

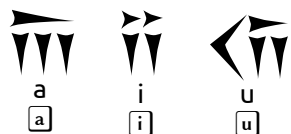
Old Persian is the name applied to the Persian language used in the cuneiform inscriptions of the Achaemenian dynasty; it was the vernacular speech of the Achaemenian rulers.

1 Writing System

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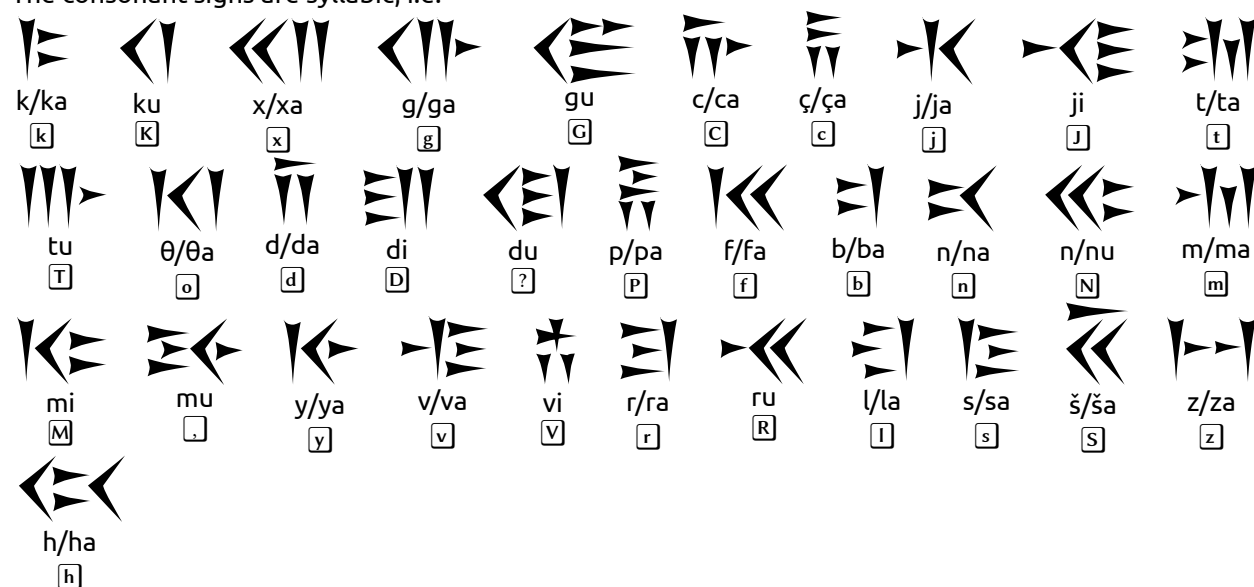
Old Persian is written in a cuneiform script, but with only a small number of signs compared to languages such as Akkadian. There are 3 vowel signs and 33 consonant signs



1.1 Vowel Signs (3)





1.2 Consonant Signs (33)

The consonant signs are syllabic, i.e.

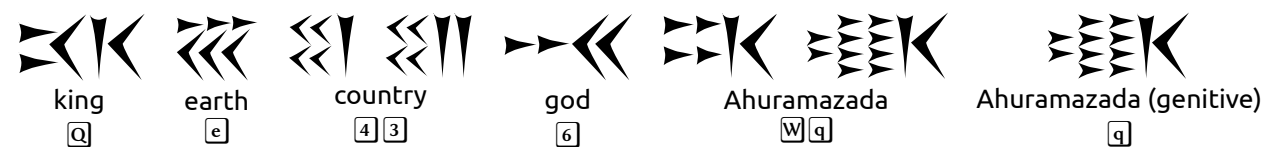


Note that  and  are different.

 r/ra
 l/la

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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