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The investigation of carbon monoxide (CO) adsorption on the unreconstructed Ir(100)- (1×1) surface under ultra-high vacuum (UHV) conditions is studied with scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), low-energy electron diffraction (LEED), and high-resolution core-level spectroscopy (HRCLS). At a low coverage of 0.5 ML (monolayer), CO molecules adopt a previously documented $c(2 \times 2)$ structure, having CO molecules adsorbed exclusively in the top sites. When the coverage increases to 0.83 ML, a $c(6 \times 2)$ phase is observed having a combination of bridge and top adsorption sites positions. A comprehensive picture of CO adsorption on Ir(100)- (1×1) is presented here by correlating the spectroscopic data with the observed distinct structural formations from STM and LEED.