

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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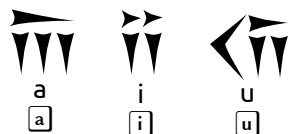
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## 2 Writing System

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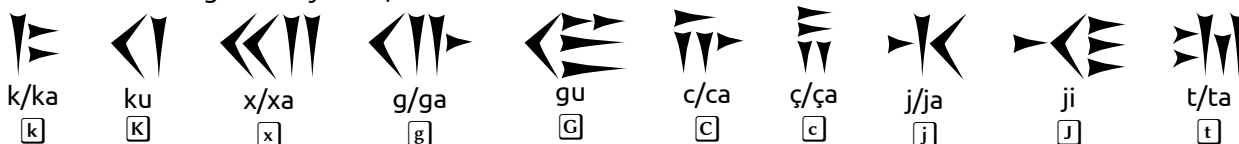
Old Persian is written in a cuneiform script, but with only a small number of signs compared to languages such as Akkadian. There are [3 vowel signs](#) and [33 consonant signs](#)

### 2.1 Vowel Signs (3)



### 2.2 Consonant Signs (33)

The consonant signs are syllabic, i.e.





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