3.2 Purpose

The purpose of transliteration files is two-fold. On the one hand they can be read and interpreted by humans. For this purpose, numerous types of annotations and formatting are included in a human-readable manner. Certain layout conventions (use of whitespace, continuation lines, empty lines) are included to make the text more easy to read.

On the other hand, the files are meant for machine processing. In this case, the above conventions are not useful. In some cases, alternative representations of items are possible, which favour one or the other representation. These will generally be indicated in this document.