

Unicode and Tamil: The State of the World

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A lot of things have been happening over the past year and many more will be happening as the next version of Unicode (4.0) is in the process of being assembled and released. This includes the work items being discussed in INFITT's WG 02 (Tamil Unicode), characters added to Unicode and ISO 10646, work on the block description, and more.

This paper seeks to summarize what has happened and talk about where things appear to be going: for standards that include Tamil; for products that implement Tamil; and customers who speak, read, write, and love Tamil.

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