

Old Persian is the name applied to the Persian language used in the cuneiform inscriptions of the Achaemenian dynasty; it was the vernacular speech of the Achaemenian rulers.

## 1 Typing Old Persian

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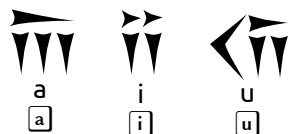
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## 2 Writing System

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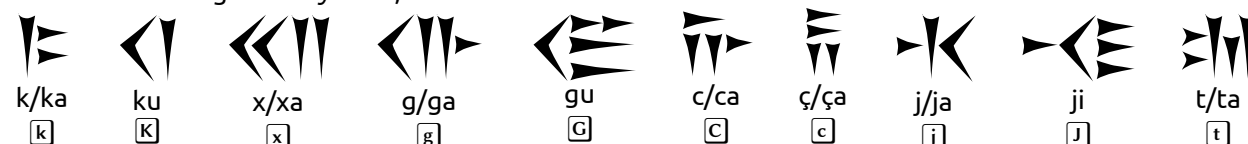
Old Persian is written in a cuneiform script, but with only a small number of signs compared to languages such as Akkadian. There are **3 vowel signs** and **33 consonant signs**

### 2.1 Vowel Signs (3)



### 2.2 Consonant Signs (33)

The consonant signs are syllabic, i.e.





<sup>2</sup> Livius. [Column I, lines 1-8](#).

<sup>3</sup> Omniglot. [Old Persian Cuneiform](#).

<sup>4</sup> H. Rawlinson. [Memoir on Cuneiform Inscription](#). 1849.

<sup>5</sup> Prods Oktor Skjærvø. [An Introduction to Old Persian](#). 2002.

<sup>6</sup> Wiktionary. [𐎧𐎡𐎴](#).

<sup>7</sup> Wiktionary. [𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴](#).

<sup>8</sup> Wiktionary. [𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴](#).