

*Nordsee*

Old East  
Norse

*Ostsee*



Slavic

*Elbe*

Old Frisian

*Ems*

*Weser*

Old Saxon

Slavic

Old Low  
Franconian

Westphalian

*Elbe*

Thuringian

Rhenish  
Franconian

Central  
Franconian

*Rhein*  
*Mosel*

Slavic

East  
Franconian

South Rhenish  
Franconian

Alemannic

*Donau*

Bavarian

*Donau*

**Old High German and  
Old Saxon Dialect Areas**

0 100 km



0 100 mi



— Presumed language/  
dialect border

Low German

Central German

Upper German