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Request. The 11 combining characters and subscript letters proposed here date from the time before the formal standardization of UPA in 1902. However, experience in digitalizing large corpora has revealed the need for extending the standard to these “pre-UPA” characters. That is to say, there is scope for the symbols listed below to be used in documents using the current UPA.

 1DFA COMBINING DOUBLE INVERTED BREVE BELOW

 1DFB COMBINING TRIPLE INVERTED BREVE

h A7F2 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER H

k A7F3 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER K

l A7F4 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER L

m A7F5 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER M

n A7F6 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER N

p A7F7 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER P

s A7F8 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER S

t A7F9 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER T

𐞀 A7FA LATIN LETTER SMALL CAPITAL TURNED M

Unicode character properties.

1DFA;COMBINING TRIPLE INVERTED BREVE BELOW;Mn;234;NSM;;;;;N;;;;;
1DFB;COMBINING DOUBLE INVERTED BREVE BELOW;Mn;233;NSM;;;;;N;;;;;
A7F2;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER H;Ll;0;L;<sub> 0068;;;;;N;;;;;
A7F3;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER K;Ll;0;L;<sub> 006B;;;;;N;;;;;
A7F4;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER L;Ll;0;L;<sub> 006C;;;;;N;;;;;
A7F5;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER M;Ll;0;L;<sub> 006D;;;;;N;;;;;
A7F6;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER N;Ll;0;L;<sub> 006E;;;;;N;;;;;
A7F7;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER P;Ll;0;L;<sub> 0070;;;;;N;;;;;

A7F8;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER S;Ll;0;L;<sub> 0073;;;;N;;;;;
A7F9;LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER T;Ll;0;L;<sub> 0074;;;;N;;;;;
A7F;LATIN LETTER SMALL CAPITAL TURNED M;Ll;0;L;;;;N;;;;;

Figures.

Poikkeus. Kun se pehmenettävän konsonantin perästä tuleva yksinäinen vokaali on *i*, niin se, konsonantin pehmettyä, säilyy ja sulaa, muuttuen *e:ksi*, diftongin kanssa yhteen triftongiksi; esim. *ei tullit voaetuks, puoessa*.

Figure 1. The diacritic COMBINING TRIPLE INVERTED BREVE indicates a triphhong (a group of three vowels in one syllable). Example from Ossian Grotenfelt, “Pohjois-Hämeen kielimurteesta”, in *Suomi II:12* (page 321, rows 22–25). This character has also been proposed in N3555, also at U+1DFB, along with ☹☹☹ COMBINING TRIPLE BREVE BELOW at U+1DFC.

Poikkeus. Monikon genitivissä ja illativissa kuuluu *e* aina selvästi diftongin osana, sillä näissä se on varsinaisesti pitkä diftongi eikä anna konsonantin pehmennyksenkään tapahtua; esim. *talloen, asuntoen, aekaen, niihin paekkaen, hänen julakoensa*.

Figure 2. The existing diacritic U+0361 COMBINING DOUBLE INVERTED BREVE is used in the same document to mark a diphthong. Example from Ossian Grotenfelt, “Pohjois-Hämeen kielimurteesta”, in *Suomi II:12* (page 320, rows 3–7).

Niin se on akka Väinämöizen,
Niin heäm mäni kod'ihe.
Püühki pienem pirttizeñžä,

Figure 3a. The diacritic COMBINING DOUBLE INVERTED BREVE BELOW indicates a syllable boundary between vowels. From *Suomen Kansan Vanhat Runot. I. Vienan läänin runot. I. Kalevala-aineiset kertovaiset runot. Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seuran toimituksia 121:1. Helsinki 1908* (page 5, verses 125–127). This book the above example originates in has been entirely digitized and is publicly available online (<http://dbgw.finlit.fi/skvr/>). In the electronic version, the proposed character is currently replaced by a fallback solution shown in Figure 3b:

125 N'iin se on akka Väinämöizen,
N'iin heäm mäni kod'ihe.
Püühki pienem pirttizeñžä,

Figure 3b. Fallback for COMBINING DOUBLE INVERTED BREVE BELOW, taken from <http://dbgw.finlit.fi/skvr/showtext.phtml?id=skvr01100020>

a) ne nomineissa supistetaan sillä tavalla, että se yksinäinen vokaali jätetään pois; esim. *konirroan* (= KK:n *koninraadon*); *kalalluu*, jota sanotaan *hätäruoks* (= KK:n *hätäruodoksi*); *eteläpuolite_t tuo_i luon* (= KK:n *luodon*); *heinä on luolla* (KK:n *luo'olla*); *ensimäeseks vuoks* (= KK:n *vuon*

Figure 4. Example showing LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER T and LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER L, from Ossian Grotenfelt, “Pohjois-Hämeen kielimurteesta”, in *Suomi* II:12 (page 321). These and other subscript characters indicate that the initial consonant of the next word modifies the previous word’s end in the speech stream. The final sound of the previous word is phonetically assimilated towards the initial consonant of the following word (e.g. *sen pyssyn* → *sem pyssyn*; *niin muuten* → *niim muuten*).

mänivät kol_omansille_m markkinoelle, niin tuotiin suur_r kärme_vvastaan. I. otti toas sen_n kärmee_m poes. Kun aovasttiin_n kan_s aok, niin_n kärme_h hyppäs poea ympärille. Kissa ja hiir_r ol poea_v völjyssä, ja poean_t täöty lähteäs_i siinnä suunnassa, kun se kärme_p pit_t peätää. Sitte hyö mänivät yhtee issoon_n kaopuntiin, jossa tul_t mies vastaa ja se mies ol sen_n kärmeen isä. Kärme_p puottautu_t se_m poean ympäriltä poes ja muuttu_t oekeeks immeiseks. Se sanó sitte isälleen, että „teijä_m pittää lunastoa_p poes tämä poeka, se on_n kol_omet vuotta teh_{nä} työtä minun eistän, ja jos ette osta_h häntä poes, ni_m muutun samallaeseks ja teijän_n täöty olla_n niinku_m minä taho_n. Isä lupas lunastoa_p poes se poeka. Toen_m poeka käsk sillo_n antoa_k kammaristaan pyssy_j ja sormuksen, niin „se on_n köyhälle_m poealle_i lunastusta kyllä“. Isä antó se_m pyssy_j ja sormuksen. Poeka neuvoo köyhällem_e poealle, että „sinä soat tällä sormuksella mitä oattelet, ku_s sinä katot se_i lävite“. Poeka lähti pyssy_nsä_j ja sor-

Figure 5. Example showing LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER H, U+2C7C LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER J, LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER K, LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER M, LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER N, LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER P, LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER S, and U+1D65 LATIN SUBSCRIPT SMALL LETTER V. From Ossian Grotenfelt, “Pohjois-Hämeen kielimurteesta”, in *Suomi* II:12 (page 366).

7. Vokaalien suppeutta ja väljyyttä osoittavat merkit on jätetty pois. Suppeiksi merkittyinä yksinäisvokaaleina Ahtialla esiintyvät *u* (~ *u*), *ü* sekä

Figure 6a. Example a Karelian dictionary is currently being digitized for online publication. A pilot version is already available (<http://kaino.kotus.fi/sanat/kks/>). In the online version, the proposed character LATIN LETTER SMALL CAPITAL TURNED M has, for now, been replaced with a lower case unitalicized letter, as opposed to the predominant convention of italicizing UPA content—but this is just a fallback. From http://kaino.kotus.fi/sanat/kks/KKS_Johdanto.pdf

9. Soinnittomiksi merkityt loppuvokaalit (A, o, U, Ä, E, I, Ö, U) on korvattu soinnillisilla. Ahtian Suojärven sanalipuissa on alun perin ollutkin näin; muutokset soinnillisista soinnittomiksi on tehty vasta täydennystyövaiheessa. Saman kerääjän Nekkula-Riipuškalan lipuissa loppuvokaalit ovat tavallisesti soinnillisia, mutta vajaalyhyitä (*akkü, mužikkü, käzivarzi, jälgilö-ülü külü-z on viänojnē*). Esimerkkejä: Säämäj Ahtia: *muga_Aon* > *muga on*, *žäälü vie_e olis kuo_Apta* > *žäälü vie olis kuolta, tänne_E sah* > *tänne sah*, *lendi pürähüiti* > *lendi pyrähytti*, *hięno tuohu_D* > *hieno tuohud*, *he_Äitä juo_ndu* > *heitä juondu, kättü müö* >

Figure 6b. Another example from the Karelian dictionary.

7. Vokaalien suppeutta ja väljyyttä osoittavat merkit on jätetty pois. Suppeiksi merkittyinä yksinäisvokaaleina Ahtialla esiintyvät *u* (~ *u*), *ü* sekä harvemmin *ę* ja *ä*, väljiksi merkittyinä taas *u* (~ *u*) ja *ü*, esim. Suoj: *higežä* > *higežä*; Säämäj: *hahatu_Z* > *hahatu_Z*, *rihm_U* > *rihmu*, *püzäv|üteä*, *-ütän*, *-ütin* > *pyzäv|ytteä*, *-ytän*, *-ytin*, *püvv|yz*, *-üstü*, *-üksü* > *pyvv|yz*, *-ysty*, *-yksii*; Nek-Riip: *äjä_U* > *äjy*, *nüge_Ä* > *nygei*. Suppeiksi tai väljiksi merkityt vokaalit esiintyvät tavallisimmin diftongeissa ja joskus myös pitkissä vokaaleissa. Näistä ks. kohtia 11 ja 13.

8. Se avoin *ε*, jota tavataan etenkin Ahtian aunukselaislipuissa sananloppuisessa asemassa ja diftongissa *ie*, on karkeistettu *e*:ksi, esim. Nek-Riip: *huro_Ale tšurale* > *huroale tšurale*, *e_Ole* > *e_Ole*, *vanhate* > *vanhate*, *sagię* > *sagiet*, *iškiętäh* > *iškiętäh*; Säämäj: *ajjakse* > *ajjakse*, *se_Oled* > *se oled*, *koivuu_Äne* > *koivuvine*. Sitä vastoin Kujolan Tveristä joskus merkitemä diftongin jälkikomponenttina esiintyvä *ε* on säilytetty: *ikkunat itkiętäh vihmašta* > *ikkunat itkiętäh vihmašta*.

9. Soinnittomiksi merkityt loppuvokaalit (A, o, U, Ä, E, I, Ö, U) on korvattu soinnillisilla. Ahtian Suojärven sanalipuissa on alun perin ollutkin näin; muutokset soinnillisista soinnittomiksi on tehty vasta täydennystyövaiheessa. Saman kerääjän Nekkula-Riipuškalan lipuissa loppuvokaalit ovat tavallisesti soinnillisia, mutta vajaalyhyitä (*akkü, mužikkü, käzivarzi, jälgilö-ülü külü-z on viänojnē*). Esimerkkejä: Säämäj Ahtia: *muga_Aon* > *muga on*, *žäälü vie_e olis kuo_Apta* > *žäälü vie olis kuolta, tänne_E sah* > *tänne sah*, *lendi pürähüiti* > *lendi pyrähytti*, *hięno tuohu_D* > *hieno tuohud*, *he_Äitä juo_ndu* > *heitä juondu, kättü müö* > *kätty myö*, *tüttö otti pa_Äikan* > *tyttö otti paikan*; Tulemaj Eino Leskinen: *akk_U* > *akku*, *lu_Äikku* > *lu_Äikku*; Impil Elma Leskinen: *haik_{KO} lendä sūstu sū_h*, *harakku pūstu pūh* > *haikko lendää suustu suuh*, *harakku puustu puuh*.

Figure 7. Example of LATIN LETTER SMALL CAPITAL TURNED M from the original Karelian dictionary, From *Karjalan kielen sanakirja*. 1. - Lexica Societatis Fenno-Ugricae XVI,1. Helsinki 1968 (page LXXXIII). In the Uralic Phonetic Alphabet, small capital letters denoting vowels refer to voiceless articulation. The turned m indicates a *closed central u*, whereas the small capital equivalent indicates a *voiceless closed central u*. Note the difference in glyph realization between capitals, smalls, and small capitals: M m M M m M (LETTER M), U u U U u U (LETTER TURNED M, really a kind of uu ligature).

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A. Administrative

1. Title: **Proposal for Encoding 12 Additional Characters of the Uralic Phonetic Alphabet (UPA)**

2. Requester's name: *Klaas Ruppel, Tero Aalto, Michael Everson*

3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution): *Member body contribution (Finland & Ireland)*

4. Submission date: *2009-01-27*

5. Requester's reference (if applicable):

6. Choose one of the following:

This is a complete proposal:

YES

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B. Technical – General

1. Choose one of the following:

a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters):

Proposed name of script:

b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block:

YES

Name of the existing block:

Phonetic Extensions / Latin Extended-C

2. Number of characters in proposal:

12

3. Proposed category (select one from below - see section 2.2 of P&P document):

A-Contemporary

B.1-Specialized (small collection)

B.2-Specialized (large collection)

X

C-Major extinct

D-Attested extinct

E-Minor extinct

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4. Is a repertoire including character names provided?

YES

a. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?

YES

b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?

YES

5. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard?

Michael Everson

If available now, identify source(s) for the font (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.) and indicate the tools used:

everson@evertype.com, www.evertype.com

6. References:

a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?

YES

b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?

YES

7. Special encoding issues:

Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?

NO

8. Additional Information:

Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at <http://www.unicode.org> for such information on other scripts. Also see <http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/UCD.html> and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

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C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES explain		NO
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)? If YES, with whom? If YES, available relevant documents:		YES
	<i>Juhani Lehtiranta, Älgu Project (RILF)</i>	
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included? Reference:		YES
	<i>This proposal</i>	
4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare) Reference:		Linguistic
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community? If YES, where? Reference:		YES
	<i>Älgu Project (RILF), Finno-Ugrian Society</i>	
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP? If YES, is a rationale provided? If YES, reference:		YES
	<i>The characters are a part of UPA</i>	YES
7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?		NO
8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:		NO
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10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:		NO
11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences? If YES, is a rationale for such use provided? If YES, reference: Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? If YES, reference:		YES
	<i>This proposal</i>	YES
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12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics? If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)		NO
13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)? If YES, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified? If YES, reference:		NO