

MEEK Project Team chat meeting log 15.12.2008

* *Håvard joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:00:25 * *Karl joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:00:29 * *Mike joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:01:22 * *SFS Hillevi Vuo joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:01:59 * *Troy joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:03:14 * *Erkki joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:03:32 <Håvard> Good morning everyone!

15/12/2008 09:03:37 <Erkki> Welcome, everybody!

15/12/2008 09:03:48 <Mike> Good morning

15/12/2008 09:04:15 <Karl> Good morning, everybody! Unfortunately, I have to look after an urgent matter from my paid job right now, thus I cannot really participate in the chat. (Nevertheless, I have the chat window open and will look at it from time to time.)

15/12/2008 09:05:15 <SFS Hillevi Vuo> Good morning everybody!

15/12/2008 09:05:43 <Troy> Good morning.

15/12/2008 09:05:47 <Erkki> I'd propose that we do now whatever you feel must be done in order to ask for comments from the full WS.

15/12/2008 09:06:31 <Troy> I have some comments to the draft, but I haven't finished them yet.

15/12/2008 09:06:45 <Erkki> I'd expect at least Mike and Troy to have comments.

15/12/2008 09:07:16 <Erkki> Troy: Our messages crossed.

15/12/2008 09:08:32 <Mike> Yes I have some comments - I will try to drop them into this chat. I was going to markup the draft - but not so easy with a pdf

15/12/2008 09:08:35 <Troy> I read through the entire text, so there are a number of comments.

15/12/2008 09:09:27 <Mike> First comment: The keyboard picture in the Appendix is too unclear - hence can't check the text against the key markings

15/12/2008 09:09:32 <Erkki> I didn't even realise that the document was distributed as a pdf. Sorry about that.

15/12/2008 09:11:35 <Mike> Related to the fuzzy diagram - I could not understand the "Additional combining diacritics .." section in the Appendix. Do characters such as Circumflex and Tilde appear on the keytops?

15/12/2008 09:12:11 <Erkki> Mike, yes they do.

15/12/2008 09:13:33 <Erkki> There have been five diacritics before, but they could combine with very few letters (due to the originally restricted encoding).

15/12/2008 09:14:19 <Mike> OK - so the sequence is that AltGr is pressed before Carat to create the characters shown next to it? The completely different layout of the table in this section to the previous sections had me confused

15/12/2008 09:15:36 <Troy> Or pressed together, rather.

15/12/2008 09:15:46 <Mike> This layout is also different in the next table - it is "Diacritical mark - Key - Position - Letter" whereas earlier in the document it is "Key - Position - Resulting character - glyph - exemplar language"

15/12/2008 09:15:49 <Erkki> The appendix is actually the text for the quick user's guide (but not the same layout).

15/12/2008 09:16:38 <Mike> I realise these are somewhat different in type - but maybe more similarity in the tables, or a preamble to the table such as that before the first table in "Additional Letters" section would help

15/12/2008 09:17:56 <Mike> Sorry yes - pressed together - I have started using AltGr with the UK Extended keyboard - but it is still not in my DNA!

15/12/2008 09:19:36 <Mike> Couldn't understand why in the table with Acute, Grave, Diaeresis, etc. (AltGr) appears after the ~ in brackets - what does this signify?

15/12/2008 09:20:20 <Mike> Apart from confusion in this area, I think this Appendix is very clear

15/12/2008 09:21:05 <Troy> They are on the same key. I think this is why. I have to find the page/

15/12/2008 09:22:10 <Erkki> In the earlier keyboard, tilde was the only one to need the pressing of the AltGr key (similar to all the ew ones).

15/12/2008 09:23:48 <Mike> So why does (AltGr) follow the Tilde in this description of the new keyboard - but not follow all the rest - it implies to me that you need to do something different with Tilde

15/12/2008 09:24:46 <Erkki> Mike, yes, see above.

15/12/2008 09:24:56 * *Mina joins meek*

15/12/2008 09:25:41 <Mike> Some other minor comments. In this and in all versions, the line spacings between paragraphs, headers and paragraphs, etc vary in a most random and peculiar way. I think it would be good if they were rationalized before we go public.

15/12/2008 09:26:01 <Mike> What above?

15/12/2008 09:26:20 <Håvard> Could/should the notation of which keys to press rather refer to "key number", e.g. "AltGr+D12", etc. ?

15/12/2008 09:26:24 <Mike> that should be "peculiar"

15/12/2008 09:28:01 <Mike> I like the clarity of AltGr+x approach for clarity - but for the non-specialist, a reference to a keytop engraving that I can see on a diagram shown on the same page is simpler (if I could read it)

15/12/2008 09:28:41 <Erkki> Håvard, that's the way the standard refers to the key positions, but it was felt to be too "technical" for the user's guide.

15/12/2008 09:29:42 <Håvard> Would it be possible to combine both? "Tilde [-] / AltGr+D12"

15/12/2008 09:29:43 <Mike> As the Appendix is in a user guide the format chosen seems most appropriate. Maybe for the main part of our document Håvard is right - although I don't know what D12 means without a diagram in front of me

15/12/2008 09:32:12 <Erkki> In fact, the text of the appendix doesn't have to be identical to that of the user's guide. We could state that it is based on the user's guide. Hillevi?

15/12/2008 09:32:48 <SFS Hillevi Vuo> I agree

15/12/2008 09:34:34 <Erkki> Then I would state first the key (e.g. E12) and then the use of the Shift and AltGr keys (and have the also for the "traditional" diacritics).

15/12/2008 09:35:06 <Mike> I think that the clarity of reading Appendix 1 is by being the only person not used to the dead-key method. At last, I think I understand that the "Additional combining diacritics ..." section describes traditional dead key usage i.e. don't touch AltGr. Am I correct?

15/12/2008 09:35:17 <Erkki> Would this make it clear(er)?

15/12/2008 09:36:12 <Håvard> When it comes to "normal letters", the notation "P" would be fine, I guess. But also there: The "P key" normally produces a "p", it is the "shift+P" that produces "P".

15/12/2008 09:37:26 <Erkki> Håvard, yes. However, only the capital letter is engraved.

15/12/2008 09:37:29 <Mike> Not for me - as the D12 E12 language is completely foreign and I would need to look it up to know what it means. Can we assume that all readers of the CWA will be keyboard specialists?

15/12/2008 09:37:49 <Troy> Basically, the AltGr key is not in any way special, or related to the dead keys. The reason it seems that way reading the text, is that all NEW dead keys happen to be produced using the AltGr or AltGr + shift.

15/12/2008 09:38:11 <Erkki> Mike, the rows and the columns are marked on the diagram.

15/12/2008 09:38:51 <Mike> Oh - so they are! I was on the next page - all objections withdrawn!!!!

15/12/2008 09:43:04 <Troy> Should I post my comments here too?

15/12/2008 09:43:15 <Mike> My overall comment on Appendix 1 is that it is clear for someone not used to the dead key method up to the "Additional combining diacritics .." section. The explanatory text in this section is insufficient to make it clear what keys get pressed singly and in combination to achieve the desired effect.

15/12/2008 09:43:25 <Erkki> Troy: Yes, please.

15/12/2008 09:43:56 <Mike> I now fully understand this - but the text and the labelling and layout of the tables hide way too many assumptions to make it unambiguous

15/12/2008 09:44:03 <Troy> Page 6. The chapter "A PRAGMATIC APPROACH" deals with the proposal which is the Finnish keyboard layout. Therefore it should be moved further down, after the chapter "USAGE SCENARIOS."

15/12/2008 09:44:44 <Troy> The idea is that usage scenarios is more general.

15/12/2008 09:45:27 <Erkki> Mike: I'm proposing to format the use of diacritics as one or more tables.

15/12/2008 09:46:09 <Håvard> Re "Pragmatic approach": Agree in principle (but haven't read through the text to see if the sequence is essential).

15/12/2008 09:46:57 <Troy> I think all references to the old Finnish keyboard layout could be removed, since our European audience isn't familiar with it anyway.

15/12/2008 09:47:43 <Erkki> Troy: The reason why they are is that most other national keyboard layouts have similar features.

15/12/2008 09:48:02 <Troy> The text could just describe it, and add a paragraph in the end which covers any issues related to the old keyboard, maybe as a guide to our thought processes when designing the new key positions.

15/12/2008 09:48:16 <Erkki> It is to illustrate, how you add new functionality.

15/12/2008 09:48:17 <Håvard> Basically there may be two types of readers: (1) People who are familiar with dead keys; and (2) People who aren't. The text should be readable also for "type 2 people".

15/12/2008 09:49:01 <Troy> If we describe it first for everybody, and then cover the differences between the old and the new, we cover both audiences, no?

15/12/2008 09:50:04 <Håvard> Agree, but some "over-clarity" might not hurt.

15/12/2008 09:50:42 <Mike> I think there are some sequencing problems. I think that the scenario 3 text at the end of the "sample design" section (starting "A proposed solution" is sandwiched between text discussing scenarios 1 and 2.

15/12/2008 09:51:09 <Erkki> I agree that more description is needed. I'll check, if we could "steal" something from the text that was sent out to introduce the proposed standard.

15/12/2008 09:52:17 <Mike> Scenario 3 is quite self contained - perhaps if the text referred to above was in a section "Scenario 3 proposed solution" - before, "Sample design and implementation" then the whole of the rest of the document would refer to scenario 1 and 2 options

15/12/2008 09:53:38 <Mike> Perhaps we could introduce section numbering? Referring to passages in this document is becoming very difficult!

15/12/2008 09:54:55 <Troy> Good idea.

15/12/2008 09:55:09 <Erkki> Mike, I agree.

15/12/2008 09:55:30 <Troy> I will send my comments via email. They are too voluminous to cover here. There is a reference to the text you mentioned too.

15/12/2008 09:55:41 <Håvard> The document needs to use the CWA template.

15/12/2008 09:55:59 <Mike> A numerically more logical alternative to my previous suggestion is to pu the Scenario 3 text at or near the end of the document (before the Appendix) and title all of the other sections "scenario 1 and 2 options"

15/12/2008 09:56:33 <Erkki> I just didn't have the time for it, when I was rushing the text out by the noon deadline (although you only saw it the next day).

15/12/2008 09:57:15 <Mike> I too have other editorial comments - all quite small. I guess a template might also fix the various layout and stylisitic issues

15/12/2008 09:57:48 <Mike> I must leave now - I will e-mail my remaining minor editorial comments

15/12/2008 09:57:50 <Erkki> Thus far, only the begiining of the document is in the form of a CWA.

15/12/2008 09:58:12 <Troy> I just emailed my comments.

15/12/2008 09:58:25 <Erkki> Fine.

15/12/2008 10:01:52 <Troy> I think the document has made great progress from the last version.

15/12/2008 10:02:18 <Troy> We are actually getting into the details and shuffling of text now.

15/12/2008 10:03:23 <Erkki> Do we need another chat before asking for comments from the full WS membership, or do I just send out the draft to you for a commenting period osf, say, two days?sing th

15/12/2008 10:04:29 <Mike> either option ok - let me know - bye

15/12/2008 10:04:35 * Mike quit

15/12/2008 10:04:44 <Håvard> I would be ready to entrust the chair/secretary to finalize the text for circulation now. (Using the CWA template.)

15/12/2008 10:05:04 <Troy> Bye Mike.

15/12/2008 10:05:18 <Karl> I opt for the commenting period.

15/12/2008 10:06:11 <Erkki> Fine, I'll prepare the next version and send it out for a short commenting period before the publication to the full WS.

15/12/2008 10:06:40 <Troy> OK

15/12/2008 10:06:45 <Håvard> ok

15/12/2008 10:06:48 <Karl> Erkki, will the Finnish standard be a published standard at the time our CWA is going to be published?

15/12/2008 10:07:19 <SFS Hillevi Vuo> The Finnish standard is already published

15/12/2008 10:08:55 <Erkki> I've received more comments from Troy and will get more from Mike. I won't finalize the next draft until podssibly later this week, so comments by everyone are most welcome.

15/12/2008 10:10:15 <Erkki> It looks like there's a lot of rearranging but little new text.

15/12/2008 10:10:38 <Håvard> If you get something from me, it will be tomorrow at the latest.

15/12/2008 10:10:58 <Erkki> Fine, thanks.

15/12/2008 10:13:08 <Håvard> I need to leave the chat now. Bye!

15/12/2008 10:14:53 * Håvard quit (timeout)

15/12/2008 10:16:12 <SFS Hillevi Vuo> Have to go now, too. Bye!

15/12/2008 10:16:53 * SFS Hillevi Vuo quit (timeout)

15/12/2008 10:17:20 <Troy> Bye

15/12/2008 10:17:24 <Erkki> Thanks for everybody!

15/12/2008 10:17:32 <Erkki> Bye!

15/12/2008 10:17:38 <Karl> Bye

15/12/2008 10:17:39 * Troy quit

15/12/2008 10:17:59 * Karl quit (timeout)