Unicode and U.S. Joint Activity Report

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Publication of Unicode 4.1

Version 4.1 of the Unicode standard was published on 31 March 2005. This continues the process of synchronizing Unicode and ISO/IEC 10646. It includes some 9,000 new characters, including additional Han ideographs and compatibility ideographs.

This version includes an update to the Unihan database. We remind IRG members that Unicode maintains a large database of information on Han ideographic characters. We are beginning the work of coordinating our data with Vietnam's Nom Preservation Foundation to improve the Vietnamese reading and related data. We would be happy to work with any IRG members or other organizations to extend and enhance this database. Interested parties should contact John H. Jenkins at jenkins@apple.com.

Public Review Item on Ideographic Variation Sequences

On Saturday, 21 May 2005, Unicode published a proposed draft for Unicode Technical Standard #37, Registration of Ideographic Variation Sequences. UTS #37 will at some point become part of the Unicode Standard. The current draft has been made public for review and comment. We invite all IRG members to review the current draft and submit comments. The URL is <http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr37/tr37-1.html>. Comments should be submitted by 9 August 2005. (See also <http://www.unicode.org/review/>.)