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Publication of Unicode 3.0

The Unicode Consortium announces that *The Unicode Standard, Version 3.0* (ISBN 0-201-61633-5) has been published and is available from Addison Wesley. The book contains 1042 pages of explanatory text, a full set of code tables and name lists, indices and a CD-ROM with mapping tables, character properties and other useful information. At the time of this writing, the first print run is already selling out.

The full set of character code charts and names, but not the explanatory text, are available online on the Unicode web site <http://charts.Unicode.org>.

Synchronization

The content of the Unicode Standard, Version 3.0 is fully synchronized with ISO/IEC 10646-1:2000.

The members of the Unicode Consortium truly appreciate the commitment and support by the members, liaison and experts of WG2 that made it possible to synchronize the two standards, and would like to congratulate WG2 to the successful completion of ISO/IEC 10646-1:2000.

Unicode Technical Reports

As noted in document N2177 the Unicode Consortium continues to publish Unicode Technical Reports that clarify certain aspects of the use of the Standard that are important to implementers. A full list of available technical reports can be accessed from <http://www.unicode.org/unicode/reports>. Several Unicode Technical reports have now incorporated into the Unicode Standard itself.

Future plans

The members of the Unicode Consortium eagerly anticipate the completion of the initial edition of part 2 of 10646, as there is urgent customer demand for some of the new characters. A number of implementations have begun to extend their support from UCS-2 to UTF-16 in order to be ready for the new repertoire. The Unicode Consortium intends to publish an incremental release of the Unicode Standard when ISO/IEC 10646-2 becomes completed, in order to maintain the synchronization between the standards.

Membership

As result of the recent publication of Unicode 3.0, the Unicode Consortium has seen an increase of interest in the standard and a corresponding rise in its membership figures to a new all-time high.