

The Need, Status, and Use of Language Codes

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Abstract

This presentation will address the original and cumulative sets of needs/ applications for language codes. It will provide the current status (including the creation of the World Language Documentation Center and the existence of alternative codes). In addition, it will address some of the issues with the language codes in actual use (e.g., computer limitations for a two- or three- space code when some languages and dialects require a substantial string). Issues with the current language codes will also be discussed.