Specials

Range: FFF0-FFFF

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Interlinear annotation

Used internally for Japanese Ruby (furigana), etc.

FFF9 INTERLINEAR ANNOTATION ANCHOR

· marks start of annotated text

FFFA INTERLINEAR ANNOTATION SEPARATOR

• marks start of annotating character(s)

FFFB M INTERLINEAR ANNOTATION TERMINATOR

• marks end of annotation block

Replacement characters

FFFC OBJ OBJECT REPLACEMENT CHARACTER

• used as placeholder in text for an otherwise unspecified object

FFFD • REPLACEMENT CHARACTER

- used to replace an incoming character whose value is unknown or unrepresentable in Unicode
- compare the use of 001A sub as a control character to indicate the substitute function

Noncharacters

These codes are intended for process internal uses, but are not permitted for interchange.

FFFE <not a character>

- the value FFFE is guaranteed not to be a Unicode character at all
- may be used to detect byte order by contrast with FEFF which is a character
- \rightarrow FEFF zww zero width no-break space

FFFF <not a character>

• the value FFFF is guaranteed not to be a Unicode character at all