

Shape Data Sets



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This document details of the various glyph data sets being attempted to be included in full (or part) based on authenticity and evidences.

It also details what appears to be the boundary of what should & shouldn't be included and what is intentionally excluded.

Conscripts or Neography created for an existing or extinct or new language (or for a particular niche), if & only if it is agreed by committee or group or panel to be used regularly then it would be included.

Boundary of inclusion

Historic scripts, fonts (including calligraphy), notations, ciphers, numerals and undeciphered / uncategorised sets

Fonts from digital age (after 1960s CE) for existing scripts are excluded and only font as face value for Unicode code points used & others for which they are available will be used



Very little information

- Archaic Miao Square Script
- Baima / Namuyi Tibetan hieroglyphs
- Cacaxtla
- Duota
- Izapa
- Jing (Zinan)
- Kabiye
- Kadu
- Komo Signs
- Sinuwat
- Tajin
- Takalik Abaj
- Tula

Yet to decide

- , German dialectology (Teuthonista) , Transitus Fluvii , Toki Pona (Sitelen Pona, Sitelen sitelen) , Aksara tambo ruweh , Gar Dusun
- Hmong script (Pa Chai, Ntawv Savina, Romanised alphabets sets, Hmong Lao, Whitelock systems, Trung script, Miao Chinese characters)
- Cuban Abakuá tradition (Anaforuana or Gandó)
- Vanautu Sand-art, Vévé Haitian Vodou, Rangoli
- Fon-applique, Korhogo , Bogolanfini , Hajichi , Kodo-patterns , Tai Daeng Shaman, Hu-Ronko , Cenda , Dinagat , Goguryeo, Hmong Embroidery
- Aboriginal memorial (Funeral poles or *dupun*), Totempoles (similarly - Chemamüll, Serge, Tiki, Jangseung, Huabiao, Stogastulpis, Irminsul, Maypole), Lukasa memory board
- Tamga (clan symbols), deity symbols, Heraldry-quartering (Etiquette), Palmette , Wuyue Pictogram , Mayan emblems signs (other Emblems), Monogram (Roman coin) , Gelimu (Gemu, Daba, Gopa, Marimasa, Larko)

Unified sets exclusion

Given Unicode sets contain mostly graphemes per script & are unified thus excluded independent sets of glyphs per variety - essentially independent **writing systems** aren't integrated. For examples :

Batak

Old Italic

Canadian Syllabic

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Sets Excluded

Items created for propaganda, or hoaxes, or to generate beliefs among followers

Ahnenerbe (Ariosophy)

Latter Day Saint movement artefacts :

Kinderhook plates (Illinois, USA)

Voree plates (Wisconsin, USA)

book of Mormons archive like Elephant Slabs, Metcalf stone, Peruvian Gold plate, Ecuador Copper plate, tablet of Parahyba, Tlatico cylinder seal Mexico

pseudo-Phoenician from Glozel France

Jindai moji or Kamiyo moji (Hokkaido, Woshite, Izumo, Ahriru, Ahiru kusa, Tsukushi, Katakamuna, Ryukyu, Toyokuni, Tsushima)

Alifuru

Sets Excluded

- Script "Pareidolia" or pará (παρά) -script ?
- Game signs (Mahjong, Chess , Playing Cards, Domino, etc...)
- "Alien Writing" (seance communications), Sigil, Simic & Asemic writing
- Company logos and / or Trademark and Registered icons
- Technology based : Barcode & QRcodes
- Biosemiotics (animal marks , fingerprints, palmistry)

Sets Excluded

- For certain constructed / artificial Languages and some Script (Omniglot - Conscript) created by individuals and not used in any context outside of said individuals or groups (like fictional writing : books, movie, plays, experiments, etc.)

Aiha, Cirth, Sarati, Tengwar, Klingon (piqad)

Sets Excluded

- The 1 document publication :
Vellara
Dialectal Palaeogtype (survey)
MS 73525 (British Library)
- Sigil (angel or magic communications)
Magi , Angelic (Celestial) , Malachim , Enochian (Kelley, Dee, Crowley) ,
Écritures Martiennes (Martian) , book Pantographia



Sets Excluded

- Lingua ignota Codex Seraphinianus
- Voynich (artificial language)
- Hamptonese
- Rohonc
- Dorabella

Sets Excluded

- Multi-font (or script) Dictionary & universal Phonology books by individuals :

Avramović

Franklin Phonetic

Global Alphabet

Srpski

Zhelekhivka

Universall Alphabet

Lodwick

Vtopiensium Alphabetum



Sets Excluded

- Scripts yet to be approved by committee
Sankethi