

A suggestion regarding font support in relation to QID emoji

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In the document L2/19-082 QID Emoji proposal, on page 3, in the section headed Interchange, there is mention of the need, if a display of the character is to be produced at the receiving end, for a font with a glyph for the character being available at the receiving end.

I remember that in February 2003 I started a thread in the Unicode public mailing list (please note that the email address listed by me in that thread is no longer in use) with the title 'Hot Beverage font.'. The post is about a font that I had produced and published. The font is still available. The font includes just one glyph, for the then newly encoded U+2615 HOT BEVERAGE character, though accessible both with that code point and also with a lowercase h in case that might be helpful in some circumstances.

I am wondering if at the same time as the encoding of the new character that is suggested in the QID Emoji proposal document that the Unicode Technical Committee could please consider specifying a font name format and a file name format for a single glyph font for a QID emoji.

For example, for a font with just a single glyph for the White-crested tiger heron emoji that is mentioned in the QID Emoji document, maybe the glyph could be in a font that has a font name of fontQ218543 in a file named fontQ218543.otf so that the internet, or some part thereof, could be searched for a single glyph font for the particular emoji. If these single glyph fonts were all made available using the SIL Open Font License font licensing facility, then maybe that could be beneficial for assisting interoperability of QID emoji.

Reference:

Overington, W. J. G., Hot Beverage font.

<https://www.unicode.org/mail-arch/unicode-ml/y2003-m02/0338.html>