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W3C Internationalization Activity Report

This report summarizes recent W3C Internationalization work relevant to ideographic text and CJK support. W3C participates in IRG through its Category C liaison relationship with ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2.

1. W3C participation in IRG

W3C Internationalization has begun participation in IRG activities, with the aim of strengthening coordination between ideographic encoding work and Web internationalization requirements. Areas of particular interest include character use on the Web, text layout, ruby, punctuation, language metadata, and implementation feedback from Web technologies.

2. CJK layout and ruby

The Internationalization Working Group published an updated Draft Note of “Requirements for Chinese Text Layout (中文排版需求)” on 2026-08-04. It also advanced “HTML Ruby Markup Extensions” to a Candidate Recommendation Snapshot on 2026-06-04, supporting interoperable markup for ruby annotations widely used in East Asian text.

3. Character handling, strings, and metadata

On 2026-07-16, W3C published First Public Working Drafts of “Character Model for the World Wide Web: String Matching” and “Strings on the Web: Language and Direction Metadata”. These documents provide guidance for interoperable handling of normalization, string identity, language, and direction metadata in Web specifications and implementations.

4. Ongoing review of Web specifications

W3C Internationalization continues horizontal review of Web specifications and CSS issues for language- and script-sensitive behavior. Some recent discussions are related to full-width punctuation and CSS text spacing. Feedback from IRG experts on CJK-specific requirements and implementation issues is welcome.