ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

This form is to be used in conjunction with a “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code” form

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Tentative assignment of new identifier : lfn (completed by Registration Authority)

PLEASE NOTE: This completed form will become part of the public record of this change request and the history of the ISO 639-3 code set. Use Shift-Enter to insert a new line in a form field (where allowed).

1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Lingua Franca Nova
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Lingua Franca Nova
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      LFN
   d) Reason for preferred name:
      original name
   e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
      online community (LFN wikiwiki and Yahoo! group) - approximately 180
   f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: lfn

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers is not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION
   a) Is this a
      [□] Living language
      [□] Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
      [□] Recently extinct language
      [□] Historical language
      [□] Ancient language

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Artificially constructed language

Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-2D3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
speakers in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, USA.

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
not available

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death
not applicable

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

a) This language is:  Signed  Spoken  Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
Constructed, based on Romance languages, especially creoles

c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Other Romance-based auxiliary languages, such as Interlingue.

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:

b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
No

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Used in email messages among speakers
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:
I am the creator of LFN: began it in 1964, put it on the internet in 1998

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
Complete grammar (in LFN and English) available at http://lfn.esef.net/index.php/Gramatica_Completa_de_Lingua_Franca_Nova; Dictionary (LFN - English) at http://lingua-franca-nova.net/lfn-eng.html; sources in other languages also available (from http://lfn.esef.net/index.php/Category:Lingua_Franca_Nova)

Please return this form to:
ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA
Email: iso639-3@sil.org
An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:
If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers: