**Proposal for emoji: SAD POOP**

 A cartoon of a poop

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# Identification

1. Keywords: ***sad poop, frowning poop, poop***
2. Category: *face-costume* 
   1. After *pile of poo* 💩

A group of cartoon faces

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# Images

1. ZIP File: see attached zip of 18x18 and 72x72, RGB and black & white PNG images included with submission
2. License: These drone images were created by Jonathan Dandois. I certify that the images are public domain, thereby making the images suitable for incorporation into the Unicode Standards.
3. Document: 18x18 and 72x72 RGB and BW PNGs

# Factors for Inclusion

This purpose of this proposal is to suggest that a new emoji for *sad poop*, or frowning poop, be including in the Unicode© Emoji List. The proposed emoji character is similar to the traditional “pile of poo” U+1F4A9 but with a sad or frowning face and upturned eyebrows indicating a sad or distressed emotion.

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The author apologizes for the scatological nature of this proposal and the gross themes and messages that it invokes. Even so, we are all human and as the popular book goes. “Everybody Poops.” The current canonical poop emoji “pile of poo” is smiling and has become a ubiquitous symbol throughout society. An accompanying “sad poop” furthers the human experience and has wide application throughout the techno-sphere of emoji use.

A white rectangular object with a black stripe

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1. **Expresses Multiple Concepts**
   1. By itself, the sad poop might be used to convey an urgent “biological” need. For example, waiting for a friend or partner, you text “what’s taking so long???”, the response of a lone sad poop  conveys all necessary meaning.
   2. Parents would only need to text one emoji sad poop  to convey all the meaning necessary to their partner for a 4am wake up of a new baby.
   3. The sad poop emoji can be used to convey a response for any number of expressive negative reactions:
      1. “How was the movie?” 
      2. “My interview did not go well…..  “
      3. “Does it smell in here?? 
2. **Can be used with other emoji to convey additional concepts**

Sad poop  is applicable in many scenarios to convey “bad things”

* **Unpleasant Surprise**
  + 🎂  : A cake that looks nice but tastes terrible
* **Technical Issues**
  + 📱  : Phone issues or software glitches causing frustration.
* **Bad Day**
  + ☔ : A rainy day going poorly.
* **Disappointment in Food**
  + 🍔  : Disappointment with a meal, like a burger that looks good but tastes bad.
* **Messy Situation**
  + 🏠 : A messy or chaotic home situation.
* **Regret**
  + 🛒 : Regret after making a poor purchase.
* **Health Issues**
  + 🤒 : Feeling unwell or having a stomach problem.
* **Work Troubles**
  + 🖥️ : Technical difficulties or bad news at work.

1. **Breaks New Ground**

* While it is true that “pile of poo” + “crying face” 💩😢conveys a similar meaning, technically the emote is misleading since “pile of poo” is generally rendered with a smiling face by all major emoji renderers.
* Indeed, it is believed that the original 1997 emoji set showed “pile of poo” as smiling <https://blog.emojipedia.org/correcting-the-record-on-the-first-emoji-set/>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poop_emoji>

A screenshot of a video game

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* While a smiling pile of poo can convey “oh sh\*t!” and similar sarcasms, a frowning pile of poo can convey the other side of human emotion along with a touch of humor. A sad or crying face is just a sad or crying face, but a “sad poop” conveys “oh sh\*t, this is really a bummer”.
* Is this breaking new ground at all? Perhaps not, given previous history with this emoji. But the rules do not prevent it from ever being submitted again.
  + <https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17393-wg2-emoji-feedback.pdf>
  + <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/charliewarzel/inside-the-great-poop-emoji-feud>

1. **Is legible and visually distinctive**

The proposed drone emoji is a *distinct*, *recognizable*, and *visually iconic entity*.

**Distinct**

* Sad poop  is distinct from “pile of poo” 💩 because of the facial expression

**Recognizable**

* It may depend on how the renderers (Google, Mozilla, Microsoft, Apple, etc) design and implement the emoji, but currently all seem to agree that the current “pile of poo” is smiling. Therefore a “sad poop” would be recognizable in comparison to a smiling poo.

**Visually Iconic Entity**

* Everybody poops. Everybody can recognize the emotion and meaning of a sad poop, no matter their native language.

1. **Has a high usage level**
   1. **Frequency** 
      1. Google Video Search:

[https://www.google.com/search?tbm=vid&q=sad poop](https://www.google.com/search?tbm=vid&q=sad%20poop)

A screenshot of a computer

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* + 1. Google Books

[https://www.google.com/search?tbm=bks&q=sad poop](https://www.google.com/search?tbm=bks&q=sad%20poop)

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* + 1. Google Trends: Web Search <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all&q=elephant,poop>

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* + 1. Google Trends: Image Search

<https://trends.google.com/trends/explore?date=all_2008&gprop=images&q=elephant,poop>

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* + 1. ***Google Books; Ngram Viewer***

<https://books.google.com/ngrams/graph?content=elephant%2Cpoop&year_start=1500&year_end=2019&corpus=en-2019&smoothing=3>

A graph of a graph

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1. **Completes and incomplete category**

* N/A, the proposed emoji does not complete any other sequences.

1. **Is needed for compatibility with popular existing systems**
   1. N/A – no compelling examples

# Selection Factors - Exclusion

1. **Already representable** 
   * As above, while it is true that “pile of poo” + “crying face” 💩😢conveys a similar meaning, technically the emote is misleading since “pile of poo” is generally rendered with a smiling face by all major emoji renderers
2. **Overly specific**

* Because the only other current poo emoji is canonically smiling, including a sad poop emoji seems to be an appropriate level of specificity.

1. **Open-ended**

* Given prior history with this subject, <https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17393-wg2-emoji-feedback.pdf>, <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/charliewarzel/inside-the-great-poop-emoji-feud> – it is difficult to argue that including “sad poop”  is not open-ended, potentially leading to other expressions and “faces” of poop.
* Even so, in 2024 to exclude any one emoji with the argument “well if we include this NOW, does that mean we have to include MORE like it later?” seems a cop-out. One look at the current slew of emojis and recent submissions suggests no end in sight.
* With Phoenix [🐦‍🔥](https://www.unicode.org/emoji/charts/emoji-list.html#1f426_200d_1f525) recently added to *animal-bird*, was there concern that the “Loch Ness Monster” would be added to *animal-marine* in a future cycle?

1. **Transient** 
   * Everybody Poops.
2. **Faulty Comparison**
   * Again, given the history, the case for Faulty Comparison is easy to fall into..
   * Even so, consider the recent addition of brown mushroom [](https://www.unicode.org/emoji/charts/emoji-list.html#1f344_200d_1f7eb) to *food-vegetable* in comparison to mushroom [](https://www.unicode.org/emoji/charts/emoji-list.html#1f344) in *plant-other*.
   * The inclusion or exclusion of an emoji based on both prior and future additions to the Unicode© appears to constantly defy it’s own rules for reasons unknown to the proposers.
   * The sad poop emoji is a concept all of its own, separate from

# Other information

The proposed sad poop emoji is original artwork prepared by the submitter. A quick google search for concepts like “sad poop” reveal multiple similar designs that reflect that the proposed emoji will be distinct, anyone seeing that emoji would agree immediately on its base definition: <https://www.google.com/search?q=sad+poop>

Thank you for your time and consideration of my proposal.

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