

# 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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Associated Change request number : 2009-013

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : xnt

(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:  
Narragansett
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:  
unknown
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
- d) Reason for preferred name:  
This is the name found throughout the linguistic literature for this extinct language
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):  
extinct
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: xnt

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifier 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
- |                                     |                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Living language                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recently extinct language                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Historical language                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ancient language                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Artificially constructed language                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 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:  
United States
  
- c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:  
Connecticut, Rhode Island
  
- 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  
Extinct in 19<sup>th</sup> century, last recording in 1879

### 3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

- a) This language is:  Signed  Spoken  Attested only in writings
  
- b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:  
Algic, Algonquian, Eastern
  
- 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:  
Wampanoag [wam]

### 4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

- a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:  
Known primarily from Williams 1643
  
- 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?:
  
- c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:

## 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:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

Williams, Roger. 1643. A key into the language of America. London: Gregory Dexter. Linguistic discussions include:

[1] Marianne Mithun. 1999. The Languages of Native North America. Cambridge;

[2] Ives Goddard. 1999. Native Languages and language Families of North America. Wall Map. University of Nebraska Press;

[3] Ives Goddard. 1978. "Eastern Algonquian languages," Handbook of North American Indians, Volume 15, The Northeast. Smithsonian Institution, pp 70-77.

### Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar

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ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/default.asp>

Email: [iso639-3@sil.org](mailto: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:

Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International. Online version: <http://www.ethnologue.com/> .

LinguistList. Ancient and Extinct Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html>

LinguistList. Constructed Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html>