

Re: Most used codification for emails.

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"Nacho" wrote ...

> *Joshua A. Reyer wrote:*

>> *Paul Blay wrote:*

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>>> *I'd probably stick with JIS (ISO-2022-JP) because most people*

>>> *will be expecting that - it's the only one Outlook Express can*

>>> *_compose_ in.*

Actually I mis-spoke slightly. JIS is the only one of the /Japanese/ encodings that Outlook Express can compose in. Unicode is more of an 'Everything' encoding.

I tend to ignore Unicode for a practical, if trivial, reason.

I, and probably a lot of the Microsoft crowd at least, resort to

"Japanese (Auto-select)" as the first choice when trying to view

Japanese text. Unfortunately that won't work if the text is actually

in Unicode. There's no particular difficulty in selecting Unicode (UTF-7)

and Unicode (UTF-8) afterwards to try them but the fiddle bugs me.

>> *It's the only one Mozilla will let you compose in as well. Well, you*

>> *can compose Japanese in some other encoding, like Unicode, but then*

>> *Mozilla will get mad at you and tell your mail may not be readable.*

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> *In fact, with my default encoding (Western 8859-1), it suggest UTF-8*

> *when sending.*

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> *Also I think that UTF-8 is the only coding that allows me mix Japanese*

> *and Spanish characters.*

Well that's one of the good reasons to use Unicode. If they can read it by all means use UTF-8 when you want accented characters in your text.

> *Well, I'll try to use ISO-2022-JP and I'll see if all my friends can*

> *read it.*