

Re: ESC Report for 2021 Q1 UTC





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1. Update on 14.0

The Emoji Subcommittee (ESC) has no additions to the provisional emoji candidate list ([L2/20-242 R2](#)) discussed at the Q3 meeting. As we adjust to the new Unicode timeline we plan to change our terminology. “Provisional” list will be known as the “Alpha” list and “Draft” will become “Beta”. This conforms to the usage of alpha and beta for the Unicode Standard, CLDR, ICU).

Moving Forward, Emoji Schedule:

-  Emoji Submissions Open, **April 2**
-  Emoji Submissions Close, **Aug 31**
-  ESC Alpha Candidates approved by UTC, **October** (Q4 UTC)
 - Repertoire and code points final.
 - Suggested CLDR names & sort order not final.
-  Emoji Beta Candidates Finalized by UTC, **January** (Q1 UTC) following year
 - English CLDR Names are final, goes for translation, etc.

Below is the proposed Unicode 14/15 schedule:

Date	Unicode 14	Unicode 15
JAN 2021	JAN 19 & 21 UTC 166; finalize planned U14 repertoire incl. emoji sequences 🤗	
FEB 2021	FEB 10 CLDR 39 public alpha FEB 17 ICU 69 feature freeze	
MAR 2021	MARCH 03 CLDR 39 public beta MARCH 10 ICU 69 release candidate MARCH 31 CLDR 39/ICU 69	
APR 2021	APRIL 27 & 29 UTC 167; emoji 14 repertoire approved 🤗	APRIL 2 Emoji submissions open
May 2021	May 15 English CLDR emoji names, keywords final; emoji collation at beta	
AUG 2021		AUG 31 Emoji submissions close
SEP 2021	SEPT 21 Release of data files for U14 including Emoji 14	
OCT 2021		UTC 169; emoji alpha candidates proposed
JAN 2022		UTC 170; emoji beta candidates finalized

2. Progress on stated goals from document [L2/20-132](#)

Identifying globally relevant emoji

- Category managers are consulting with experts and creating guidelines for the general public interested in submitting documentation.
 - Standing Guidelines on proposing Hand Gestures [L2/20-274](#)

Converging on designs early (*No new proposals, just FYI*)

- Over the past year, our intake process included more scrutiny on proposal designs. As 13.0 and 13.1 rolls out we're starting to see these results pay off with less fragmentation. This is an important first step to future-proof emoji reducing the likelihood to add new emoji to resolve fragmentation issues (ex: [FACE WITH SPIRAL EYES](#) and [FACE WITH HAND OVER MOUTH.](#))

3. Emoji 15.0

Progress on Priorities for Emoji 15.0

Document [L2/20-197](#) details the current priorities of the ESC and highlights the order and approximate timeframe in which the UTC may expect to see recommendations for new provisional candidates. Some progress bulleted below (note these are not proposals and separate proposals would be required for any additions listed below).

- Priority List for Hand Gesture Emoji [L2/20-282](#)
- Activities and Events (*In Progress*)
- People (*In Progress*)
- Smiley (*In Progress*)

RGI Flag Criteria Update

Moving forward, proposals to add [subdivision flags](#) or continental regions as RGI will not be considered by the Emoji Subcommittee or the UTC.

4. QID

The Emoji Subcommittee is planning on following up on the QID approach and recommends deferring this discussion to the 2021 Q2 meeting. This will give us more time to produce a solid recommendation.