

## Further Explanation on VARIATION MARK

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Originally, IRG proposed IDEOGRAPHIC VARIATION MARK to indicate the Ideographic variants. IRG does not disagree to generalize the mark as a general VARIATION MARK as WG2 suggested.

### Reference

IRG N453, IRG N524

### Proposed Description :

1. The variation mark is defined as an independent graphic character.
2. The variation mark can be followed by either a CC-Data-element or an Ideograph Description Sequence, which we refer to as the variant operand.
3. A variation mark followed by a variant operand provides hints for the possible variation of the variant operand either in shape, semantic, or any other interpretation.
4. The sender shall not assume any specific interpretation of the variant operand by the recipient.
5. The recipient may interpret the variant operand in any manner.
6. The exact interpretation of the variant operand should be agreed upon by the sender and the recipient through other means
7. The interpretation and the means of the agreement between the sender and the recipient are out of the scope of the standard.