

Some comments on L2/17-208 Proposal to Add Emoji: Receipt

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1. I support the encoding of an emoji for a receipt.
2. A receipt is not an invoice, the two types of item are very different each from the other. I opine that RECEIPT should not be treated as being the same as INVOICE, BILL, PAYMENT and PURCHASE in Unicode emoji encoding.
3. Unicode Technical Standard #51 mentions text-to-speech conversion possibilities. If a RECEIPT emoji is used for items other than a receipt, then text-to-speech conversion would be almost useless for a RECEIPT emoji and could cause confusion.
4. The glyphs at the top of page 1 of the L2/17-208 document each have zigzag edges. I like those designs. I suggest that as well as RECEIPT being encoded as an emoji with zigzag edges at the upper and lower edges, it would be good for INVOICE to be encoded as an emoji with a straight top edge and a zigzag lower edge, thus indicating a connection with the RECEIPT emoji yet different from it.
5. If several emoji are needed so as to convey several different meanings, then please encode those several emoji.
6. A receipt is not only for a financial transaction. That is mentioned on page 4 of the L2/17-208 document. A specific example is that I often send documents that I have published to the British Library for archiving, sending the document as an email attachment. I receive an email receipt for the document from the British Library. If two emoji for receipt are needed, one for a financial transaction and one for a non-financial transaction then please encode two such emoji.
7. I opine that it would be good for there to be a thorough consideration of emoji needed for commerce and financial transactions, of which RECEIPT would be just one. In 2014 and 2016 I produced some glyph designs in both colour and monochrome versions for the internationalization of the web-based on-line shops of museums and art galleries, and they are archived in the Unicode Inc. website.

<http://unicode.org/pipermail/uli-users/2016-July/author.html>