

<page-name>

Where the left caret has to be in the first position of the line, *page-name* is the page name as identified in Section 4.2, and there are no <space> characters between the carets.

5.4 Locus identifier (in brief)

A locus identifier, in its most simplified form, has the format:

< page-name . number , type>

Where the left caret has to be in the first position of the line, *page-name* is the page name as identified in Section 4.2, *number* is a number increasing from 1 for each page, and *type* is a code explained further below (see Section 6.4).

5.5 Transliterated text (in brief)

The transliterated text for each locus is on the same line as the locus identifier.

The file format does not prescribe which transliteration alphabet shall be used to represent the transliterated text. By default, any file shall use only one single alphabet. This alphabet is defined in the file header (see Section 6.1).

A number of characters in the transliterated text have a special meaning. No transliteration alphabet is allowed to use these characters. These special characters are listed in Table 3, and have been chosen such, that they do not clash with any transliteration alphabet known to me (for which see Table 4 below). The special meaning of each of these characters will be described in more detail further below (Section 6.5).

Table 3: list of characters with a special meaning in the transliterated text

Character(s)
< > . , { } [:] @ ; ? /

If a piece of transliterated text is considered too long to be represented on a single line, it can be wrapped to the next line, by terminating the line with a / (slash), and continuing on the next line which must also have a / (slash) in its first position, which should be followed by at least one <space> character before the transliterated text is continued. This feature is specifically included to facilitate human reading of the file.

5.6 Use of whitespace

Whitespace has no meaning, and is used only to improve the visual appearance of the file, again for human reading. Following are rules and recommendations related to the use of whitespace:

- Whitespace is expected (but not obligatory) between the locus identifier and the transliterated text. It is recommended to start the transliterated text in character position 19.