# Unblocking #2515

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### **Unicode Tables**

#### 68 & 69: property names

Table 68: Non-binary Unicode property aliases and their canonical property names

Property name and aliases	Canonical property name		
General_Category	General_Category		
gc			
Script	Script		
sc			
Script_Extensions	Script_Extensions		
scx			

#### Table 69: Binary Unicode property aliases and their canonical property names

Property name and aliases	Canonical property name	
ASCII	ASCII	
ASCII_Hex_Digit	ASCII_Hex_Digit	
AHex		
Alphabetic	Alphabetic	
Alpha		
Any	Any	

#### 70 & 71: property values

#### Table 70: Value aliases and canonical values for the Unicode property General\_Category

Property value and aliases	Canonical property value		
Cased_Letter	Cased_Letter		
LC			
Close_Punctuation	Close_Punctuation		
Pe			
Connector_Punctuation	Connector_Punctuation		

### Table 71: Value aliases and canonical values for the Unicode properties Script and Script\_Extensions

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Property value and aliases	Canonical property value			
Adlam	Adlam			
Adlm				
Ahom	Ahom			
Anatolian_Hieroglyphs	Anatolian_Hieroglyphs			
Hluw				
Arabic	Arabic			

### Unicode Tables: Why not just normatively refer to Unicode?

68 & 69: property names

may not want to automatically pull in new property names or aliases

70 & 71: property values

- do want to automatically pull in new property values and aliases; no reason to object
- Unicode does not provide a canonical spelling; instead they recommend to do loose matching of names/values (ignores casing, whitespace, hyphens, underscores)
- TC39 previously decided not to do loose matching, so we require a canonical spelling

PR #2515 updates Table 71

## Options for a way forward

- 1. Approve #2515 via consensus and require all PRs affecting any of these tables to achieve consensus
- 2. Allow loose matching of Unicode property values and possibly property names remove tables 70/71 and normatively reference Unicode
- 3. Defer spelling of property values to that used in Unicode spec\*, even though it's explicitly non-canonical
  - o remove tables 70/71 and normatively reference Unicode
- 4. Ask Unicode Consortium to provide canonical spellings for property values and possibly property names
  - o remove tables 70/71 and normatively reference Unicode
- 5. Updates to tables 70/71 use spelling from Unicode spec\* by convention, and do not require consensus
  - \* NOTE: the names/values are not spelled consistently in the Unicode spec either, but we could define some canonicalisation routine to derive a canonical spelling