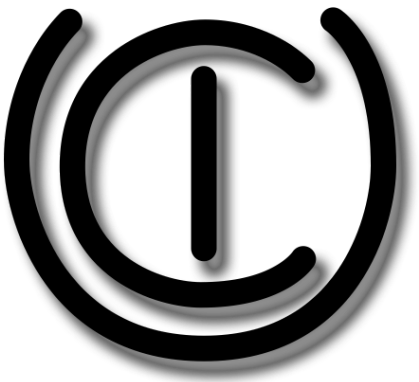

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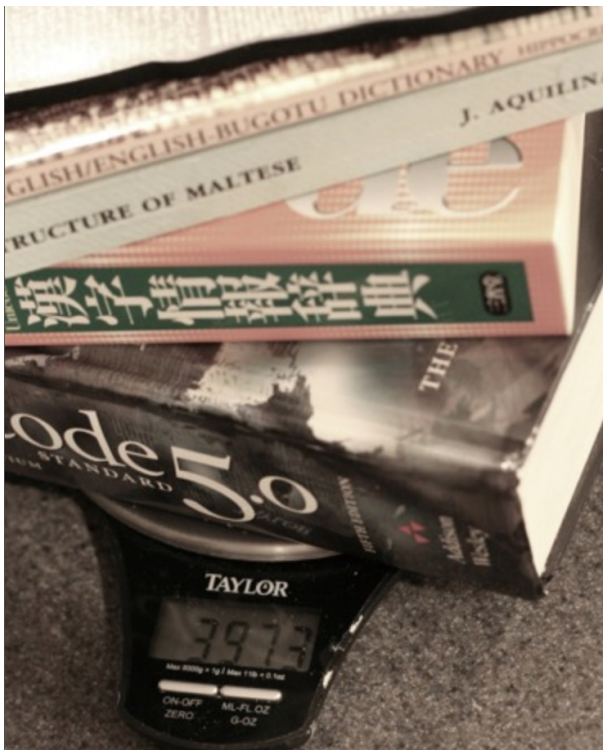

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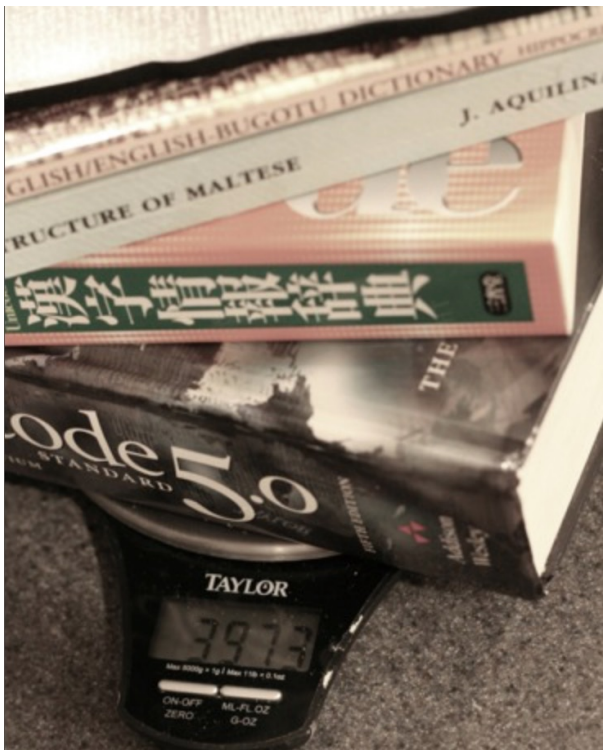

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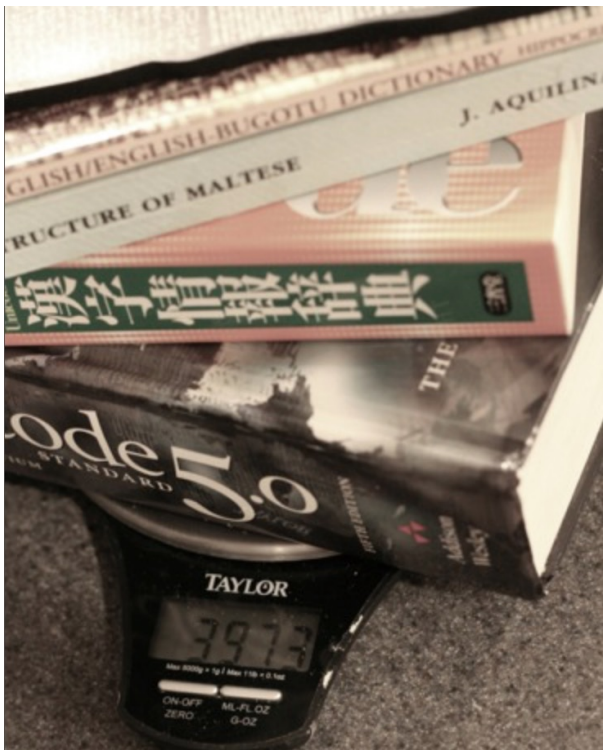

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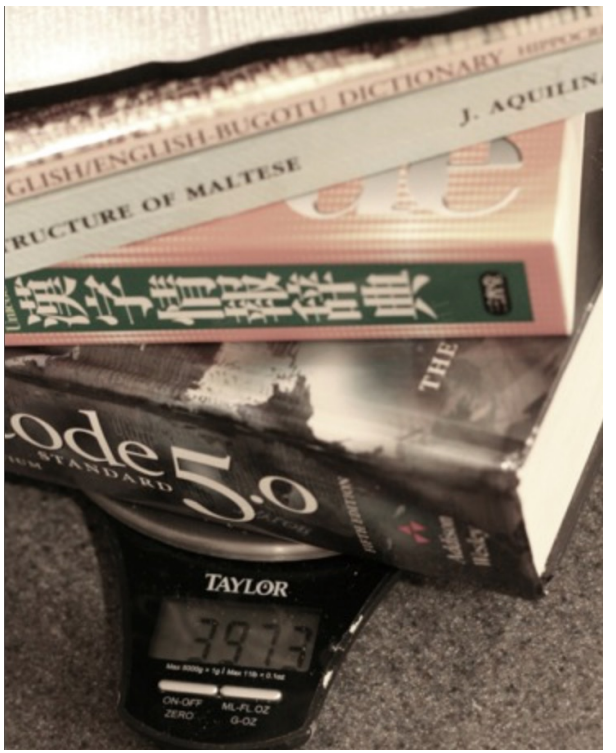

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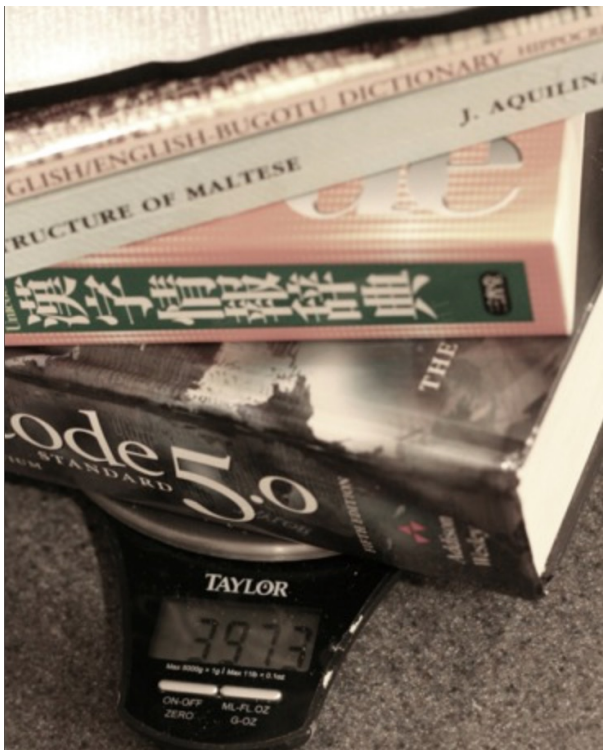

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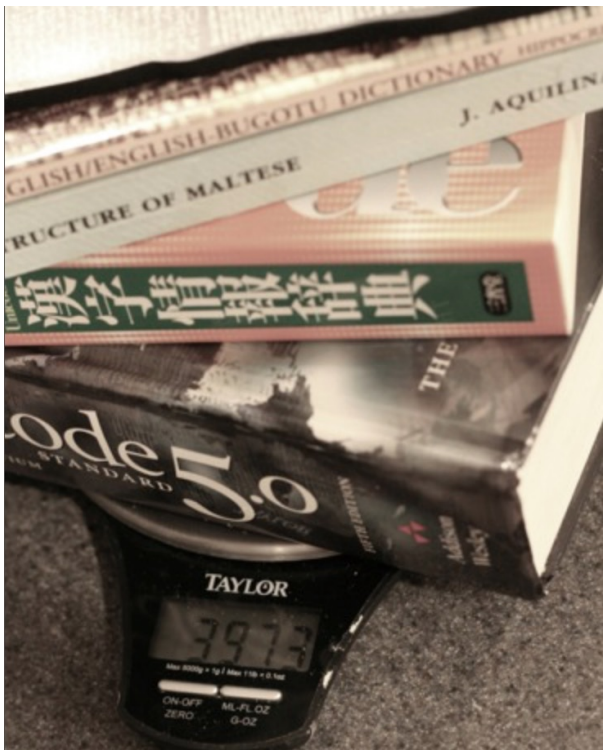

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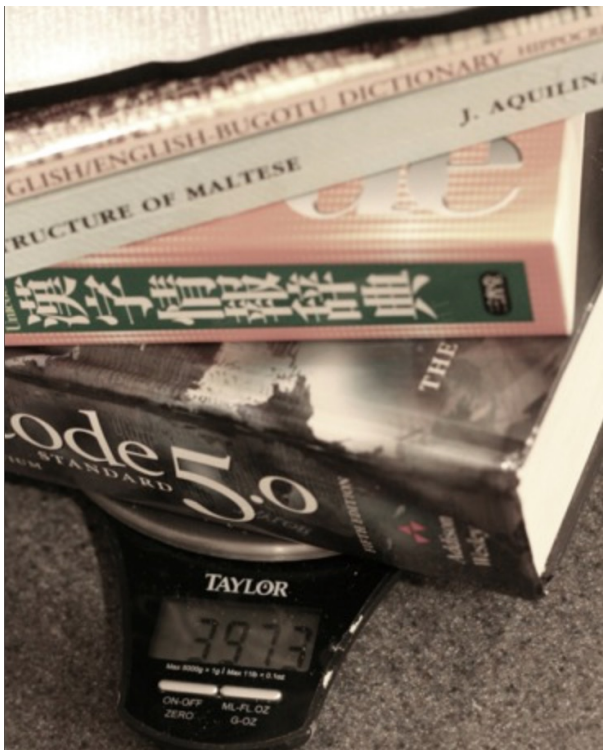

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ICU brings you home 🏡

- Requirements vary widely across languages & countries
- Sorting
- Text searching
- Bidirectional text processing and complex text layout
- Date/time/number/currency formatting
- Codepage conversion
- …many more

I See Unicode

- 1999: *IBM Classes for Unicode* open-sourced as the *International Components for Unicode*
- 2016: ICU joins Unicode as ICU-TC
- 2018: Development now on GitHub and Jira

ICU's Laundry List

- Breaks: word, line, …
- Formatting
  - Date & time
  - Durations
  - Messages
  - Numbers & currencies
  - Plurals
- Transforms
  - Normalization
  - Casing
- Transliterations
- Unicode text handling
- Charset conversions (200+)
- Charset detection
- Collation & Searching
- Locales from CLDR (640+)
- Resource Bundles
- Calendar & Time zones
- Unicode Regular Expressions …

Benefits of ICU

- Mature, widely used (all IBM brands and operating systems), up-to-date set of C/C++ and Java libraries
  - Basis for Java 1.1 internationalization, but goes far beyond Java 1.1
  - Team continues to work on improving and monitoring performance.
- Very portable – identical results on all platforms/programming languages
  - C/C++ (ICU4C): many platforms/compilers
  - Java (ICU4J): Oracle Java SE, IBM JRE, OpenJDK, Android
  - Wrappers: D/C#/PHP/Python/…
- Customizable & Modular
  - Open source (since 1999) – but non-restrictive
  - Contributions from many parties (IBM, Google, Apple, Microsoft, …)
- Sponsored by Unicode

Where do I get ICU?

Main site: http://icu-project.org/

- Downloads, API references, Mailing list, Bug tracking
- Userguide: http://userguide.icu-project.org
  - User's guide with examples

Prepackaged ICU

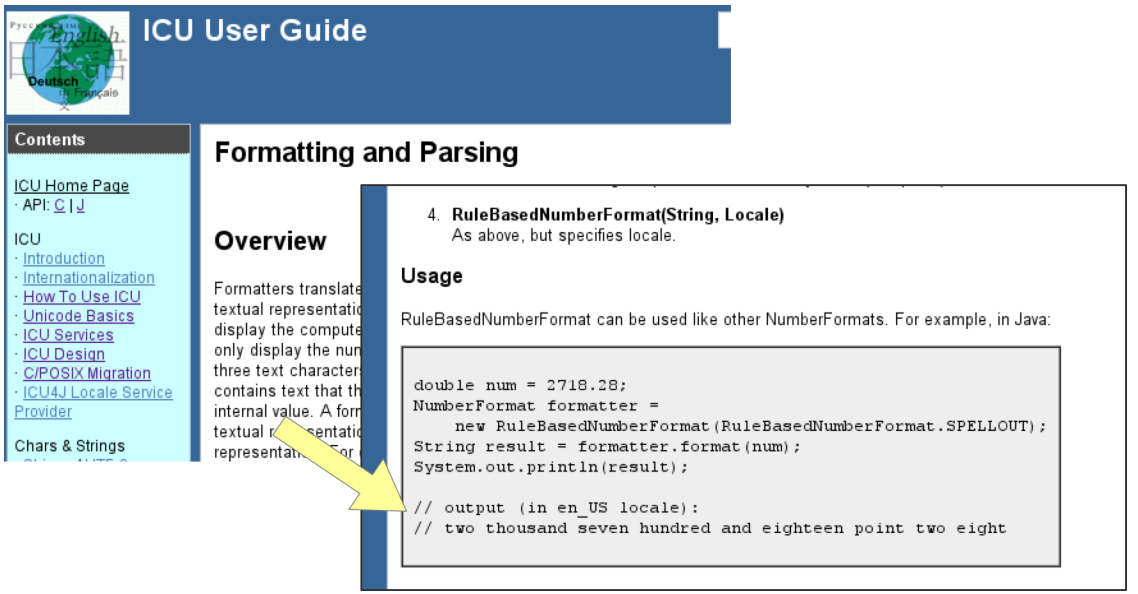
Package Managers (C)

- `brew install icu4c`
- `apt-get install libicu-dev`
- `dnf install libicu-devel`

Maven and friends: (J)

- Group: *com.ibm.icu*
- artifactId: *icu4j*

ICU Userguide



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API Docs

RuleBasedNumberFormat

```
public RuleBasedNumberFormat(String description,
                             String[][] localizations)
```

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Parameters:

RuleBasedNumberFormat::RuleBasedNumberFormat (const UnicodeString & rules,
UParseError & perror,
UErrorCode & status
)

Creates a RuleBasedNumberFormat that behaves according to the description passed in.

The formatter uses the default locale.

Parameters:

rules	A description of the formatter's desired behavior. See the class documentation for a complete explanation of syntax.
perror	The parse error if an error was encountered.
status	The status indicating whether the constructor succeeded.

Stable:
ICU 3.2

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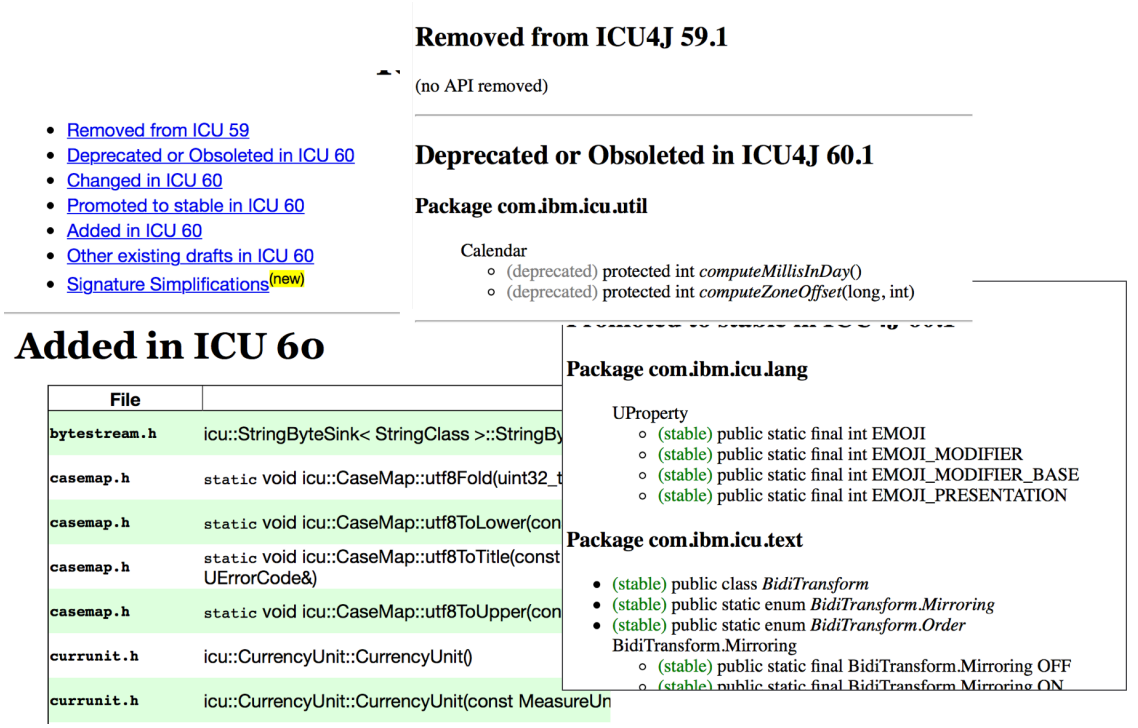
API Change Report



- Removed from ICU 59
- Deprecated or Obsoleted in ICU 60
- Changed in ICU 60
- Promoted to stable in ICU 60
- Added in ICU 60
- Other existing drafts in ICU 60
- Signature Simplifications(new)

Added in ICU 60

File	
bytestream.h	icu::StringByteSink< StringClass >::StringBy
casemap.h	static void icu::CaseMap::utf8Fold(uint32_t
casemap.h	static void icu::CaseMap::utf8ToLower(con
casemap.h	static void icu::CaseMap::utf8ToTitle(const UErrorCode&)
casemap.h	static void icu::CaseMap::utf8ToUpper(con
currunit.h	icu::CurrencyUnit::CurrencyUnit()
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Removed from ICU4J 59.1

(no API removed)

Deprecated or Obsoleted in ICU4J 60.1

Package com.ibm.icu.util

Calendar
- (deprecated) protected int *computeMillisInDay*()
- (deprecated) protected int *computeZoneOffset*(long, int)

Package com.ibm.icu.lang

UProperty
- (stable) public static final int EMOJI
- (stable) public static final int EMOJI_MODIFIER
- (stable) public static final int EMOJI_MODIFIER_BASE
- (stable) public static final int EMOJI_PRESENTATION

Package com.ibm.icu.text

- (stable) public class *BidiTransform*
- (stable) public static enum *BidiTransform.Mirroring*
- (stable) public static enum *BidiTransform.Order*

BidiTransform.Mirroring
- (stable) public static final BidiTransform.Mirroring OFF

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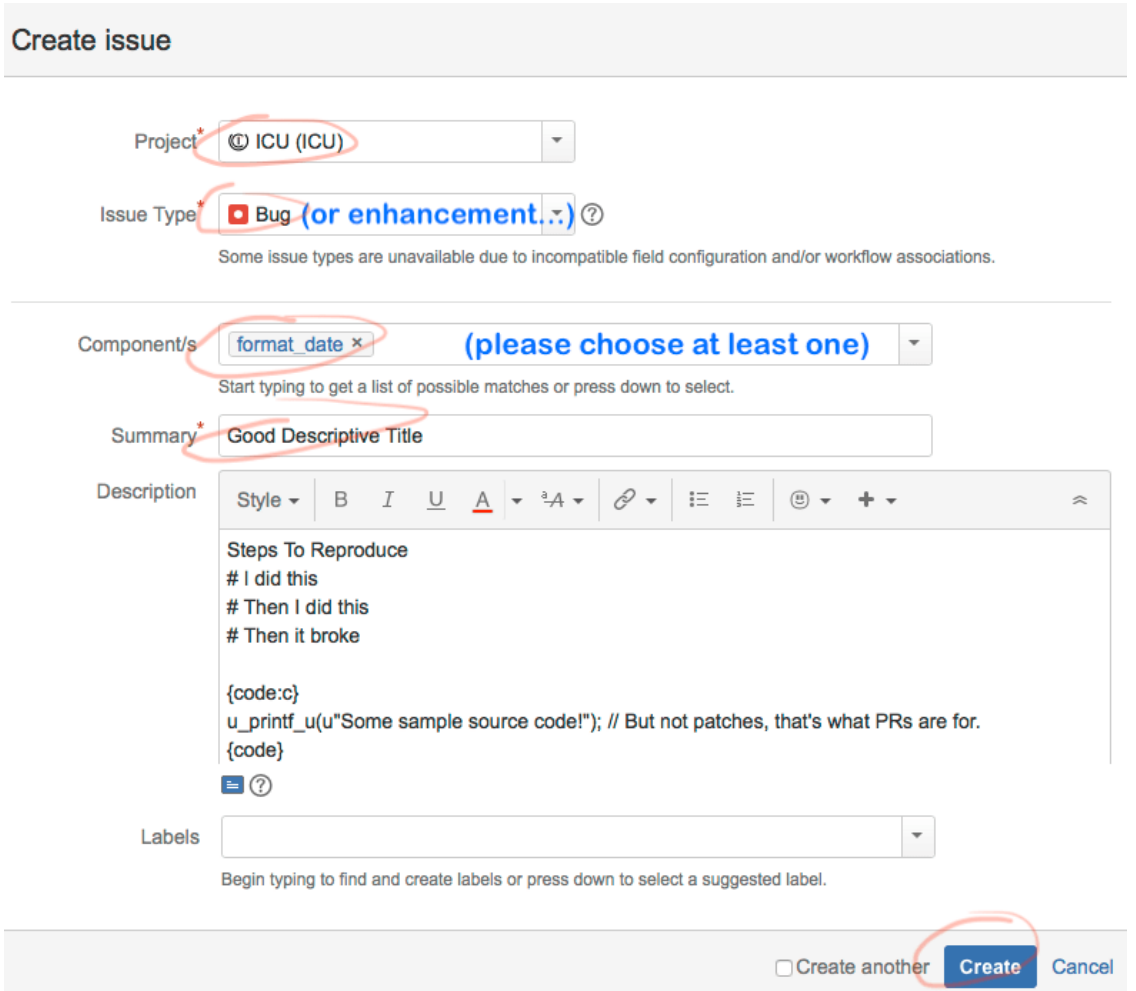
Mailing Lists

http://site.icu-project.org/contacts

- `icu-support` – technical support and discussion
- `icu-design` – API proposals by ICU team
- `icu-announce` –announcements

Issues (Jira)



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7. Bask in your newfound fame and fortune!

And now, code

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Example

- 150,000: Ceuta and Melilla
- 38,087,800: Algeria
- 15,439,400: Ecuador

ICU4C First Look

```c
#include <unicode/…>

void func() {
  UErrorCode status = U_ZERO_ERROR;
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- All ICU headers are in the `unicode/` subdirectory

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`UErrorCode status = U_ZERO_ERROR;`

- Error code is a fill-in, but must be initialized
- If in C++, `icu::ErrorCode` is available (example on next slide)

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`u_init(&status);`

- Returns successful `status` if ICU data loaded OK

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`if ( U_SUCCESS(status) )`

- TRUE if there was no error

Error codes in C++

No need to initialize! Less prone to error:

```
#include <unicode/…>

int main() {
  icu::ErrorCode status;
  u_init(status);
  if (status.isFailure()) {
    return 1;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

ASSERT_OK()

C++ version:

```
#define ASSERT_OK(status) \
 if(status.isFailure()) { \
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- (We will use this macro to keep test code more compact)

so9_test.c

```c
#include <unicode/ustdio.h>

int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
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- *but, let's actually build this*

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under the hood:

- paths detected via pkg-config

```
c++ -std=c++11  -I/usr/local/Cellar/icu4c/62.1/include \
-L/usr/local/Cellar/icu4c/62.1/lib -licuio -licui18n -licuuc \
-licudata  s09_test.c   -o s09_test
```

s13a_hello.cpp

```cpp
#include <unicode/errorcode.h>
#include <unicode/locid.h>
#include <unicode/ustdio.h>
#include <unicode/ustream.h>
#include <iostream>

int main() {
  icu::ErrorCode status;
  icu::Locale locale("und_001");
  icu::UnicodeString world;
  locale.getDisplayCountry(world);
  ASSERT_OK(status);

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}
```

Hello, World

```
$ LC_ALL=es ./s13a_hello
```

Hello, Mundo

icuhelloworld.cpp

```
$ LC_ALL=mt ./s13a_hello
```

Hello, Dinja

```
$ LC_ALL=zh ./s13a_hello
```

Hello, 世界

 *string concatenation!!!*

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La **pluma** de **mi tía** está en la tabla.

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Or, avoid sentences entirely

"Location: table, Object: pen, Owner: Aunt"

hellomsg.cpp

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```
    MessageFormat msg_en("Hello, {world}",
        Locale("en"), status);
    UnicodeString result_en;
    msg_en.format(argnames, arguments, kArgCount, result_en, status);
    ASSERT_OK(status);
    std::cout << "en: " << result_en << std::endl;
```

```
en: Hello, World
```

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    UnicodeString result_es;
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    ASSERT_OK(status);
    std::cout << "es: " << result_es << std::endl;
```

```
es: ¡Hola, Mundo!
```

Java

Java(ICU4J)

ICU4J : Hello, Maven

```
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.ibm.icu</groupId>
            <artifactId>icu4j</artifactId>
            <version>62.1</version>
        </dependency>
```

Hello.java

```
Locale locale = Locale.getDefault();
String world = LocaleDisplayNames
        .getInstance(ULocale.forLocale(locale))
        .regionDisplayName("001");
System.out.println("Hello, " + world + "\u2603");
```

Hello, World 

`Hello.java` (español)

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- use `java.util.Locale`
- …except for some ICU4J APIs that still use ICU's `ULocale`

BadMessage.properties

```
population=The territory of {territory} has {population} persons.
```

BadMessage.java

```
        final Locale locale = Locale.getDefault();
        ResourceBundle rb = ResourceBundle.getBundle(BadMessage.class.getName());
        String popmsg = rb.getString("population");
        System.out.println("Message: " + popmsg);

        for(final PopulationData.TerritoryEntry entry :
           PopulationData.getTerritoryEntries(locale)) {
            MessageFormat m = new MessageFormat(popmsg, locale);
            Map msgArgs = new HashMap<String,Object>();
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```
Message: The territory of {territory} has {population} persons.
The territory of Afghanistan has 33,332,000 persons.
The territory of Albania has 3,038,590 persons.
The territory of Algeria has 40,263,700 persons.
```

- ok so far

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```
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- Welsh: 0 cŵn,

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CLDR Plurals

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GoodMessage.properties

```
population={population, plural,
  one{The territory of {territory} has # person}
  other{The territory of {territory} has # persons}}
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- no code change

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population={population, plural,
  one{The territory of {territory} has # person}
  other{The territory of {territory} has # persons}}
```

- no code change

```
The territory of United States has 323,996,000 persons
The territory of Unknown Region has 0 persons
The territory of Uruguay has 3,351,020 persons
The territory of Botswana has 2,209,210 persons
The territory of Bouvet Island has 1 person
The territory of Brazil has 205,824,000 persons
```

Units and Currencies

```
The room measures
{0, plural, one{1 meter} other{# meters}}
wide.
```

```
The room measures 0 meters wide.
The room measures 1 meter wide.
The room measures 0 meters wide.
```

But with ICU 62 message strings, ICU can handle measurement units without having to enumerate all the plural forms yourself!

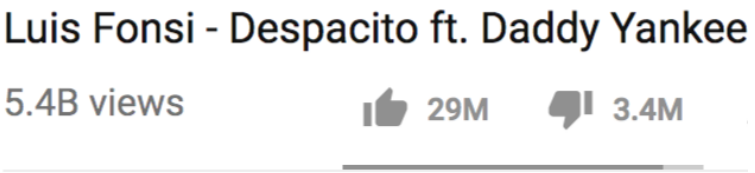
Use the "number" type instead of "plural" type and pass a number skeleton:

```
The room measures
{0, number, ::measure-unit/length-meter unit-width-full-name}
wide.
```

Also works for currencies.

Sample code: s88_units.cpp

Compact Notation



Programmatically:

```
std::cout
  << icu::number::NumberFormatter::with()
    .notation(icu::number::Notation::compactShort())
    .locale("en-us")
    .formatDouble(quantity, status)
    .toString(status)
  << std::endl;
```

Via Message String:

```
{0, number, ::compact-short}
```

Sample code: s99_compact.cpp

Break Iteration

- Unicode standards + tailoring
- UAX#14 line breaking
- UAX#29 sentence, grapheme cluster, word

Break Iteration Sample

```
BreakIterator *wordIterator = BreakIterator::createWordInstance(locale, status);
breakIterator->setText(u"Hello World");
breakIterator->current(); // 0
breakIterator->next(); // 5
breakIterator->next(); // 6
breakIterator->next(); // 11
breakIterator->next(); // -1 == DONE
```

Sample: `s23_brki.cpp`

Collators (Text Sorting)

- binary comparison inadequate
- order varies by language (Danish ‘aa…’ follows ‘z…’)
- need multiple-level collation

Uses:

- comparing
- sorting
- searching

Options:

- case sensitive?
- ignore punctuation?
- UPPERCASE first?
- which variant collator?
- which locale?
- custom tailorings?
- time vs. memory tradeoff?

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- No Lambda function needed if `Set<String>`

Multilingual

Russian

```
The territory of Аландские о-ва has 26 200 persons in it.
The territory of Албания has 3 011 410 persons in it.
```

Japanese

```
アイスランドには、315,281人います。
アイルランドには、4,775,980人います。
```

Spanish

```
En la región de “Afganistán” hay 31.108.100 personas.
En la región de “Albania” hay 3.011.410 personas.
En la región de “Angola” hay 18.565.300 personas.
```

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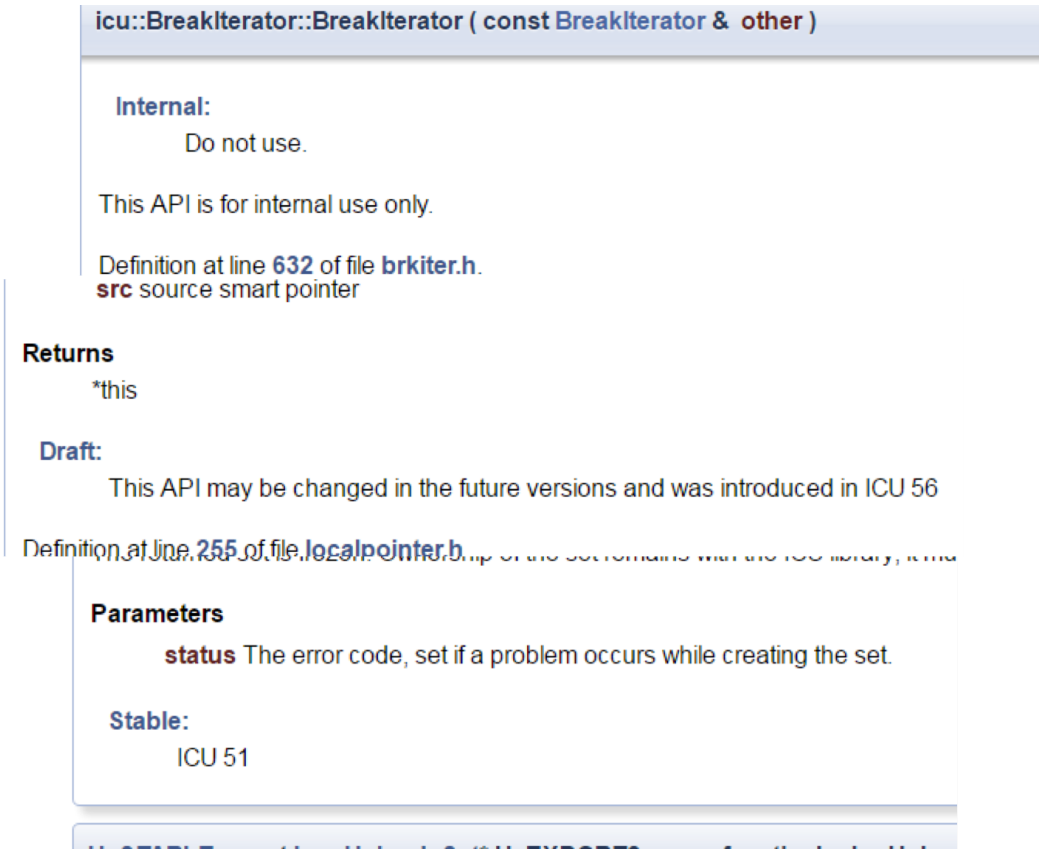

icu::BreakIterator::BreakIterator (const BreakIterator & other)

Internal:

Do not use.

This API is for internal use only.

Definition at line **632** of file **brkiter.h**.

src source smart pointer

Returns

*this

Draft:

This API may be changed in the future versions and was introduced in ICU 56

Definition at line 255 of file localpointer.h

Parameters

status The error code, set if a problem occurs while creating the set.

Stable:

ICU 51

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Binary Stability

Source code compatible

- Consumer program should be compiled successfully without changes.
- Rare exceptions, documented in readme.

Serialization compatible (ICU4J)

- Newer ICU version should be able to deserialize object data serialized by older ICU version.
- (see docs for limited exceptions)

Packaging:

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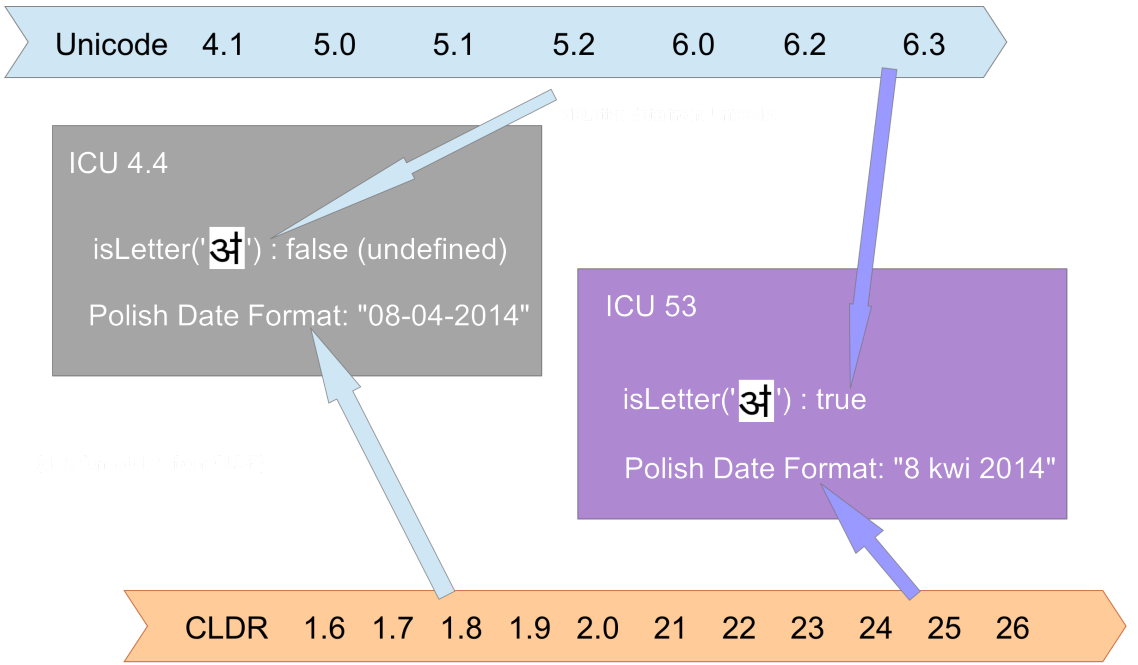
- Customize data http://userguide.icu-project.org/icudata
- Repackage ICU4C Code http://userguide.icu-project.org/packaging

  Example: `#define UCONFIG_NO_LEGACY_CONVERSION` (May not reduce data size)

- *2018 Bonus:* More/better tooling for data slicing is in development!
  - Subscribe to the *icu-design* mailing list for updates
  - Bug to follow: ICU-10923

Data Changes



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ICU4J vs JDK (1/2)

JDK class	ICU class	ICU Benefits	Suggestion
java.lang.**Character**	com.ibm.icu.lang.**UCharacter**	•Latest Unicode standard •More character properties support	JDK OK: ICU as-needed
java.math.**BigDecimal**	com.ibm.icu.math.**BigDecimal**	•For backward compatibility only	ICU not recommended in new code
java.text.**Bidi**	com.ibm.icu.text.**Bidi**	•Latest Unicode bidi algorithm (UAX#9)	JDK OK: ICU as-needed
java.text.**BreakIterator**	com.ibm.icu.text.**BreakIterator**	•Latest Unicode standard (UAX#29) •Dictionary based word break (Thai, Lao, Chinese/Japanese)	JDK OK: ICU as-needed
java.text.**Collator** java.text.**RuleBasedCollator**	com.ibm.icu.text.**Collator** com.ibm.icu.text.**RuleBasedCollator**	•Unicode collation algorithm (UTS#10) •Faster comparison	ICU recommended

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ICU4J vs JDK (2/2)

JDK class	ICU class	ICU Benefits	Suggestion
java.text.DateFormat java.text.SimpleDateFormat	com.ibm.icu.text.DateFormat com.ibm.icu.text.SimpleDateFormat	• Abstract (skeleton) pattern (e.g. year-month only format) • Patterns for additional calendar types • More field format types (e.g. narrow weekday, standalone month) • Capitalization control • Slower service object creation, format & parse than JDK	JDK OK, ICU as-needed
java.text.MessageFormat	com.ibm.icu.text.MessageFormat	• Plural formatting • Gender formatting (social applications) • Named arguments (“{filename}” vs “{4}”) • Auto apostrophe mode	JDK OK, ICU as-needed
java.text.NumberFormat java.text.DecimalFormat	com.ibm.icu.text.NumberFormat com.ibm.icu.text.DecimalFormat + RuleBasedNumberFormat	• More styles (e.g. scientific, currency spell out) • Parse currency • Algorithmic numbering systems • Slower service object creation, format & parse than JDK	JDK OK, ICU as-needed

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Have a nice day!