

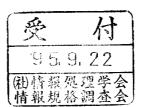
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This report gives information supplementary to the resolutions (SC2 N 2616) taken by the fifth SC2 plenary meeting in Helsinki on 29th-30th June 1995

1 Responsibility for coding

Mr. Brannon (ITTF) reported that a letter had been sent to the ISO Technical Management Board and the IEC Committee of Action to seek clarity and confirmation - as requested in resolution Geneva 31 of JTC 1 - that SC2 is the single committee responsible for character coding. The Board and the Committee of Action are in the process of consulting several TCs in ISO and IEC respectively. Results are expected in September 1995. See N 2629 for intermediate IEC response.

2 Translatability of character names

The discussion whether the current character names in ISO/IEC 10646-1 can be used as unalterable unique identifiers did not come to a conclusion and was referred back to WG2. The need to have a unique identifier for each character is

recognized and acknowledged. The situation was compared to the usage of unalterable keywords in programming languages where the human interpretation of such keywords is virtually irrelevant.

It is also recognized that the character names of ISO/IEC 10646-1 are also used in the other standards developed by SC2, and are given an interpretation by human beings (a situation distinctive, e.g. from language processors). To further facilitate such interpretation by human beings the character names have been translated into other languages, e.g. French.

The exclusive usage of only **English** character names as given in ISO/IEC 10646-1 as unique identifiers will be further explored by the next SC2/WG2 meeting. SC2 strongly recommends not to publish translated names until WG2 has come to a conclusion either in its next or in its next two meetings.

3 Index of defect reports to ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993

Mr. Paterson, editor, provided an index of all defect reports to ISO/IEC 10646-1 from its publication on 1993-05-01 till 1995-06-26 (N 2614).

4 Editorial aspects

4.1 Changes in drafts

Changes between successive drafts should be clearly marked. Several possibilities exist:

- indication within the draft of new c.q. deleted text,
- marks in the margin (e.g. one or more vertical bars),
- a separate document listing changes between two consecutive drafts; if the list of changes is small, a cover page can be used to indicate changes.

It is highly appreciated if a distinction is made between technical and editorial changes. This was considered particularly relevant for the ongoing revision of the 10 parts of ISO/IEC 8859, e.g. where these parts go to CD letter ballot in SC2.

4.2 Agenda

SC2 would highly appreciate if a meeting agenda not only contains reference to documents by means of their number but also by their title.

4.3 Publication of standards

Although optional, SC2 has preference to present its standards with 2-column layout over 1-column layout.

5 OCR-B

The revision and extension of ISO 1073-2 on OCR-B is not explicitly included in the Programme of Work and Scope of SC2, but this work is done - exceptionally - on request by JTC 1 due to lack of any SC or ISO/TC responsible for this work.

The editor is Mr. K.I. Larsson (Sweden).

SC2 can decide on the extension of the standard (characters to be added) but has no expertise and testing possibilities for the printing requirements and readability of the new characters.

The editor and the SC2 Secretariat will seek assistance from JTC1/SC11 and SC17/WG3, and other sources, if available. Any assistance is welcome. The negative vote from Israel on the first CD was turned positive during this SC2 meeting by the Israeli delegation.

6 Liaison aspects

6.1 SC18: Hytime project, Control Code Requirements; IEC/SC3B

Dr. Umamahasweran remains involved in this project with respect to SC2 interests: coded character sets in general, support of ISO/IEC 10646 character names. Mr. Bohn is working on requirements for new control codes

from SC18, e.g. SOOS, and IEC/SC3B, to be included in the next edition of ISO/IEC 6429. Mr. Lahti kindly accepted to become liaison representative from SC2 to SC18.

6.2 SC22

Some concern was expressed by the SC2 liaison representative to SC22, Mr. van Wingen, on misinterpretation of SC2 standards by SC22. The liaison report, N 2597, will be corrected, because there is no encoding using UCS or UTF8 by SC22.

Mr. Winkler informed SC2 about the rapid development of a sorting standard by SC22/WG20.

6.3 CEN TC304

Mr. Simonsen presented an oral report; a written report providing status and progress information on TC304 projects would be appreciated by SC2.

An action is taken to get ISO/IEC 10646-1 promoted in Europe, by CEN, and following transposition to EN, by EPHOS, for public procurement (N 2540 and N 2606). The first 4 pDAMs to ISO/IEC 10646-1 will be balloted in parallel by JTC 1 and CEN, from 10th August till 10th December 1995.

As soon as TC304 has a final draft of its PT 01 report on user requirements, this will be distributed in SC2, for information and comment.

The draft 1st Technical Corrigendum (N 2524) to ISO/IEC 10646-1 has been sent to CEN on 21st July 1995 to keep CEN informed on the latest information about the standard.

pDAM 5 will also be submitted, in due time, for parallel voting by JTC 1 and CEN.

6.4 ITU-T

The liaison, especially with SG8, is working fine, according to Mr. Fuchs. There is at the moment no particular action required from SC2.

New Recommendations are planned for conversion to and from ISO/IEC 10646-2, and on sorting. Mr. Tzortzinis is the liaison representative from SC2.

6.5 Unicode

Mr. Freytag presented a report (N 2625). It was noted by SC2 that current, and older, character set technology will be still in use for a considerable time (e.g. for archival access to coded data), but that further revisions of relevant standards may be neither expected, nor desirable. An example is given by ISO 1681.

Therefore, Mr. Freytag invited the SC2 Chair to raise within JTC 1 the possibility of creating an 'archived' state for standards, which would have the following effects:

- revisions of the standard are no longer possible (the standard is frozen)
- copies of the standard remain available (but possibly in a different form and distribution method)
- the review period for archived standards is lengthened (possibly the SC can itself designate a time period)

Unicode is about to publish its 2nd edition of the Unicode standard.

7 Administrative matters in SC2

7.1 Voting discipline of P-members in SC2

N 2634 presents a voting survey on 13 ballots held in SC2 during the last two years.

Out of 33 P-members 18 have cast a vote at least 10 times.

14 have cast a vote less than 7 times, 5 P-members have not voted at all.

The SC2 Secretariat will address ITTF to ask several P-members to change their status into O-member or to correct their voting discipline.

7.2 Mailing list of SC2

An up-to-date mailing list for SC2 has been attached for check/correction/completion.

Addressees are invited to provide necessary corrections to the SC2 Secretary, either by e-mail, fax or letter.

7.3 Promotion of and information dissemination about JTC 1 standards and projects

JTC 1 is seeking guidance from ITTF about the (permission to) use information that is/will be available in JTC 1 about its ongoing work and its standards, e.g. via World Wide Web/Internet, e.g. coherence and coordination of home pages, etc. Also SC2 is interested in such guidance.

8 6th SC2 meeting

Quebec, Canada, 22nd - 23rd August 1996 (confirmed), preceded by WG meetings on 19th - 21st August 1996.

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