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The international symbol for an observer that was mentioned and drawn by Professor Charles Bailyn in Yale University course *ASTR-160: Frontiers and Controversies in Astrophysics Lecture 2 - Planetary Orbits*¹ caught my eye, so I went looking for it on www.codepoints.net, a nice site dedicated to all the characters defined in the Unicode Standard, and in Unicode's own Miscellaneous Symbols and Pictographs chart at <http://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U1F300.pdf>

My search has been unsuccessful as it seems there is currently no unicode symbol for an observer. I did find symbols for an eye, also known as sight, (in a frontal rather than profile view), for a comet and shooting star, and for our home galaxy, the Milky Way. It is surprising that an astronomical symbol for an observer of the universe — us! — is not currently available in the Unicode Standard.

I have made the following symbol for an observer (a stylized profile view of an eye) for possible inclusion in the Unicode Standard: 👁 (also shown at a larger size below). It is available in a variety of formats and dedicated to the Public Domain at:

<http://hypertexthero.com/logbook/2015/01/international-symbol-observer/>



I am happy to make changes necessary for final approval should this proposal be accepted.

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1. The lecture is available for viewing at <http://oyc.yale.edu/astronomy/ast-160/lecture-2> with PDF class notes at http://oyc.yale.edu/sites/default/files/ast160_lec2.pdf and a transcript at <http://oyc.yale.edu/transcript/36/ast-160>.