Appendix G General Purpose Symbols

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Punctuation

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| • | , | comma |
| | 7 | semicolon |
| 3. | | colon |
| •• | s # √ | period |
| •• | ! | exclamation point |
| | ? | question mark |
| | / 1 | apostrophe |
| | J#/#-# | ellipsis |
| | - | hyphen |
| 11 11 | _ | dash |
| | : : | double dash |
| : | (*) | decimal point (within a number) |
| .: | / | fraction line (within a number) |

Signs of Measurement

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| ::::: | 0 | degrees |
| :::: | ′ | single prime meaning foot or feet |
| ::: | ′ | single prime meaning minutes of arc |
| :: :: | " | double prime meaning inches |
| ::::::: | " | double prime meaning seconds of arc |

Signs of Enclosure

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|---------|-------|--------------------------------|
| ** | W II | opening double quotation mark |
| :: | // 11 | closing double quotation mark |
| | V I | opening single quotation mark |
| | / 1 | closing single quotation mark |
| :: | () | opening or closing parenthesis |
| | [| opening bracket |
| :::: |] | closing bracket |
| ::: | < | opening angle bracket |
| 10 10 | > | closing angle bracket |
| | { | opening brace |
| | } | closing brace |

Mathematical Signs

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| # # | + | plus |
| 13 11 | _ | minus |
| 11 11 11 11 11 11 | ± | plus or minus |
| :: :: | × | multiplication, times |
| !! !! | 1 | division |
| :::: | = | equal |
| ::::::: | # | not equal |
| ::::: | > | greater than |
| ::::: | < | less than |
| :• •: | | ratio, is to |
| ::::: | 11 | proportion, as |
| :: :: | •.• | because |
| :: :: | | therefore |
| :::: | Ø | null or empty set |

Currency Signs

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| :: :: | ¢ | cents |
| • • | \$ | dollar sign before a number |
| :: :: | \$ | dollar sign elsewhere |
| | £ | pounds sterling sign before a number |
| ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: | £ | pounds sterling sign elsewhere |
| :: 1: | € | euro |
| ii ii | ¥ | yen |

Nonalphabetic Signs

Note: The asterisk, dagger and double dagger are used in regular text; see reference marks for use with footnotes.

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| | @ | at sign (2007) |
| • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | & | ampersand |
| | # | crosshatch (2007) |
| *** | / | slash |
| | // | double slash |
| : :: :: | % | percent |
| | * | asterisk |
| *: *: | + | dagger |
| :• •: | ‡ | double dagger |
| • • • | 1 | paragraph |
| : :::: | § | section |
| :: :: | | vertical bar |
| • • • • | | double vertical bar |
| 11 11 | © | copyright (2007) |
| | R | registered trademark (2007) |
| ::: | ТМ | trademark (2007) |
| # : | ✓ | check mark |
| :• •: | 11 | ditto |
| :: :: | ? | question mark standing alone |
| :::: | • | primary bullet (2011) |
| | 0 | secondary bullet (2011) |

Arrows and Arrowheads

| Braille | Print | Meaning |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| ** ** ** | ← | left arrow |
| **** | → | right arrow |
| | \leftrightarrow | left and right arrow |
| ** ** ** ** | 1 | up arrow |
| ****** | \ | down arrow |
| | \$ | up and down arrow |
| ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: | 7 | northeast arrow |
| | 7 | southeast arrow |
| ** : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : | K | northwest arrow |
| ****** | L' | southwest arrow |
| • • • | < | left arrowhead, derived from |
| • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | > | right arrowhead, whence is derived |
| | < ? | left arrowhead and question mark, source unknown |

Reference Marks

| Braille | Meaning | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | basic reference indicator | | |
| ** ** ** | numbered indicator | | |
| | line number indicator | | |
| **** | lettered indicator | | |
| :::: ::: | asterisk | | |
| | color indicator, followed by letter denoting color | | |
| | dagger | | |
| | double dagger | | |
| | highlight | | |
| | hollow dot | | |
| ** ** *: | italic | | |
| | question mark | | |
| ***** | underline | | |

Composition Indicators

| Braille | Meaning |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| • | letter indicator |
| : | number indicator |
| • | print symbol indicator |
| : | foreign language punctuation indicator (2011) |
| 1 | accent indicator |
| 11 | capital indicator |
| | double capital indicator |
| • • | non-Latin letter indicator |
| ** | non-Latin word indicator |
| 11 11 | double non-Latin word indicator |
| 13. 11 | transcriber's note indicator (beginning and ending) |
| 13 13 | termination indicator |
| •• | (followed by letters) shape indicator |
| | begin Nemeth code indicator (2011) |
| | end Nemeth code indicator (2011) |

Emphasis Indicators

| Braille | Meaning | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--|
| :: | italic indicator | |
| :::: | double italic indicator | |
| ::: | boldface indicator | |
| :::::: | double boldface indicator | |
| :::::: | single boldface-italic indicator (2011) | |
| ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: | double boldface-italic indicator (2011) | |
| :::: | single-underline indicator (2011) | |
| :::: | double-underline indicator (2011) | |
| : | (followed by letters) color indicator | |