlatecan Otomanguean Mesoamerican Indian language of Central America (Suárez 1983: 36, citing Waterhouse 1962 and Waterhouse and Morrison 1950). The contrasting lateral segments concerned are [1, 1ⁱ, 1[?], 1⁽¹⁾, 1⁽ⁱ⁾], which are, respectively, a voiced lateral resonant, a voiced palatalized lateral resonant, a glottally checked lateral resonant, a voiceless lateral fricative, a voiceless palatalized lateral fricative, (and

Figure 24. Laver (1994: 310). $\left< \frac{4}{3} \right>$ with description.

for. No doubt the use of narrow transcription forms such as x and y for prevelars, t d and p for prepalatals, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{5}$ for palatalized laterals, and t, d, p, b, n, and m for labialized forms, will in certain quarters be

Figure 25. Doke (1926: 22) $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rangle$ along with an unsupported l-z ligature. The latter may be specific to Doke.

Small eng with palatal hook (ŋ,)

A fronted velar, as in Vietnamese; analogous to fronted velars $\ensuremath{{k}}\xspace$ g, in Russian.

rhyme group. According to Professor Eugénie Henderson Vietnamese -nh and -ch are not strictly a palatal nasal and stop, but are fronted velars which she writes as [n] [k].⁶⁹ The vowels in front of them are diphthongized: -anh [ëin], -ênh [ëin], -inh [ïin]. It may well be that in Middle Chinese also there was a palatalighter before the final consonant which would justify a reconstruction /aijn/ [æin] /aijk/ [æik]; and further that in Old Chinese there was a distinct set of palatal final consonants (though even there one might prefer to treat them as combinations of /ŋ/ and /k/+/j/). As far as

Figure 26. Pulleyblank (1970: 237). The hook is centered on the $\langle n \rangle$ here, as it is on the $\langle k \rangle$; these are obviously allographs of $\langle n, k \rangle$.

Expected but as yet unattested

Small dezh with retroflex hook (d-ʒ ligature: ʤ)

The obvious choice for people who use \int and z together with the old IPA ligatures for affricates, as in Figure 17. That example, for Polish, shows only the voiceless affricate /tʃ/, but Polish also has a corresponding voiced affricate that would need to be transcribed the same way. Polish contrasts affricates such as /dʒ/ with plosive-fricative sequences such as /dʒ/.

<u>Ad hoc, no additional attestations</u>

Small lezh with curl (l-g ligature)

This is seen in Figure 25. However, IPA use of $\langle g \rangle$ for palatalized [g^{j}] is obsolete, and I've found no repetition of Doke's usage. At later dates, g with palatal hook would be expected instead.

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C. Technical - Justification

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user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?	yes
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