



mini-language
documentation

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Rationale

Goals: high digital compression, easy learning, small grammar.

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Phonology & Orthography

Latin Vowels

#	Ch	IPA	#	Ch	IPA
0	i i	/i/	8	ii í	/í/
1	j j	/ɪ/	9	jj ì	/ì/
2	e e	/ɛ/	A	ee é	/é/
3	a a	/a/	B	aa á	/á/
4	q q	/ɒ/	C	qq ò	/ó/
5	o o	/o/	D	oo ó	/ó/
6	u u	/u/	E	uu ú	/ú/
7	h h	/ə/	F	hh ù	/ù/

Latin Consonants

#	Ch	IPA	#	Ch	IPA
0	p	/p/	8	f	/f/
1	b	/b/	9	v	/v/
2	t	/t/	A	y	/θ/
3	d	/d/	B	s	/s/
4	k	/k/	C	z	/z/
5	g	/g/	D	c	/ʃ/
6	m	/m/	E	l	/l/
7	n	/n/	F	w	/w/

Native Script

i	u	q	ei	ii	li	qq	li	p	u	k	ei	f	li	z	li
j	ue	o	ee	jj	le	oo	le	b	ue	g	ee	v	le	c	le
e	ul	u	el	ee	ll	uu	ll	t	ul	m	el	y	ll	l	ll
a	ul	h	el	aa	ll	hh	ll	d	ul	n	el	s	ll	w	ll

Loans

Foreign words go through phonetic & morphological conversion.

Foreign	ki
y i I Y e	i
ø œ ɜ æ	ɛ
ə θ ʒ	ə
e ɛ	a
ɑ ʌ ɔ o	o
ʏ ʊ ʋ ʉ	u

Foreign	ki
tʃ t d c ʃ	t
m	m
n ɲ ɳ N	n
B	b
r R ɾ ʀ ʁ ʂ ʃ ʒ ʝ ʎ ʟ ʠ ʡ ʢ ʣ	l
dʒ ʒ	ʃ
q ɢ ɣ ɸ ɹ	g
φ β ɸ ʈ ʡ	θ
ʂ ʐ ʑ ʒ	s
ħ ʕ h ɦ hw ʋ	w

Syntax & Morphology

ki is made of 'sentences'.

Syntax

Sentences are made of three 'genres': noun, verb, adjective. Each is a 'word'. Each sentence has a fixed pattern:

... (noun) noun (adj) verb (adj) noun ...

- Genres in parenthesis are optional, opposed to regular, marked by morphology.
- Until period is reached, the pattern will repeat at the ...
- Optional genres extend while marked
- adj apply to the preceding word
- Multi- and Omni-Roots extend over multiple words, and must fit each word into syntax; Special Lexicon interrupt normal syntax

Morphology

Words are made of 'bits', and correspond to a digital 8-bit byte. The first 4 bits is a consonant, the second 4 bits is a vowel.

- The first bit is 1 for optional, otherwise 0.
The proceeding 7 bits constitute the 'root'
- Omni-Roots possess more complex morphology than Multi-Roots

Semantics

*Genre Semantics

Whereby: (nouns) Subject, Object, Pronoun;
(other) Verb, Adjective.

Pattern	Semantics & Transivity
S...VOO...	S does V to O's ...which do V to O's...
SVPOVP	S does V to P who does V with O to P

- pronoun ambiguity
- or SVOOV[by]SVOVO..., or OV[by]SVOOVVOO..., or SVOPV (e.g. I like her me listen).

Noun Semantics

Contiguous nouns are of their proceeding;

e.g. cat bird = cat of bird | bird's cat

This rule permeates all multi-nouns;

e.g. person school = person of school | teacher

- Default article is definite

Miscellaneous

*Possession

thing my

*Imperative

- Made by stating the possible scenario (e.g. You clean the bath!).

Special Lexicon

- Interrupt regular syntax

Numerics

- Adjacent numbers are treated as a list, by default as a set of separate options

Protocol 1

First root is "s_numeric0", proceeded by a byte: first bit ('overflow') signifies a proceeding numeric byte. All non-overflow bits constitute a $N \times 7$ -bit binary value (N = amount of bytes).

Protocol 2

First root is "s_numeric1" for base10, "s_numericA" for base16, proceeded by a consonant: its value is the numeric's integer logarithm. The proceeding $\log(n)$ digits are composed of consonants & vowels by their numeric value.

Kinship

First root is "o_kinship", then move through relations from subject to kin.

Kinship	Link	C
male	link	z
male	final	p
female	link	c
female	final	t
unknown	link	l
unknown	final	k

Kinship	V
partner	i
sibling	j
parent	e
child	a
friend	o
neighbour	u
stranger	q

Proper Nouns

Mono-Roots

- Adhere to normal syntax
- Root value is hexadecimal, regular
- Orthography is Latin word
- Includes frequent grammar roots

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
Pronouns				
00	pi	me/I/my	am	
01	pj	you/your	are	
02	pe	they/them/their	is	
03	pa	me_you		
04	pq	me_them		
05	po	you_them		
06	pu	we_them		
07	ph	each_other		
Articles				
08	pí	obj_near_me		a/an
09	pì	obj_near_you		the
0A	pé	obj_near_us		this
0B	pá	obj_far_us		that
0C	pò	plu_near_me		
0D	pó	plu_near_you		plu_the
0E	pú	plu_near_us		these

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
0F	pù	plu_far_us		those

Descriptors

- 'who' includes all beings ever animate
- Inclusion begs question

10	bi	what/who		what/who
11	bj	which		which
12	be	where		where
13	ba	when		when
14	bq	how		how
15	bo	why		why
16	bu	much/many		much/many
17	bh	really		really/very

Conjunctions & Evidentials

18	bí	and/also		evi_direct
19	bì	xor		evi_non_vis
1A	bé	or		evi_inferred
1B	bá	nand		evi_speculated
1C	bò	nor		evi_hearsay

Tenses

1D	bó	past	became	past
1E	bú	present	becomes	present
1F	bù	future	will_become	future

20	ti	person		public
21	tj	meeting	meet	met

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
22	te			
23	ta			
24	tq			
25	to			
26	tu			
27	th			
28	tí			
29	tì			
2A	té			
2B	tá			
2C	tò			
2D	tó			
2E	tú			
2F	tù			
30	dí	fact	know	known
31	dj	display/show/ vista	display/show	viewable
32	de	clock	watch	watched
33	da			
34	dq			
35	do			
36	du			
37	dh			
38	dí	house		homely
39	dì			
3A	dé			
3B	dá			

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
3C	dò			
3D	dó	school	teach	learned
3E	dú			
3F	dù			
40	kí	ki	say	
41	kj	female		
42	ke	male		
43	ka			
44	kq			
45	ko			
46	ku			
47	kh			
48	kí			
49	kì			
4A	ké			
4B	ká			
4C	kò			
4D	kó			
4E	kú			
4F	kù			
50	gi			
51	gj			
52	ge	sky		big
53	ga			
54	gq			
55	go			
56	gu			

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
57	gh			
58	gí	heat		hot
59	gì	cold		cold
5A	gé			
5B	gá			
5C	gò			
5D	gó			
5E	gú			
5F	gù	water	drink	wet
60	mi	food/possession	eat	hungry
61	mj	cooking	cook	cooked
62	me			
63	ma			
64	mq			
65	mo			
66	mu			
67	mh			
68	mí			
69	mì			
6A	mé			
6B	má			
6C	mò			
6D	mó			
6E	mú			
6F	mù			
Multi-Roots				

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
70	ni	m_grammar		
71	nj	m_time		
72	ne	m_space		
73	na	m_travel		
74	nq	m_emotion		
75	no			
76	nu			
77	nh			
Special & Omni- Roots				
78	ní	s_numeric0		
79	nì	s_numeric1		
7A	né	s_numericA		
7B	ná	o_colour		
7C	nò	o_precise		
7D	nó	o_kinship		
Null & Period				
7E	nú	null		
7F	nù	period		

Grammar Roots

- Begins with root “m_grammar”
- Adhere to normal syntax
- Includes less frequent grammar roots
- Frequent grammar roots are in Mono-Roots

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
Aspects				
00	pi	progressive/ imperfect	do	progressive/ imperfect/ exists/ happening
01	pj	perfective	complete	perfective/ complete
02	pe	prospective		prospective/ will_happen
03	pa	inceptive/start	start_act	started_act
04	pq	inchoative	start_be	started_be
05	po	cessative/end	stop_act/ stop_be	stopped_act/ stopped_be
06	pu	habitual/habit		often
07	ph	pausative/pause	pause	paused
08	pí	resumptive/ resumption	resume	resumed
Mood & Condition				
09	pì	condition		if

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
0A	pé			would
0B	pá	deduction		should/ought
0C	pò	ability		can
0D	pó	determination		will/shall
0E	pú	offer/invite	invite/offer	can/shall/will
0F	pù	request	request	could
09	pì	possibility		could/may
0A	pé	slight possibility		might
0B	pá	permission	permit/allow/let	can/could/may
0C	pò	prohibition	prohibit	don't/avoid
0D	pó	obligation	obligate	must
0E	pú	advice/suggestion	advise/suggest	should/ought/shall
0F	pù			

Comparison

10	bi	yes/true	make_true	true
11	bj	no/false	make_false	false
12	be	negative	make_negative	not
13	ba	equative, copula	make_equal	equal
14	bq	comparative/comparison	compare	more_than
15	bo	superlative	make_most	most
16	bu	sublative	make_least	least
17	bh	similarity	make_similar	like, as

Preposition

R	O	Noun	Verb	Adjective
18	bí	because		
19	bì	of, about		
1A	bé	for		
1B	bá	by		
1C	bò			
1D	bó			
1E	bú			
1F	bù			

Number & Size

20	ti	plural	-s	plural
21	tj	paucal/something		some
22	te	none/nothing		none
23	ta	all/everything		all/every
24	tq	any/anything		any
25	to	much		much
26	tu	little		little
27	th	many		many
28	tí	few		few
29	tì	big		big
2A	té	small		small

Multi-Roots

- Adhere to normal syntax

Emotions

First root is "m_emotion", then one word.

English	O	English	O	English	O
happy	pi	sad	ti	bad	ki
optimistic	pj	hurt	tj	tired	kj
peaceful	pe	humiliated	te	weak	ke
accepted	pa	guilty	ta	stressed	ka
confident	pq	despairing	tq	busy	kq
proud	po	vulnerable	to	let down	ko
playful	pu	lonely	tu	bored	ku
surprised	bi	fearful	di	angry	gi
excited	bj	scared	dj	mad	gj
amazed	be	anxious	de	frustrated	ge
confused	ba	insecure	da	disgusted	ga
startled	bq	rejected	dq	sceptical	gq
		nervous	do	distant	go

hell – sky cold

teacher – person school

Time & Space

Time

First root is "m_time", then one word.

English	O	English	O	English	O
now	ki	while/during	gi	start/firstly	ti
instantly	kii	meanwhile	gii	finish/lastly	tii
then	kj	earlier/ago	gj	whenever	tj
suddenly	kjj	later	gjj	N st/nd/rd	te
again	ke	since	ge	N times	ta
soon	ka	finally	ga	eventually	tq
ever	kq	forever	gq	consequently	tu

Space

First root is "m_space", then one word.

English	O	English	O	English	O
here	ki	in	gi	on/over	ti
there	kii	out	gii	off	tii
anywhere	ke	above	gj	among	tj
nowhere	kee	below	gjj	with	te
source	kq	beside	ge		
destination	kqq	opposite	gee		

Space, Time, Travel

First root is "m_travel", then one word.

English	pi	English	pi	English	pi
start/go	ki	in front	gi	beyond	ti
stop	kii	behind	gii	against	tii
continue	kj	middle/ between	gj	along	tj
up	ke	left	ge	across	te
down	ka	right	ga	through	ta
up to/until	kq	to/toward	gq	far	tq
before/ previously	kee	from/away	go	close/ near/ around	to
after/next	kaa	at/upon	gqq		

Omni-Roots

- Adhere to normal syntax

*Colours

First root is "o_colour", one word proceeds.

C	Texture	V	Colour	RGB
p	flat & opaque	i	black	000
b	flat & transparent	j	grey	888
t	reflective	e	white	FFF
d	glittery	a	maroon	800
k		q	red	F00
g	dynamic shadows	o	green	080
m	sandy	u	lime	0F0
n	furry/grassy	h	navy	008
f	bumpy	ii	blue	00F
v	jagged	jj	olive	880
y	strobing	ee	yellow	FF0
s		aa	teal	088
z		qq	aqua	0FF
c		oo	purple	808
l		uu	fuchsia	F0F
w		hh	transparent	- - -

Amounts & Units

First root is "o_precise", one word proceeds.

The consonant is quantity, the vowel is power.

Ch	English	Quantity	C
A	ampere	electric current	p
K	kelvin	temperature	k
s	second	time	s
m	metre	length	m
kg	kilogram	mass	g
cd	candela	luminous intensity	c
mol	mole	substance amount	l
V	volt	W/A	v
W	watt	J/s	w
°C	degree Celcius	K+273.15	d
L	litre	10^{-3} m^3	t
rad	radian	$1/2\pi$	n
°	degrees	$\pi/180$	b
J	joule	$\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$	y

English	Power	V	English	Power	V
deca	10^1	i	deci	10^{-1}	ii
hecto	10^2	j	centi	10^{-2}	jj
kilo	10^3	e	milli	10^{-3}	ee
mega	10^6	a	micro	10^{-6}	aa
giga	10^9	q	nano	10^{-9}	qq
tera	10^{12}	o	pico	10^{-12}	oo
peta	10^{15}	u	femto	10^{-15}	uu
exa	10^{18}	h	atto	10^{-18}	hh

Mostly from the *International System of Units*.

Examples

I ate the same food he ate.

How did you get here?