

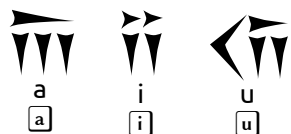
Old Persian is the name applied to the Persian language used in the cuneiform inscriptions of the Achaemenian dynasty; it was the vernacular speech of the Achaemenian rulers.

1 Writing System

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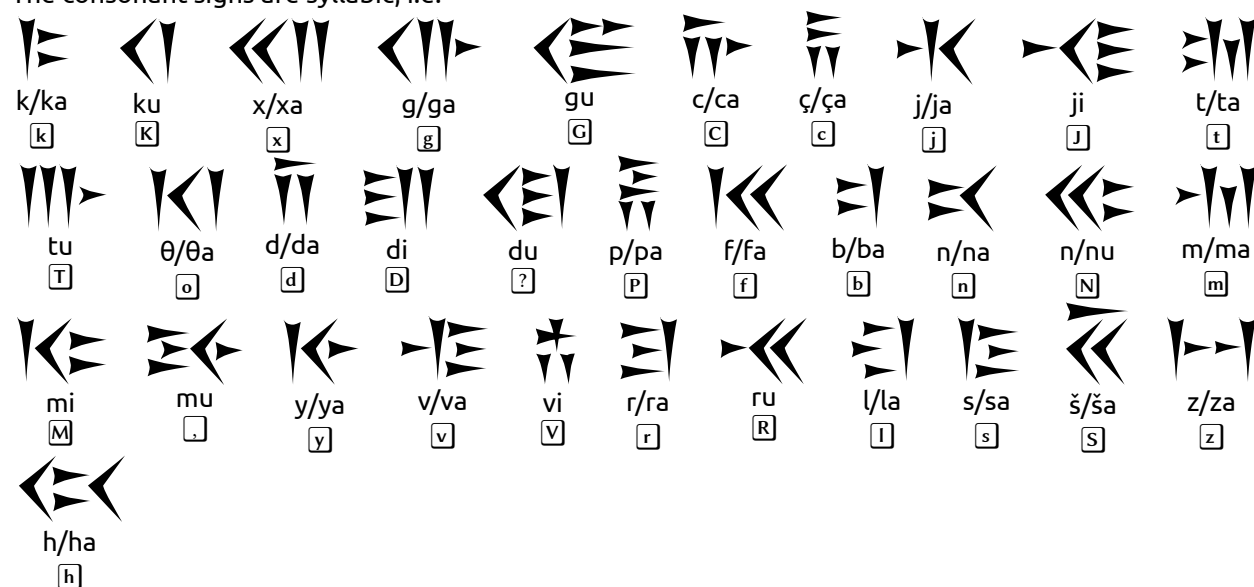
Old Persian is written in a cuneiform script, but with only a small number of signs compared to languages such as Akkadian. There are 3 vowel signs and 33 consonant signs



1.1 Vowel Signs (3)





1.2 Consonant Signs (33)

The consonant signs are syllabic, i.e.

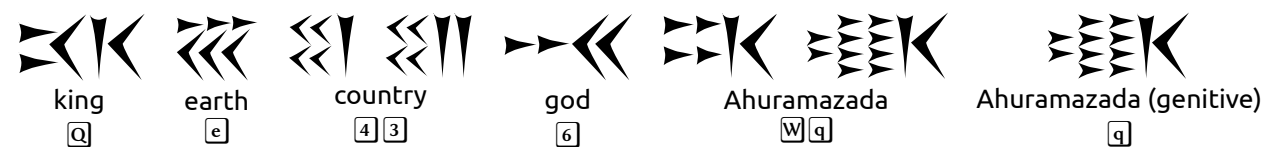


Note that  and  are different.

For example, "Darius" is  not 

1.3 Logograms (Signs That Stand for a Whole Word)



u <𐎧
 v >𐎶
 w >𐎶𐎶

x <𐎧𐎧
 y <𐎧𐎶
 z <𐎧𐎶𐎶

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 | <𐎧𐎧𐎧
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