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Title: Proposal to change the font for the CJK Radicals Supplement & Kangxi Radicals blocks

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This proposal raises issues in two CJK-related blocks, and proposes a solution that involves using a new font for their representative glyphs. As a result, the CJK Radicals Supplement and Kangxi Radicals blocks will become more correct/consistent and region-agnostic, respectively.

Code Chart Issues

There have been recent reports of issues affecting the representative glyphs in the *CJK Radicals Supplement* and *Kangxi Radicals* blocks, such as L2/19-175 that points out an issue with the representative glyph for U+2F2A 尤 KANGXI RADICAL LAME—it should look like 尤. Jaemin Chung also pointed out on the Unihan mailing list that the representative glyphs for U+2E93 幺 CJK RADICAL THREAD and U+2E33 幺 KANGXI RADICAL SHORT THREAD are identical—the representative glyph for the latter should look like 幺.

According to the original proposal, L2/98-332 (aka SC2 N3213), there are several errors or inconsistencies in the current code charts for these blocks, beyond what was indicated in the paragraph above:

- The representative glyphs in the entire *Kangxi Radicals* block follow modern Chinese conventions, specifically those for China (PRC). The representative glyph for U+2FAE 非 KANGXI RADICAL WRONG—*ironic character name, by the way*—is perhaps the most illustrative example, because no other Chinese-speaking region—perhaps other than Singapore—uses this particular form. A more region-agnostic form for this radical is 非. So as to be region-agnostic for the entire block, which should be the intent, the representative glyphs should more closely follow the style found in the *Kangxi Dictionary*. This issue affects a non-trivial number of radicals in this block.
- The representative glyphs for some of the radicals in the *Kangxi Radicals* block are too small or too narrow, such as those for U+2F1B 厶 KANGXI RADICAL PRIVATE, U+2F21 欠 KANGXI RADICAL GO, and U+2F23 夕 KANGXI RADICAL EVENING (shown in this sentence using improved glyphs that do a better job at filling the em-box).
- The representative glyphs for two of the four Japanese-specific simplified radicals in the *CJK Radicals Supplement* block, U+2EEB 斉 CJK RADICAL J-SIMPLIFIED EVEN and U+2EEF 竜 CJK RADICAL J-SIMPLIFIED DRAGON, do not follow Japan's regional conventions. They should display as 斉 and 竜 so as to follow Japan's regional conventions (the issue is with the shape of very first stroke of both radicals).

Proposal

The proposal is to completely replace all of the representative glyphs for the *CJK Radicals Supplement* and *Kangxi Radicals* blocks with those provided in the dedicated—and open source— *CJK Radicals* TrueType font (the font is provided as a PDF attachment that is visible in the Attachments panel when opening this document in Adobe Acrobat).

The font was derived from the open source Source Han Serif typeface family, specifically the Regular weight, and other than the required ".notdef" and recommended "space" (U+0020) glyphs at GIDs 0 and 1, respectively, only the 329 glyphs necessary for supporting these two blocks are included. The table that follows illustrates the glyphs for both blocks in their entirety, shown using the actual *CJK Radicals* font:

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U+2F8	聿	肉	臣	自	阳	E	舌	舛	舟	艮	色	岬	虍	虫	Ш́.	行
U+2F9	衣	雨	見	角		谷	豆	豕	哥	貝	赤	走	足	身	車	辛
U+2FA	辰	辵	邑	酉	釆	里	金	長	門	阜	隶	隹	雨	書	非	面
U+2FB	革	韋	Ē	ゴ目	頁	風	飛	食	首	香	馬	骨	盲	髟	E ₹	鬯
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NOTE: The representative glyphs for U+2F53 气 KANGXI RADICAL STEAM, U+2F5B 牙 KANGXI RADICAL FANG and U+2F61 瓦 KANGXI RADICAL TILE do not completely match the shapes that are found in the *Kangxi Dictionary*. This divergence was intentional due to the oddball nature of the shapes found in the *Kangxi Dictionary* that match no regional convention. The same is somewhat true for the representative glyphs for U+2F66 疋 KANGXI RADICAL BOLT OF CLOTH, U+2F7F 耳 KANGXI RADICAL EAR, U+2F8A 色 KANGXI RADICAL COLOR, and U+2FAE 非 KANGXI RADICAL WRONG, but the divergence that resulted in these very subtle differences is due to the use of more common shapes that still respect the spirit of the *Kangxi Dictionary* shapes. Also, other than the four radicals in the *CJK Radicals Supplement* block that include J-SIMPLIFIED in their names, and for which their representative glyphs match Japan's regional conventions, the rest follow PRC conventions for consistency.

Stroke Count Concerns

I am fully aware of concerns that the representative glyphs of the *Kangxi Radicals* block would not necessarily match the corresponding number of strokes to which they are assigned in the *Kangxi Dictionary*. Such a concern is invalid in this context, which is to more closely adhere to the "printed" style of that dictionary, as opposed to modern "written" style. A good example of this difference is U+2FCD 鼎 KANGXI RADICAL TRIPOD whose representative glyph matches the shape that is found in the *Kangxi Dictionary*, though non–Chinese-speaking regions draw the lower-right portion as two separate strokes, which can be seen as the CJK Unified Ideo-graph U+9F0E 鼎.

Code Chart & Kangxi Dictionary Excerpts

The pages that follow are reference materials. Pp 4 and 5 provide the current (Version 12.1) code charts for the *CJK Radicals Supplement* and *Kangxi Radicals* blocks for easy reference, and pp 6 through 14 provide the pages from the *Kangxi Dictionary* that show the 214 radicals.

That is all.

CJK Radicals Supplement

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Kangxi Radicals

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