

Emoji Subcommittee Report Q4, 2021

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To: Unicode Technical Committee (UTC)

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TL;DR 

This document includes

- 1 the ESC's recommendations for UTC approval of 21 draft emoji candidates for Unicode 15.0; and
- 2 a recommendation that the UTC stop accepting emoji flag proposals that formerly qualified under Category F4.





1. ESC Emoji Recommendations for Unicode 15.0



Our recommendations for Unicode 15.0 are derived from existing provisional emoji candidates and emoji that were previously added to larger lists. We are proposing a total of 21 draft emoji candidates, all of which require new code points. Two of them require skin tone modifier sequences. Among these 21 proposed draft emoji candidates, BLACK BIRD was a previous draft emoji candidate. The following is a breakdown of the proposed draft emoji candidates by category, from most to least:

- **Animals and Nature:** 7
- **Smileys and Emotion:** 4
- **Objects:** 2
- **Food and Drink:** 2
- **People and Hands:** 2
- **Activities:** 2
- **Travel and Transportation:** 1
- **Symbols:** 1



KEY

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| Blue Cell | Emoji_Modifier_Base=Yes |
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| Smileys & Emotion | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| emotion | | | | | |
| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
| 1 |  | LIGHT BLUE HEART | Cyan, teal, light blue, heart | L2/21-202 | 0 |
| 2 |  | GRAY HEART | Gray, silver, slate, heart | L2/21-201 | 0 |
| 3 |  | PINK HEART | Pink, like, cute, love, heart | L2/21-203 | 0 |
| face-neutral-skeptical | | | | | |
| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
| 4 |  | SHAKING FACE | Shock, shaking, face, earthquake, vibrate, | L2/21-214 | 0 |

| People & Body | | | | | |
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| hands | | | | | |
| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
| 5 |  | LEFTWARDS PUSHING HAND | push, refuse, decline, leftward, stop, wait, high-five | L2/21-216 | 5 |
| 6 |  | RIGHTWARDS PUSHING HAND | push, refuse, decline, rightward, stop, wait, high-five | L2/21-216 | 5 |


Food & Drink**food-vegetable**

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|---|-----------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7 |  | GINGER | spice, root, beer, | L2/21-200 | 0 |
| 8 |  | PEA POD | edamame, pod, beans, vegetable, legume, pea | L2/21-199 | 0 |




Animals & Nature**plant-flower**

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|---|-----------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 |  | HYACINTH | flower, nowruz, haftsin, haftseen, purple, lavender, bluebonnet, lupine, snapdragon | L2/21-215 | 0 |



animal-marine

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|----|---|-----------|--|---------------------------|---|
| 10 |  | JELLYFISH | marine, invertebrate, jelly, stinger, burn, ouch | L2/21-217 | 0 |
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animal-bird

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|---|-----------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11 |  | WING | flying, angelic, aviation, bird, mythology | L2/21-198 | 0 |
| 12 |  | BLACK BIRD | bird, crow, raven, black | L2/19-307 | 0 |
| 13 |  | GOOSE | bird, honk, fowl, silly, white | L2/21-219 | 0 |



animal-mammal

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 14 |  | MOOSE FACE | antlers, mammal, animal, elk | L2/21-197 | 0 |
| 15 |  | DONKEY | mule, burro, stubborn, mammal, animal | L2/21-196 | 0 |

Travel & Transportation**place-religious**



| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 16 |  | GURDWARA | Sikh, temple, religion, building, | L2/21-195 | 0 |

Activities**musical-instrument**

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|---|-----------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 17 |  | MARACAS | music, noise, celebrate, shake, instrument, rattle, rhythm, percussion | L2/21-194 | 0 |
| 18 |  | FLUTE | toot, flautist, recorder, music, woodwind, bamboo, pipe, fife | L2/21-193 | 0 |


Objects**clothing**

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
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| 19 |  | FOLDING HAND FAN | fan, cooling, hot, heat, shy, coy, spread, flutter, dance | L2/21-192 | 0 |
| 20 |  | HAIR PICK | Afro, hair, pick, comb | L2/21-218 | 0 |

Symbols

av-symbol

| Nº | IMAGE | CLDR SHORT NAME | CLDR KEYWORDS | Proposal | Additional Sequence Count |
|----|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 21 |  | WIRELESS SYMBOL | internet, wireless, computer, network | L2/21-191 | 0 |

2. Closing the Door on Flag Category F4

The Emoji Subcommittee receives a large number of proposals to introduce identity flags into the Unicode Standard. There are significant challenges with such flag proposals, such as their transient nature (many identity flag designs have changed since their addition in 2016) and rationale (the inclusion of one identity is the exclusion of another identity).

As discussed in previous reports, flags are the least frequently-used emoji, and yet consume a non-trivial portion of emoji fonts' file size. After years of consideration, the Emoji Subcommittee will no longer intake flag proposals based on [Category F4](#). We encourage vendors to instead support inline images, such as stickers, GIFs, and so on.