

Editorial Committee Report and Recommendations for UTC #177 Meeting

Source: Editorial Committee

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A. Unicode Release Topics

A1. Unicode 16.0.0 Report

FYI: The Editorial Committee is continuing review of new content planned for the eventual 16.0 publication of the core specification. In particular, contributing editors have nearly completed delivering drafts of sections for new scripts that we anticipate will be published in 16.0. Recently, we have rolled in reviewed draft sections for the following new scripts. (Section numbers are as they will appear in the revised new 16.0 text.)

- Section 13.21, Gurung Khema
- Section 15.18, Tulu-Tigalari

The draft for the following new script is in preparation:

- Section 13.20, Sunuwar

There is also ongoing work to do routine upkeep of the core specification and to stay current with bug reports and other small tweaks to core specification content mandated by the UTC.

In general, the Editorial Committee can assert that we should not have any trouble completing new content for the core specification to cover the current anticipated repertoire for 16.0. The essential challenge for the Editorial Committee for 16.0 is not the new content related to newly assigned repertoire, but rather the overall change in the planned publication format for the 16.0 core specification. (See below.)

A2. Core Specification Future Development

Will move from the prototype site to the actual repo (unicode-org/core-spec) before the 16.0 Alpha review starts. Test the deployment from the repo to the actual live site, with a (highly) restricted set of content. Not asking the public for detailed review of 16.0 content.

The public is expected to review:

- Revised [16.0 landing page](#)
- Core spec landing page: content of [Title and Copyright](#), plus navigation to chapter pages
- TOC: merger of [Contents](#) PDF and [Web Bookmarks](#) page
- Navigation between chapters
- Token content in some chapters (otherwise just placeholders)
- Placeholder for the single, all-in-one PDF archive
- Various redirections for broken links (web bookmarks, per-chapter PDFs, ...)

We ask people to verify the basic navigation and links work, and they understand what the core spec will look like when it's released.

Content review will open for the Beta review. PDF archive also for Beta.

B. Website Topics

FYI: The Editorial Committee continues to provide minor maintenance of pages on the [Unicode technical website](#).

C. Editorial Committee Process Issues

FYI: The Editorial Committee continues to meet regularly. Our meetings are still held on a biweekly schedule.

This report to the UTC includes feedback from the Editorial Committee meetings held on August 3, August 17, August 31, September 14, September 28, October 12, and October 26, 2023.

Public-facing information about the Editorial Committee and its work is maintained on the [Unicode Editorial Committee](#) page on the website. The Editorial Committee also maintains an internal subsite for use by the committee. People who would like to find out more about the work of the Editorial Committee or contribute to that work should contact the Acting Chair, Louka Ménard Blondin.

D. UTR Topics

FYI: During this cycle, the Editorial Committee has been lightly reviewing UAXes and UTSes.

E. PRI Topics (and other feedback)

Date/Time: Sun Sep 17 02:08:23 CDT 2023

ReportID: [ID20230601052523](#)

Name: Lim Hian-tong

Report Type: Error Report

Opt Subject: Chapter 18 of the Unicode Standard, Version 15.0.0

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1 Chapter 18 of the Unicode Standard contains information about dialects of
2 Chinese that does not reflect the actual situation, as described below.
3 Please consider rewriting the segments that are apparently incorrect or
4 inaccurate.
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6 On page 747, it is claimed that speakers of Chinese languages other than
7 Mandarin learn to read and write Mandarin pronouncing it with the rules of
8 their own language, which, although still practiced in Hong Kong and Macao,
9 does not apply to most parts of the Chinese-speaking world. The majority of
10 Chinese-medium schools in the 21st century teach written Mandarin text with
11 Mandarin pronunciation exclusively, regardless of students' dialectal
12 backgrounds. The situation metaphorized as having Spanish children
13 pronouncing French text as if it were Spanish hardly happens anymore
14 outside Hong Kong and Macao.
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16 Another paragraph on page 747 states that modern Chinese languages are
17 almost never seen in printed form except for Cantonese, which is not the
18 fact. A significant example of various modern Chinese languages in printed
19 form would be the case in Taiwan where lessons of the Taiwanese, Hakka and
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20 Matsu languages, conducted with standardized writing systems of these
21 languages, have been made available to every single student for more than
22 two decades. Similar approaches to teach local languages with orthographies
23 based on their respective vernacular forms do exist in certain schools in
24 the PRC as well.
25
26 Page 765 describes the use of Bopomofo letters for the phonetic
27 representation of southern Chinese dialects as “never fully standardized,”
28 despite the fact that a set of Bopomofo symbols designed for the Matsu
29 dialect is officially in use on the Matsu islands.

FYI: The Editorial Committee has reviewed this and has accordingly created an issue to track discussion.

Date/Time: Mon Sep 25 10:25:54 CDT 2023

ReportID: [ID20230925102554](#)

Name: Philippe Verdy

Report Type: Error Report

Opt Subject: /charts/PDF/U10600.pdf

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1 The annotations for two Linear A characters seem to be obviously wrong:
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3 U+10703 𐤀 LINEAR A SIGN A600 • 10762 𐤁 a802, 10741 𐤂 a702 b
4 U+10704 𐤄 LINEAR A SIGN A601 • 10762 𐤁 a802, 10748 𐤃 a709 1
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6 The "base" character described should be U+10764 𐤄 linear A sign A804,
7 instead of U+10762 𐤁 linear A sign A802:
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9 U+10703 𐤀 LINEAR A SIGN A600 • 10764 𐤄 a804, 10741 𐤂 a702 b
10 U+10704 𐤄 LINEAR A SIGN A601 • 10764 𐤄 a804, 10748 𐤃 a709 1
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12 This bug occurs in the two charts:
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14 * /charts/PDF/U10600.pdf
15 * /charts/fr/PDF/U10600.pdf
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17 and is also present in the NamesList.txt file in the UCD containing
18 annotations, used to automatically generate these charts:
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20 * /Public/UCD/latest/ucd/NamesList.txt
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22 10703 LINEAR A SIGN A600
23 * 10762 a802, 10741 a702 b
24 10704 LINEAR A SIGN A601
25 * 10762 a802, 10748 a709 1
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27 which should be:
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29 10703 LINEAR A SIGN A600
30 * 10764 a804, 10741 a702 b
31 10704 LINEAR A SIGN A601
32 * 10764 a804, 10748 a709 1
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FYI: This has already been corrected in the 16.0 annotations draft for the names list.

Date/Time: Mon Oct 16 12:01:45 CDT 2023

ReportID: [ID20231016120145](#)

Name: Denny Vrandečić

Report Type: Error Report

Opt Subject: Unicode Standard 15.0

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1 | Page 10, Section 2.1 (Architectural Context), Subsection "Text Elements,
2 | Characters, and Text Processes", contains the following sentence:
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4 | "For example, in traditional German orthography, the letter combination "ck"
5 | is a text element for the process of hyphenation (where it appears
6 | as "k-k"), but not for the process of sorting."
7 |
8 | "traditional German orthography" seems confusing here, given that this has
9 | not been the case since the 1996 orthographic reform, i.e. more than a
10 | quarter century ago. I would suggest to change the term to
11 | either "pre-1996 German orthography" (to be explicit) or "(old / former /
12 | previous /dated) German orthography" (to avoid the potentially loaded
13 | term "traditional").
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FYI: This is already fixed in the draft for Unicode 16.0.

G. Miscellaneous Topics

(None noted.)