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languages —**

**Part 3:
Alpha-3 code for comprehensive
coverage of languages**

Codes pour la représentation des noms de langues —

Partie 3: Code alpha-3 pour un traitement exhaustif des langues



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Foreword

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- *Part 2: Alpha-3 code*
- *Part 3: Alpha-3 code for comprehensive coverage of languages*

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- *Part 4: Implementation guidelines and general principles for language coding*
- *Part 5: Alpha-3 code for language families and groups*
- *Part 6: Alpha-4 representation for comprehensive coverage of language variation*