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Introduction:

The IRG Working Documents(IWD) Series is a set of IRG maintained documents which keeps the up-to-date examples of CJK unification related example cases to supplement the published Annex S of ISO/IEC 10646 for IRG's unification work. This document describes the data format and their use for these working documents. The maintenance of the IRG Working Documents Series should comply with the operational procedures established in Appendix E of the *IRG Principles and Procedures*.

The Working Documents Series consists of the following documents:

- Series 1. Summary of Unification Rules and Examples
- Series 2. List of UCV (Unifiable Component Variations) of Ideographs
- Series 3. List of Non-Unifiable Components of Ideographs and
Overly-Unified Ideographs
- Series 4. List of Possibly Mis-Unified Ideographs

Naming and File format of IWDS:

Each of IWD file is named as IRGWD_XXX_II where XXX is the name of the specific series and II refers to the IRG meeting where the list is confirmed. Thus, the Working Documents Series has 4 threads of documents as given below:

IRGWD_SUM: Summary document (Series 1) ... This document.
IRGWD_UCV: UCV list (Series 2)
IRGWD_NUC: Non-Unifiable Components (Series 3)

IRGWD_MUI: Possibly Mis-Unified Ideographs (Series 4)

Detailed Specification of the Working Document Series

This section explains the nature of each series as well as the format and the information contained in each series.

1. Summary of IRG Working Document Series (SUM)

The summary document (this document) is a definitive document giving detailed specification for each of the data files including specification on the nature of the data, the data format, and the examples.

2. List of Unifiable Component Variations (UCV)

The UCV list provides the list of component variations to be unifiable, observed from existing UCS multi-column charts, or proposed and agreed among IRG members to be unifiable.

If two ideographs differ only in the components in the UCV list, but satisfy the requirement for dis-unification according to dis-unification rules, such ideographs may be encoded differently. However, such cases are exceptional and should be exhaustively listed in this document under the related components to avoid confusion for consideration of other characters.

Unification is meant to be at the component level only. In other words, if the components themselves are also ideographs proper, this list does not imply that such ideographs proper are unifiable.

The following is the format for each entry in the file:

- a. The serial number of this entry for reference, unique throughout the standardization process.
- b. List of actual glyphs.
- c. Excerpts from existing documents (e.g. JIS X 0213 and HYDZD).
- d. The exhaustive list of dis-unification examples.
- e. The example list of unified ideographs and compatibility ideographs, and notes if necessary.

The following is an example of a typical entry in the UCV list.

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				112/162 70A2 3-4F5C 3-2D5C 3-4760 3-1360	烱 烱 125/073 7D49 E-3827 3-3824 1-654E E-2407 3-2404 1-6946	
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3. List of Non-Unifiable Components of Ideograph (NUC)

The NUC list provides the list of component variations which are not to be unified. This list should be kept as minimal as possible. Components that are not obviously unifiable will not be listed here. That is, it should only list those that are close in glyph shapes which cognitively can be confusing. In other words, this list should only contain the components which are (possibly inappropriately) unified by precedent during the IRG working process, or components that are stated to be unifiable by some local national standards, but not in the UCS.

Furthermore, this list should not contain components which are either (1) a pair of KangXi radicals (such as 工 vs. 土) or (2) simplified vs. traditional components with no precedent of unification (such as 門 vs 門).

The following is the format for each entry in the file:

- List of non-unifiable glyphs.
- List of exhaustive possibly over-unified ideographs (if exists).
- List of sample ideographs that are already separately encoded.
- List of ideographs which are encoded by one-side only.

The following is an example of a typical entry in NUC:

