

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

1

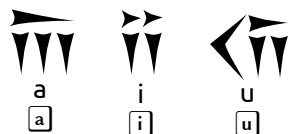
!	9	Q	i
"	:	R	j
#	;	S	k
\$	<	T	l
%	=	U	m
&	>	V	n
'	? <E	W	o
(@ <I	X	p
)	A	Y	q
*	B	Z	r
+	C	[s
,	D	\	t
-	E]	u
.	F	^	v
/	G	_	w
0	H	'	x
1	I	a	y
2	J	b	z
3	K	c	{
4	L	d	
5	M	e	}
6	N	f	
7	O	g	
8	P	h	

2 Writing System

3,5

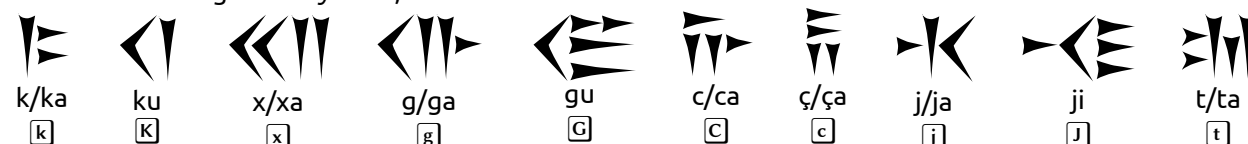
Old Persian is written in a cuneiform script, but with only a small number of signs compared to languages such as Akkadian. There are **3 vowel signs** and **33 consonant signs**

2.1 Vowel Signs (3)



2.2 Consonant Signs (33)

The consonant signs are syllabic, i.e.



² Livius. [Column I, lines 1-8](#).

³ Omniglot. [Old Persian Cuneiform](#).

⁴ H. Rawlinson. [Memoir on Cuneiform Inscription](#). 1849.

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

⁶ Wiktionary. [𐎧𐎡𐎴](#).

⁷ Wiktionary. [𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴](#).

⁸ Wiktionary. [𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴𐎧𐎡𐎴](#).