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Uses

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- [jquast/blessed](#): a thin, practical wrapper around terminal capabilities in Python.
- [prompt-toolkit/python-prompt-toolkit](#): a Library for building powerful interactive command lines in Python.
- [dbcli/pgcli](#): Postgres CLI with autocompletion and syntax highlighting.
- [thomasballinger/curtsies](#): a Curses-like terminal wrapper with a display based on compositing 2d arrays of text.
- [selectel/pyte](#): Simple VTXXX-compatible linux terminal emulator.
- [astanin/python-tabulate](#): Pretty-print tabular data in Python, a library and a command-line utility.
- [rspeer/python-ffty](#): Fixes mojibake and other glitches in Unicode text.
- [nbedos/termtosvg](#): Terminal recorder that renders sessions as SVG animations.
- [peterbrittain/asciimatics](#): Package to help people create full-screen text UIs.
- [python-cmd2/cmd2](#): A tool for building interactive command line apps
- [stratis-storage/stratis-cli](#): CLI for the Stratis project
- [ihabunek/toot](#): A Mastodon CLI/TUI client
- [saulpw/visidata](#): Terminal spreadsheet multitool for discovering and arranging data

Other Languages

- [timoxley/wcwidth](#): JavaScript
- [janlelis/unicode-display_width](#): Ruby
- [alecrabbit/php-wcwidth](#): PHP
- [Text::CharWidth](#): Perl
- [bluebear94/Terminal-WCWidth](#): Perl 6
- [mattn/go-runewidth](#): Go
- [grepsuzette/wcwidth](#): Haxe

- [aperezdc/lua-wcwidth](#): Lua
- [joachimschmidt557/zig-wcwidth](#): Zig
- [fumiya/wcwidth-cjk](#): `LD_PRELOAD` override
- [joshuarubin/wcwidth9](#): Unicode version 9 in C

History

0.2.13 2024-01-06

- **Bugfix** zero-width support for Hangul Jamo (Korean)

0.2.12 2023-11-21

- re-release to remove .pyi file misplaced in wheel files [Issue #101](#).

0.2.11 2023-11-20

- Include tests files in the source distribution ([PR #98](#), [PR #100](#)).

0.2.10 2023-11-13

- **Bugfix** accounting of some kinds of emoji sequences using U+FE0F Variation Selector 16 ([PR #97](#)).
- **Updated** [Specification](#).

0.2.9 2023-10-30

- **Bugfix** zero-width characters used in Emoji ZWJ sequences, Balinese, Jamo, Devanagari, Tamil, Kannada and others ([PR #91](#)).
- **Updated** to include [Specification](#) of character measurements.

0.2.8 2023-09-30

- Include requirements files in the source distribution ([PR #82](#)).

0.2.7 2023-09-28

- **Updated** tables to include Unicode Specification 15.1.0.
- Include `bin`, `docs`, and `tox.ini` in the source distribution

0.2.6 2023-01-14

- **Updated** tables to include Unicode Specification 14.0.0 and 15.0.0.
- **Changed** developer tools to use pip-compile, and to use jinja2 templates for code generation in `bin/update-tables.py` to prepare for possible compiler optimization release.

0.2.1 .. 0.2.5 2020-06-23

- **Repository** changes to update tests and packaging issues, and begin tagging repository with matching release versions.

0.2.0 2020-06-01

- **Enhancement**: Unicode version may be selected by exporting the Environment variable `UNICODE_VERSION`, such as `13.0`, or `6.3.0`. See the [jqvst/ucs-detect](#) CLI utility for automatic detection.
- **Enhancement**: API Documentation is published to [readthedocs.org](#).
- **Updated** tables for *all* Unicode Specifications with files published in a programmatically consumable format, versions 4.1.0 through 13.0

0.1.9 2020-03-22

- **Performance** optimization by [Avram Lubkin](#), [PR #35](#).
- **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 13.0.0.

0.1.8 2020-01-01

- **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 12.0.0. ([PR #30](#)).

0.1.7 2016-07-01

- **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 9.0.0. ([PR #18](#)).

0.1.6 2016-01-08 *Production/Stable*

- `LICENSE` file now included with distribution.

0.1.5 2015-09-13 *Alpha*

- **Bugfix**: Resolution of “[combining](#) character width” issue, most especially those that previously returned -1 now often (correctly) return 0. resolved by [Philip Craig](#) via [PR #11](#).

- **Deprecated:** The module path `wcwidth.table_comb` is no longer available, it has been superseded by module path `wcwidth.table_zero`.

0.1.4 2014-11-20 Pre-Alpha

- **Feature:** `wcswidth()` now determines printable length for (most) [combining](#) characters. The developer's tool [bin/wcwidth-browser.py](#) is improved to display [combining](#) characters when provided the `--combining` option ([Thomas Ballinger](#) and [Leta Montopoli PR #5](#)).
- **Feature:** added static analysis ([prospector](#)) to testing framework.

0.1.3 2014-10-29 Pre-Alpha

- **Bugfix:** 2nd parameter of `wcswidth` was not honored. ([Thomas Ballinger, PR #4](#)).

0.1.2 2014-10-28 Pre-Alpha

- **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 7.0.0. ([Thomas Ballinger, PR #3](#)).

0.1.1 2014-05-14 Pre-Alpha

- Initial release to pypi, Based on Unicode Specification 6.3.0

This code was originally derived directly from C code of the same name, whose latest version is available at <https://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mgk25/ucs/wcwidth.c>:

```
* Markus Kuhn - 2007-05-26 (Unicode 5.0)
*
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* for any purpose and without fee is hereby granted. The author
* disclaims all warranties with regard to this software.
```

Unicode release files

This library aims to be forward-looking, portable, and most correct. The most current release of this API is based on the Unicode Standard release files:

DerivedGeneralCategory-4.1.0.txt

Date: 2005-02-26, 02:35:50 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-5.0.0.txt

Date: 2006-02-27, 23:41:27 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-5.1.0.txt

Date: 2008-03-20, 17:54:57 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-5.2.0.txt

Date: 2009-08-22, 04:58:21 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-6.0.0.txt

Date: 2010-08-19, 00:48:09 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-6.1.0.txt

Date: 2011-11-27, 05:10:22 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-6.2.0.txt

Date: 2012-05-20, 00:42:34 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-6.3.0.txt

Date: 2013-07-05, 14:08:45 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-7.0.0.txt

Date: 2014-02-07, 18:42:12 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-8.0.0.txt

Date: 2015-02-13, 13:47:11 GMT [MD]

DerivedGeneralCategory-9.0.0.txt

Date: 2016-06-01, 10:34:26 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-10.0.0.txt

Date: 2017-03-08, 08:41:49 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-11.0.0.txt

Date: 2018-02-21, 05:34:04 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-12.0.0.txt

Date: 2019-01-22, 08:18:28 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-12.1.0.txt

Date: 2019-03-10, 10:53:08 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-13.0.0.txt

Date: 2019-10-21, 14:30:32 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-14.0.0.txt


Date: 2021-07-10, 00:35:08 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-15.0.0.txt

Date: 2022-04-26, 23:14:35 GMT

DerivedGeneralCategory-15.1.0.txt

Date: 2023-07-28, 23:34:02 GMT

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EastAsianWidth-4.1.0.txt

Date: 2005-03-17, 15:21:00 PST [KW]

EastAsianWidth-5.0.0.txt

Date: 2006-02-15, 14:39:00 PST [KW]

EastAsianWidth-5.1.0.txt

Date: 2008-03-20, 17:42:00 PDT [KW]

EastAsianWidth-5.2.0.txt

Date: 2009-06-09, 17:47:00 PDT [KW]

EastAsianWidth-6.0.0.txt

Date: 2010-08-17, 12:17:00 PDT [KW]

EastAsianWidth-6.1.0.txt

Date: 2011-09-19, 18:46:00 GMT [KW]

EastAsianWidth-6.2.0.txt

Date: 2012-05-15, 18:30:00 GMT [KW]

EastAsianWidth-6.3.0.txt

Date: 2013-02-05, 20:09:00 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-7.0.0.txt

Date: 2014-02-28, 23:15:00 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-8.0.0.txt

Date: 2015-02-10, 21:00:00 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-9.0.0.txt

Date: 2016-05-27, 17:00:00 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-10.0.0.txt

Date: 2017-03-08, 02:00:00 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-11.0.0.txt

Date: 2018-05-14, 09:41:59 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-12.0.0.txt

Date: 2019-01-21, 14:12:58 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-12.1.0.txt

Date: 2019-03-31, 22:01:58 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-13.0.0.txt

Date: 2029-01-21, 18:14:00 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-14.0.0.txt

Date: 2021-07-06, 09:58:53 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-15.0.0.txt

Date: 2022-05-24, 17:40:20 GMT [KW, LI]

EastAsianWidth-15.1.0.txt


Date: 2023-07-28, 23:34:08 GMT

emoji-variation-sequences-12.0.0.txt

Date: 2019-01-15, 12:10:05 GMT

emoji-variation-sequences-15.1.0.txt

Date: 2023-02-01, 02:22:54 GMT

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Specification

This document defines how the `wcwidth` library measures the printable width of characters of a string.

Width of -1

The following have a column width of -1 for function `wcwidth.wcwidth()`

- `C0` control characters ([U+0001](#) through [U+001F](#)).
- `C1` control characters and `DEL` ([U+007F](#) through [U+00A0](#)).

If any character in sequence contains `C0` or `C1` control characters, the final return value of `wcwidth.wcswidth()` is -1.

Width of 0

Any characters defined by category codes in [DerivedGeneralCategory.txt](#) files:

- ‘Me’: Enclosing Combining Mark, aprox. 13 characters.
- ‘Mn’: Nonspacing Combining Mark, aprox. 1,839 characters.
- ‘Mc’: Spacing Mark, aprox. 443 characters.
- ‘Cf’: Format control character, aprox. 161 characters.
- ‘Zl’: [U+2028](#) LINE SEPARATOR only
- ‘Zp’: [U+2029](#) PARAGRAPH SEPARATOR only
- ‘Sk’: Modifier Symbol, aprox. 4 characters of only those where phrase `'EMOJI MODIFIER'` is present in comment of unicode data file.

The NULL character ([U+0000](#)).

Any character following ZWJ ([U+200D](#)) when in sequence by function `wcwidth.wcswidth()`.

Hangul Jamo Jungseong and “Extended-B” code blocks, [U+1160](#) through [U+11FF](#) and [U+D7B0](#) through [U+D7FF](#).

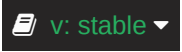
Width of 1

String characters are measured width of 1 when they are not measured as [Width of 0](#) or [Width of 2](#).

Width of 2

Any character defined by East Asian Fullwidth (`F`) or Wide (`W`) properties in [EastAsianWidth.txt](#) files, except those that are defined by the Category codes of Nonspacing Mark (`Mn`) and Spacing Mark (`Mc`).

Any characters of Modifier Symbol category, `'Sk'` where `'FULLWIDTH'` is present in comment of unicode data file, aprox. 3 characters.



Any character in sequence with [U+FE0F](#) (Variation Selector 16) defined by [emoji-variation-sequences.txt](#) as `emoji` style.

Public API

This package follows [SEMVER](#) rules. Therefore, for the functions of the below list, you may safely use version dependency definition `wcwidth<2` in your requirements.txt or equivalent. Their signatures will never change.

`wcwidth.wcwidth(wc, unicode_version='auto')` [\[source\]](#)

Given one Unicode character, return its printable length on a terminal.

- Parameters:**
- **wc** ([str](#)) – A single Unicode character.
 - **unicode_version** ([str](#)) – A Unicode version number, such as `'6.0.0'`. A list of version levels supported by `wcwidth` is returned by `list_versions()`. Any version string may be specified without error – the nearest matching version is selected. When `latest` (default), the highest Unicode version level is used.
- Returns:** The width, in cells, necessary to display the character of Unicode string character, `wc`. Returns 0 if the `wc` argument has no printable effect on a terminal (such as NUL ‘0’), -1 if `wc` is not printable, or has an indeterminate effect on the terminal, such as a control character. Otherwise, the number of column positions the character occupies on a graphic terminal (1 or 2) is returned.
- Return type:** [int](#)

See [Specification](#) for details of cell measurement.

`wcwidth.wcswidth(pwcs, n=None, unicode_version='auto')` [\[source\]](#)

Given a unicode string, return its printable length on a terminal.

- Parameters:**
- **pwcs** ([str](#)) – Measure width of given unicode string.
 - **n** ([int](#)) – When `n` is None (default), return the length of the entire string, otherwise only the first `n` characters are measured. This argument exists only for compatibility with the C POSIX function signature. It is suggested instead to use python’s string slicing capability, `wcswidth(pwcs[:n])`
 - **unicode_version** ([str](#)) – An explicit definition of the unicode version level to use for determination, may be `auto` (default), which uses the Environment Variable, `UNICODE_VERSION` if defined, or the latest available unicode version, otherwise.

Return type: [int](#)

Returns: The width, in cells, needed to display the first `n` characters of the unicode string `pwcs`. Returns -1 for C0 and C1 control characters!

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`wcwidth.list_versions()` [\[source\]](#)

Return Unicode version levels supported by this module release.

Any of the version strings returned may be used as keyword argument `unicode_version` to the `wcwidth()` family of functions.

- Returns:** Supported Unicode version numbers in ascending sorted order.
- Return type:** [list\[str\]](#)

Private API

These functions should only be used for `wcwidth` development, and not used by dependent packages except with care and by use of frozen version dependency, as these functions may change names, signatures, or disappear entirely at any time in the future, and not reflected by [SEMVER](#) rules!

If stable public API for any of the given functions is needed, please suggest a Pull Request!

`wcwidth._bisearch(ucs, table)`

[\[source\]](#)

Auxiliary function for binary search in interval table.

Parameters:

- **ucs** ([int](#)) – Ordinal value of unicode character.
- **table** ([list](#)) – List of starting and ending ranges of ordinal values, in form of [(start, end), ...].

Return type: [int](#)

Returns: 1 if ordinal value *ucs* is found within lookup table, else 0.

`wcwidth._wcversion_value(ver_string)`

[\[source\]](#)

Integer-mapped value of given dotted version string.

Parameters: **ver_string** ([str](#)) – Unicode version string, of form *n.n.n*.

Return type: [tuple\(int\)](#)

Returns: tuple of digit tuples, `tuple(int, [...])`.

`wcwidth._wcmatch_version(given_version)`

[\[source\]](#)

Return nearest matching supported Unicode version level.

If an exact match is not determined, the nearest lowest version level is returned after a warning is emitted. For example, given supported levels *4.1.0* and *5.0.0*, and a version string of *4.9.9*, then *4.1.0* is selected and returned:

```
>>> _wcmatch_version('4.9.9')
'4.1.0'
>>> _wcmatch_version('8.0')
'8.0.0'
>>> _wcmatch_version('1')
'4.1.0'
```

Parameters: **given_version** ([str](#)) – given version for compare, may be `auto` (default), to select Unicode Version from Environment Variable, `UNICODE_VERSION`. If the environment variable is not set, then the latest is used.

Return type: [str](#)

Returns: unicode string, or non-unicode `str` type for python 2 when given *version* is also type `str`.

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Searching for multiple words only shows matches that contain all words.

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This library is used in:

- ``jquast/blessed``: a thin, practical wrapper around terminal capabilities in Python.
- ``prompt-toolkit/python-prompt-toolkit``: a Library for building powerful interactive command lines in Python.
- ``dbcli/pgcli``: Postgres CLI with autocompletion and syntax highlighting.
- ``thomasballinger/curtsies``: a Curses-like terminal wrapper with a display based on compositing 2d arrays of text.
- ``selectel/pyte``: Simple VTXXX-compatible linux terminal emulator.
- ``astanin/python-tabulate``: Pretty-print tabular data in Python, a library and a command-line utility.
- ``rspeer/python-ftfy``: Fixes mojibake and other glitches in Unicode text.
- ``nbedos/termtosvg``: Terminal recorder that renders sessions as SVG animations.
- ``peterbrittain/asciimatics``: Package to help people create full-screen text UIs.
- ``python-cmd2/cmd2``: A tool for building interactive command line apps
- ``stratis-storage/stratis-cli``: CLI for the Stratis project
- ``ihabunek/toot``: A Mastodon CLI/TUI client
- ``saulpw/visidata``: Terminal spreadsheet multitool for discovering and arranging data

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Other Languages

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- ``timoxley/wcwidth``: JavaScript
- ``janlelis/unicode-display_width``: Ruby
- ``alecrabbit/php-wcwidth``: PHP
- ``Text::CharWidth``: Perl
- ``bluebear94/terminal-WCWidth``: Perl 6
- ``mattn/go-runewidth``: Go
- ``grepsuzette/wcwidth``: Haxe
- ``aperezdc/lua-wcwidth``: Lua
- ``joachimschmidt557/zig-wcwidth``: Zig
- ``fumiyas/wcwidth-cjk``: ``LD_PRELOAD`` override
- ``joshuarubin/wcwidth9``: Unicode version 9 in C

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History

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0.2.13 *2024-01-06*

* **Bugfix** zero-width support for Hangul Jamo (Korean)

0.2.12 *2023-11-21*

* re-release to remove .pyi file misplaced in wheel files `Issue #101`_.

0.2.11 *2023-11-20*

* Include tests files in the source distribution (`PR #98`_, `PR #100`_).

0.2.10 *2023-11-13*

* **Bugfix** accounting of some kinds of emoji sequences using U+FE0F Variation Selector 16 (`PR #97`_).

* **Updated** `Specification <Specification_from_pypi>`_.

0.2.9 *2023-10-30*

* **Bugfix** zero-width characters used in Emoji ZWJ sequences, Balinese, Jamo, Devanagari, Tamil, Kannada and others (`PR #91`_).

* **Updated** to include `Specification <Specification_from_pypi>`_ of character measurements.

0.2.8 *2023-09-30*

* Include requirements files in the source distribution (`PR #82`_).

0.2.7 *2023-09-28*

* **Updated** tables to include Unicode Specification 15.1.0.

* Include ``bin``, ``docs``, and ``tox.ini`` in the source distribution

0.2.6 *2023-01-14*

* **Updated** tables to include Unicode Specification 14.0.0 and 15.0.0.

* **Changed** developer tools to use pip-compile, and to use jinja2 templates for code generation in `bin/update-tables.py` to prepare for possible compiler optimization release.

0.2.1 .. 0.2.5 *2020-06-23*

* **Repository** changes to update tests and packaging issues, and begin tagging repository with matching release versions.

0.2.0 *2020-06-01*

* **Enhancement**: Unicode version may be selected by exporting the Environment variable ``UNICODE_VERSION``, such as ``13.0``, or ``6.3.0``. See the `jqast/ucs-detect`_ CLI utility for automatic detection.

* **Enhancement**:

API Documentation is published to readthedocs.org.

* **Updated** tables for *all* Unicode Specifications with files published in a programmatically consumable format, versions 4.1.0 through 13.0

0.1.9 *2020-03-22*

* **Performance** optimization by `Avram Lubkin`_, `PR #35`_.

* **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 13.0.0.

0.1.8 *2020-01-01*

* **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 12.0.0. (`PR #30`_).

0.1.7 *2016-07-01*

* **Updated** tables to Unicode Specification 9.0.0. (`PR #18`_).

0.1.6 *2016-01-08 Production/Stable*

* ``LICENSE`` file now included with distribution.

0.1.5 *2015-09-13 Alpha*

* **Bugfix**:

Resolution of "combining_ character width" issue, most especially those that previously returned -1 now often (correctly) return 0. resolved by `Philip Craig`_ via `PR #11`_.

* **Deprecated**:

The module path ``wcwidth.table_comb`` is no longer available, it has been superseded by module path ``wcwidth.table_zero``.

0.1.4 *2014-11-20 Pre-Alpha*

* **Feature**: ``wcswidth()`` now determines printable length for (most) combining_ characters. The developer's tool `bin/wcwidth-browser.py`_ is improved to display combining_ characters when provided the ``--combining`` option (`Thomas Ballinger`_ and `Leta Montopoli`_ `PR #5`_).

****Feature**:** added static analysis (prospector_) to testing framework.

0.1.3 *2014-10-29 Pre-Alpha*

* ****Bugfix**:** 2nd parameter of wcswidth was not honored.
(`Thomas Ballinger`, `PR #4`).

0.1.2 *2014-10-28 Pre-Alpha*

* ****Updated**** tables to Unicode Specification 7.0.0.
(`Thomas Ballinger`, `PR #3`).

0.1.1 *2014-05-14 Pre-Alpha*

* Initial release to pypi, Based on Unicode Specification 6.3.0

This code was originally derived directly from C code of the same name,
whose latest version is available at
<https://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mgk25/ucs/wcwidth.c>:

* Markus Kuhn -- 2007-05-26 (Unicode 5.0)

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.. ``Specification_from_pypi``: <https://wcwidth.readthedocs.io/en/latest/specs.html>
.. ``tox``: <https://tox.wiki/en/latest/>
.. ``prospector``: <https://github.com/landscapeio/prospector>
.. ``combining``: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combining_character
.. ``bin/``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/tree/master/bin>
.. ``bin/wcwidth-browser.py``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/blob/master/bin/wcwidth-browser.py>
.. ``Thomas Ballinger``: <https://github.com/thomasballinger>
.. ``Leta Montopoli``: <https://github.com/lmontopo>
.. ``Philip Craig``: <https://github.com/philipc>
.. ``PR #3``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/3>
.. ``PR #4``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/4>
.. ``PR #5``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/5>
.. ``PR #11``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/11>
.. ``PR #18``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/18>
.. ``PR #30``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/30>
.. ``PR #35``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/35>
.. ``PR #82``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/82>
.. ``PR #91``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/91>
.. ``PR #97``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/97>
.. ``PR #98``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/98>
.. ``PR #100``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/pull/100>
.. ``Issue #101``: <https://github.com/jquast/wcwidth/issues/101>
.. ``jquast/blessed``: <https://github.com/jquast/blessed>
.. ``selectel/pyte``: <https://github.com/selectel/pyte>
.. ``thomasballinger/curtsies``: <https://github.com/thomasballinger/curtsies>
.. ``dbcli/pgcli``: <https://github.com/dbcli/pgcli>
.. ``prompt-toolkit/python-prompt-toolkit``: <https://github.com/prompt-toolkit/python-prompt-toolkit>
.. ``timoxley/wcwidth``: <https://github.com/timoxley/wcwidth>
.. ``wcwidth(3)``: <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man3/wcwidth.3.html>
.. ``wcswidth(3)``: <https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man3/wcswidth.3.html>
.. ``astanin/python-tabulate``: <https://github.com/astanin/python-tabulate>
.. ``janlelis/unicode-display_width``: https://github.com/janlelis/unicode-display_width
.. ``rspeer/python-ffty``: <https://github.com/rspeer/python-ffty>
.. ``alecrabbit/php-wcwidth``: <https://github.com/alecrabbit/php-wcwidth>
.. ``Text::CharWidth``: <https://metacpan.org/pod/Text::CharWidth>
.. ``bluebear94/terminal-WCWidth``: <https://github.com/bluebear94/terminal-WCWidth>
.. ``mattn/go-runewidth``: <https://github.com/mattn/go-runewidth>
.. ``grepsuzette/wcwidth``: <https://github.com/grepsuzette/wcwidth>
.. ``jquast/ucs-detect``: <https://github.com/jquast/ucs-detect>
.. ``Avram Lubkin``: <https://github.com/avylove>
.. ``nbedos/termtosvg``: <https://github.com/nbedos/termtosvg>
.. ``peterbrittain/asciimatics``: <https://github.com/peterbrittain/asciimatics>
.. ``aperezdc/luawcwidth``: <https://github.com/aperezdc/luawcwidth>
.. ``joachimschmidt557/zip-wcwidth``: <https://github.com/joachimschmidt557/zip-wcwidth>
.. ``fumiyas/wcwidth-cjk``: <https://github.com/fumiyas/wcwidth-cjk>
.. ``joshuarubin/wcwidth9``: <https://github.com/joshuarubin/wcwidth9>
.. ``python-cmd2/cmd2``: <https://github.com/python-cmd2/cmd2>
.. ``stratis-storage/stratis-cli``: <https://github.com/stratis-storage/stratis-cli>
.. ``ihabunek/toot``: <https://github.com/ihabunek/toot>
.. ``saulpw/visidata``: <https://github.com/saulpw/visidata>

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.. _`pip-tools`: https://pip-tools.readthedocs.io/
.. _`sphinx`: https://www.sphinx-doc.org/
.. |pypi_downloads| image:: https://img.shields.io/pypi/dm/wcwidth.svg?logo=pypi
    :alt: Downloads
    :target: https://pypi.org/project/wcwidth/
.. |codecov| image:: https://codecov.io/gh/jquast/wcwidth/branch/master/graph/badge.svg
    :alt: codecov.io Code Coverage
    :target: https://app.codecov.io/gh/jquast/wcwidth/
.. |license| image:: https://img.shields.io/pypi/l/wcwidth.svg
    :target: https://pypi.org/project/wcwidth/
    :alt: MIT License
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Unicode release files
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This library aims to be forward-looking, portable, and most correct.
The most current release of this API is based on the Unicode Standard
release files:

- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-4.1.0.txt``
Date: 2005-02-26, 02:35:50 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-5.0.0.txt``
Date: 2006-02-27, 23:41:27 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-5.1.0.txt``
Date: 2008-03-20, 17:54:57 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-5.2.0.txt``
Date: 2009-08-22, 04:58:21 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-6.0.0.txt``
Date: 2010-08-19, 00:48:09 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-6.1.0.txt``
Date: 2011-11-27, 05:10:22 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-6.2.0.txt``
Date: 2012-05-20, 00:42:34 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-6.3.0.txt``
Date: 2013-07-05, 14:08:45 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-7.0.0.txt``
Date: 2014-02-07, 18:42:12 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-8.0.0.txt``
Date: 2015-02-13, 13:47:11 GMT [MD]
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-9.0.0.txt``
Date: 2016-06-01, 10:34:26 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-10.0.0.txt``
Date: 2017-03-08, 08:41:49 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-11.0.0.txt``
Date: 2018-02-21, 05:34:04 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-12.0.0.txt``
Date: 2019-01-22, 08:18:28 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-12.1.0.txt``
Date: 2019-03-10, 10:53:08 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-13.0.0.txt``
Date: 2019-10-21, 14:30:32 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-14.0.0.txt``
Date: 2021-07-10, 00:35:08 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-15.0.0.txt``
Date: 2022-04-26, 23:14:35 GMT
- ``DerivedGeneralCategory-15.1.0.txt``
Date: 2023-07-28, 23:34:02 GMT
- ``EastAsianWidth-4.1.0.txt``
Date: 2005-03-17, 15:21:00 PST [KW]
- ``EastAsianWidth-5.0.0.txt``
Date: 2006-02-15, 14:39:00 PST [KW]
- ``EastAsianWidth-5.1.0.txt``
Date: 2008-03-20, 17:42:00 PDT [KW]

EastAsianWidth-5.2.0.txt`
Date: 2009-06-09, 17:47:00 PDT [KW]*

EastAsianWidth-6.0.0.txt`
Date: 2010-08-17, 12:17:00 PDT [KW]*

EastAsianWidth-6.1.0.txt`
Date: 2011-09-19, 18:46:00 GMT [KW]*

EastAsianWidth-6.2.0.txt`
Date: 2012-05-15, 18:30:00 GMT [KW]*

EastAsianWidth-6.3.0.txt`
Date: 2013-02-05, 20:09:00 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-7.0.0.txt`
Date: 2014-02-28, 23:15:00 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-8.0.0.txt`
Date: 2015-02-10, 21:00:00 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-9.0.0.txt`
Date: 2016-05-27, 17:00:00 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-10.0.0.txt`
Date: 2017-03-08, 02:00:00 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-11.0.0.txt`
Date: 2018-05-14, 09:41:59 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-12.0.0.txt`
Date: 2019-01-21, 14:12:58 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-12.1.0.txt`
Date: 2019-03-31, 22:01:58 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-13.0.0.txt`
Date: 2029-01-21, 18:14:00 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-14.0.0.txt`
Date: 2021-07-06, 09:58:53 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-15.0.0.txt`
Date: 2022-05-24, 17:40:20 GMT [KW, LI]*

EastAsianWidth-15.1.0.txt`
Date: 2023-07-28, 23:34:08 GMT*

emoji-variation-sequences-12.0.0.txt`
Date: 2019-01-15, 12:10:05 GMT*

emoji-variation-sequences-15.1.0.txt`
Date: 2023-02-01, 02:22:54 GMT*

.. _Specification:

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Specification
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This document defines how the `wcwidth` library measures the printable width of characters of a string.

Width of -1

The following have a column width of -1 for function `:func:`wcwidth.wcwidth``

- ``C0`` control characters (``U+0001`_ through `U+001F`_`).
- ``C1`` control characters and ``DEL`` (``U+007F`_ through `U+00A0`_`).

If any character in sequence contains ``C0`` or ``C1`` control characters, the final return value of `:func:`wcwidth.wcswidth`` is -1.

Width of 0

Any characters defined by category codes in ``DerivedGeneralCategory.txt`_` files:

- `'Me'`: Enclosing Combining Mark, aprox. 13 characters.
- `'Mn'`: Nonspacing Combining Mark, aprox. 1,839 characters.
- `'Mc'`: Spacing Mark, aprox. 443 characters.
- `'Cf'`: Format control character, aprox. 161 characters.
- `'Zl'`: ``U+2028`_` LINE SEPARATOR only
- `'Zp'`: ``U+2029`_` PARAGRAPH SEPARATOR only
- `'Sk'`: Modifier Symbol, aprox. 4 characters of only those where phrase ```'EMOJI MODIFIER``` is present in comment of unicode data file.

The NULL character (``U+0000`_`).

Any character following ZWJ (``U+200D`_`) when in sequence by function `:func:`wcwidth.wcswidth``.

Hangul Jamo Jungseong and "Extended-B" code blocks, ``U+1160`_ through `U+11FF`_ and `U+D7B0`_ through `U+D7FF`_.`

Width of 1

String characters are measured width of 1 when they are not measured as ``Width of 0`_` or ``Width of 2`_`.

Width of 2

Any character defined by East Asian Fullwidth (```F```) or Wide (```W```) properties in ``EastAsianWidth.txt`_` files, except those that are defined by the Category codes of Nonspacing Mark (```Mn```) and Spacing Mark (```Mc```).

Any characters of Modifier Symbol category, ```'Sk'``` where ```'FULLWIDTH'``` is present in comment of unicode data file, aprox. 3 characters.

Any character in sequence with ``U+FE0F`_` (Variation Selector 16) defined by ``emoji-variation-sequences.txt`_` as ```emoji style```.

- .. ``U+0000``: <https://codepoints.net/U+0000>
- .. ``U+0001``: <https://codepoints.net/U+0001>
- .. ``U+001F``: <https://codepoints.net/U+001F>
- .. ``U+007F``: <https://codepoints.net/U+007F>
- .. ``U+00A0``: <https://codepoints.net/U+00A0>
- .. ``U+1160``: <https://codepoints.net/U+1160>
- .. ``U+11FF``: <https://codepoints.net/U+11FF>
- .. ``U+200D``: <https://codepoints.net/U+200D>
- .. ``U+2028``: <https://codepoints.net/U+2028>
- .. ``U+2029``: <https://codepoints.net/U+2029>
- .. ``U+D7B0``: <https://codepoints.net/U+D7B0>

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.. _`U+D7FF`: https://codepoints.net/U+D7FF
.. _`U+FE0F`: https://codepoints.net/U+FE0F
.. _`DerivedGeneralCategory.txt`:
https://www.unicode.org/Public/UCD/latest/ucd/extracted/DerivedGeneralCategory.txt
.. _`EastAsianWidth.txt`: https://www.unicode.org/Public/UCD/latest/ucd/EastAsianWidth.txt`
.. _`emoji-variation-sequences.txt`: https://www.unicode.org/Public/UCD/latest/ucd/emoji/emoji-
variation-sequences.txt
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Public API
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This package follows SEMVER_ rules. Therefore, for the functions of the below list, you may safely use version dependency definition ``wctype<2`` in your requirements.txt or equivalent. Their signatures will never change.

- .. autofunction:: wctype.wctype
- .. autofunction:: wctype.wcswidth
- .. autofunction:: wctype.list_versions
- .. _SEMVER: <https://semver.org>

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Private API
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These functions should only be used for wctype development, and not used by dependent packages except with care and by use of frozen version dependency, as these functions may change names, signatures, or disappear entirely at any time in the future, and not reflected by SEMVER_ rules!

If stable public API for any of the given functions is needed, please suggest a Pull Request!

- .. autofunction:: wctype._bsearch
- .. autofunction:: wctype._wctype_value
- .. autofunction:: wctype._wctype_version