

Proposal for Emoji: TROMBONE

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1. Identification

- A. Short Name: TROMBONE
- B. Keywords: TROMBONE | SLIDE INSTRUMENT | SACKBUT

2. Images



Images were created from scratch in Autodesk Fusion 360

3. Sort Location

- A. Category: Musical-Instrument
- B. Trombone should come after: After Trumpet (U+1F3BA)

4. Reference Emoji

Abstract

This proposal requests the addition of the “Trombone” Emoji to the Unicode library. A trombone is a brass instrument played by moving a slide in and out to make different pitches. They are popular in pop culture and places that enjoy jazz music. The trombone emoji could also be used to represent a mistake symbolizing the “wop wop wop woopp” sounds when a person fails at a task.

Introduction

Trombone Pictures:



Selection Factors-Inclusion:

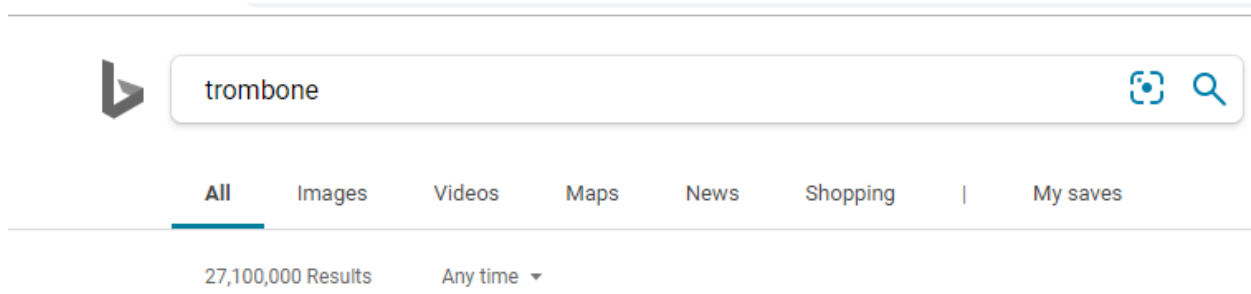
A. Compatibility

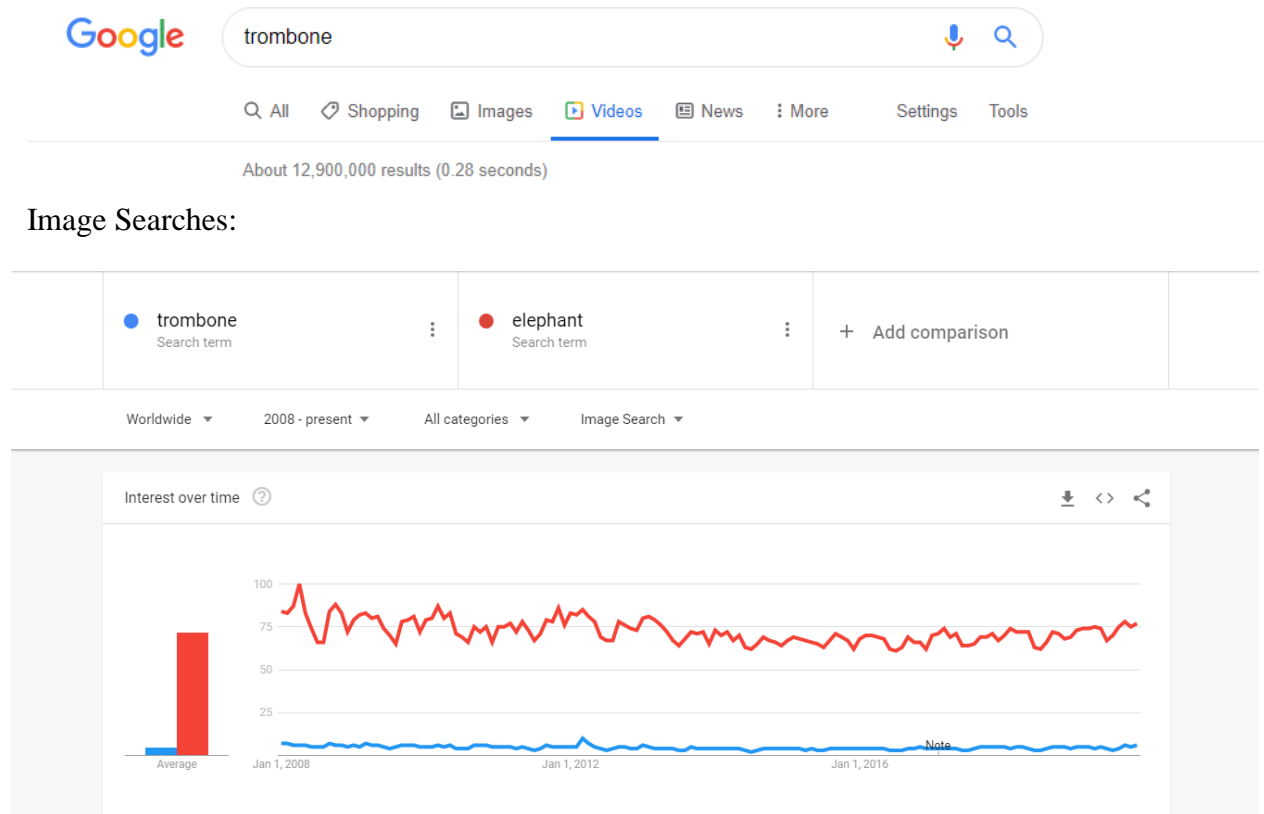
Currently there are no Trombone emojis in any emoji platform.

B. Expected Usage Levels

a. Frequency

Web Searches:



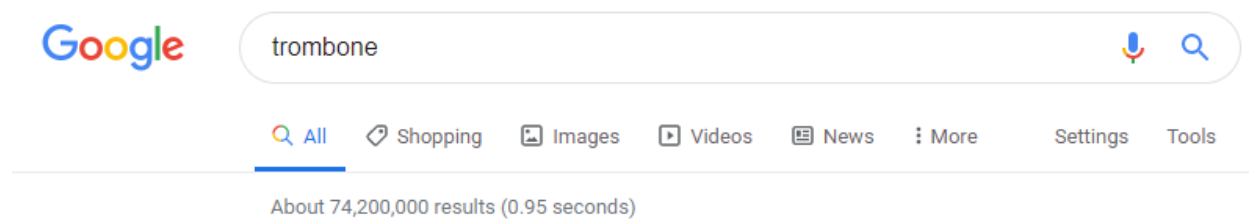


b. Multiple Usages

- i. Sender plays trombone
- ii. You Messed up (wop wop wop woop)
- iii. Brass instruments in general
- iv. Band in general

c. Use in sequences

- i. Trombone + Water Drops = Trombone spit/ condensation
- ii. Trombone + Trumpet = Brass Instruments
- iii. Trombone + Trumpet + Saxophone + Drum = Band/ Jazz band
- iv. Trombone + Trumpet + Violin + Percussion = Symphonic Orchestra



d. Breaking new ground

There is currently no trombone emoji or brass instrument played with a slide. This instrument is unique and stands out among other instruments.

C. Image Distinctiveness:

The trombone is the only brass instrument with a slide (lower tube), which makes it instantly recognizable as a trombone. The trombone is longer and thinner than the other brass emojis and has its bell in a different location. The trombone does not have the distinctive circle of the postal horn, or the "cell" and "J" shapes of the trumpet and saxophone.

D. Completeness:

As mentioned, a trombone would add another brass instrument that is widely recognized as being an orchestral instrument. The trombone has a slide that separates it from all other brass instruments. By adding a trombone to the emoji list, this would complement the other brass instruments, including “trumpet”, and “saxophone”.

Selection Factors – Exclusion:

E. Frequently requested

F. Open Ended

G. Already Representable

H. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

I. Transient

J. Faulty Comparison

K. Exact Image

L. Region Flags Without Code

Other Character Properties:

The trombone’s slide, instrument, and mouthpiece are all separate pieces to emphasize connections in the design.