

## Re: Best encoding for a Japanese web site to deliver?

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Maciej Katafiasz <[mnews2@wp.pl](mailto:mnews2@wp.pl)> writes:

- > *I don't know about common japanese practice and rationale for it, I*
- > *admit, but I'd say just go with Unicode and be done with it*
- > *forever. It's really hard to find browser that can't grok UTF-8*
- > *nowadays, and Unicode is the future, unlike all the broken,*
- > *complicated (ISO-2022) standards of the past.*

The problem with using a unicode based encoding is that the unicode character set unifies Chinese characters (without specifying the language) and people whose unicode font is a non-japanese one will likely get an ugly display (perhaps mixed fonts) of characters.

If you are just planning to support English and Japanese, it's probably better to go with an encoding like EUC-JP.