

Universal Coded Character Set UCS

Title: Proposal to remove IRG source prefixes from Annex D of IRG P&P

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This document proposes that Annex D of the IRG Principles and Procedures be modified to remove the IRG source prefixes, and instead reference the “Current & Future IRG Source Prefixes” section of the [IRG home page](#), the first table of which is synchronized with [UAX #38](#) (*Unicode Han Database [UniHan]*) that is updated for every version of the Unicode Standard.

Background

The IRG Principles and Procedures document, [IRG N2652](#) (Version 17, which is the current version), is updated whenever changes are necessary. The information in Annex D, *Up-to-date CJK Unified Ideograph Sources and Source References*, needs to be synchronized with the information in UAX #38, which creates a maintenance burden.

In addition, I heard that the ISO/IEC 10646 Chief Editor is planning to remove the equivalent information from Section 24.1, *List of source references*, and instead reference UAX #38, so it would follow that the IRG should do something similar for its Principles and Procedures document.

Proposal

Given the update schedule of UAX #38, which is for each version of the Unicode Standard that is on an annual release cycle, the proposal is to remove the listing of the IRG source prefixes from Annex D, *Up-to-date CJK Unified Ideograph Sources and Source References*, of the IRG Principles and Procedures, and reference the first table in the “Current & Future IRG Source Prefixes” section of the IRG home page that is synchronized with UAX #38.

Next Steps

If the IRG agrees with this proposed change to the IRG Principles and Procedures, the IRG Convenor will produce a new draft for review at IRG Meeting #65.

That is all.