

**ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2
PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM TO ACCOMPANY SUBMISSIONS
FOR ADDITIONS TO THE REPERTOIRE OF ISO/IEC 10646¹**

Please fill all the sections A, B and C below.

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A. Administrative

1. Title:	Proposal to Encode Kharoṣṭhī in Plane 1 of ISO/IEC 10646
2. Requester's name:	Andrew Glass, Stefan Baums, Richard Salomon
3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution):	Individual contribution
4. Submission date:	19 September 2002
5. Requester's reference (if applicable):	_____
6. (Choose one of the following:)	
This is a complete proposal:	Yes
or, More information will be provided later:	_____

B. Technical - General

1. (Choose one of the following:)	
a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters):	Yes
Proposed name of script:	Kharoṣṭhī / KHAROSTHI
b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block:	_____
Name of the existing block:	_____
2. Number of characters in proposal:	66
3. Proposed category (see section II, Character Categories):	C
4. Proposed Level of Implementation (1, 2 or 3) (see clause 14, ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000):	Level 3
Is a rationale provided for the choice?	Yes
If Yes, reference: Combining marks used.	
5. Is a repertoire including character names provided?	Yes
a. If YES, are the names in accordance with the 'character naming guidelines in Annex L of ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000?	Yes
b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?	Yes
6. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard? Andrew Glass (True Type)	
If available now, identify source(s) for the font (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.) and indicate the tools used:	Not yet available.
7. References:	
a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?	Yes
b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?	Yes
8. Special encoding issues:	
Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?	
Yes. It covers Kharoṣṭhī bidirectional behavior and gives normative rules required for rendering the script.	
9. Additional information:	
Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at http://www.unicode.org for such information on other scripts. Also see http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/UnicodeCharacterDatabase.html and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.	

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C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES explain _____	No
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)? If YES, with whom? Richard Salomon, Andrew Glass If YES, available relevant documents: Kharosthī Manuscript Paleography	Yes
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included? Reference: _____	Scholars
4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare) Reference: _____	Scholarly; Rare
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community? If YES, where? Reference: Scholars worldwide	Yes
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in <i>Principles and Procedures document</i> (a WG 2 standing document) must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP? If YES, is a rationale provided? _____ If YES, reference: _____	No
7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?	Yes
8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? _____ If YES, reference: _____	No
9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? _____ If YES, reference: _____	No
10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	Yes Yes See below
11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences (see clauses 4.12 and 4.14 in ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000)? If YES, is a rationale for such use provided? If YES, reference: See below; and Kharosthī Manuscript Paleography Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? If YES, reference: See below; and Kharosthī Manuscript Paleography	Yes Yes Yes Yes
12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics? If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)	Yes Virāma (10A3F)
13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)? If YES, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified? _____ If YES, reference: _____	No

Submitter's Responsibilities

The national body or liaison organization (or any other organization or an individual) proposing new character(s) or a new script shall provide:

1. Proposed category for the script or character(s), character name(s), and description of usage.
2. Justification for the category and name(s).
3. A representative glyph(s) image on paper:
If the proposed glyph image is similar to a glyph image of a previously encoded ISO/IEC 10646 character, then additional justification for encoding the new character shall be provided.
Note: Any proposal that suggests that one or more of such variant forms is actually a distinct character requiring separate encoding, should provide detailed, printed evidence that there is actual, contrastive use of the variant form(s). It is insufficient for a proposal to claim a requirement to encode as characters in the Standard, glyphic forms which happen to occur in another character encoding that did not follow the Character-Glyph Model that guides the choice of appropriate characters for encoding in ISO/IEC 10646.
Note: WG 2 has resolved in Resolution M38.12 not to add any more Arabic presentation forms to the standard and suggests users to employ appropriate input methods, rendering and font technologies to meet the user requirements.
4. Mappings to accepted sources, for example, other standards, dictionaries, accessible published materials
5. Computerized/camera-ready font:
Prior to the preparation of the final text of the next amendment or version of the standard a suitable computerized font (camera-ready font) will be needed. Camera-ready copy is mandatory for final text of any pDAMs before the next revision. Ordered preference of the fonts is True Type or PostScript format. The minimum design resolution for the font is 96 by 96 dots matrix, for presentation at or near 22 points in print size.
6. List of all the parties consulted.
7. Equivalent glyph images:
If the submission intends using composite sequences of proposed or existing combining and non-combining characters, a list consisting of each composite sequence and its corresponding glyph image shall be provided to better understand the intended use.
8. Compatibility equivalents:
If the submission includes compatibility ideographic characters, identify the equivalent unified CJK Ideograph character(s).
9. Any additional information that will assist in correct understanding of the different characteristics and linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script.

Proposal for Kharoṣṭhī script

This is a proposed assignment for Kharoṣṭhī characters. The Kharoṣṭhī script was used to write Gāndhārī and Sanskrit as well as various mixed dialects termed ‘Gāndhārī Hybrid Sanskrit’ (see Salomon 2001). The characters in this proposal are derived from sources in the Kharoṣṭhī script from across the whole range of known manuscripts and inscriptions. The intention is to provide a standard method for writing Kharoṣṭhī, and also a common means for the electronic storage of manuscript data. The Unicode Consortium has not previously published a proposal for Kharoṣṭhī.

Brief History of the Kharoṣṭhī script

The Kharoṣṭhī script is one of the two ancient writing systems of India in the historical period. Unlike the pan-Indian Brāhmī script, Kharoṣṭhī was confined to the northwest of India centered on the region of Gandhāra (modern northern Pakistan and eastern Afghanistan, see map). The exact details of its origin remain obscure despite the attention of several generations of scholars, but it is almost certainly related to Aramaic, stemming from the time of the Achaemenid conquest and occupation of that region in 559–336 BCE (Salomon 1998: 51–4). The Kharoṣṭhī script first appears in a fully developed form in the Aśokan inscriptions at Shāhbāzgarhī and Mānsehrā which have been dated to around 250 BCE (Hultsch 1925: xxxv). The script continued to be used in Gandhāra and neighboring regions, sometimes alongside Brāhmī, until around the third century CE, when it disappeared from its homeland (Salomon 1996: 375). The Kharoṣṭhī script was also used for official documents and epigraphs in the Central Asian cities of Khotan and Niya in the third and fourth centuries CE, and appears to have survived in Kucha and neighboring areas along the Northern Silk Road as late as the seventh century.



Map: Geographical extent of the Kharoṣṭhī script.

The Kharoṣṭhī script was initially deciphered around the middle of the nineteenth century by

Punctuation. Nine different punctuation marks are used in Kharoṣṭhī manuscripts and inscriptions. They have been included in this proposal (see Glass 2000: 144–7).

Minimum Rendering Requirements. Rendering requirements for Kharoṣṭhī are similar to those for Devanāgarī. The remainder of this section specifies a minimum set of rules that provide legible Kharoṣṭhī diacritic and ligature substitution behavior.

Combining Classes. The various combining diacritics attach to the full characters in different ways. A number of classes have been determined on the basis of their standard positions.

VOWEL SIGNS:

Combining *-i*:

Horizontal: example $a + -i \rightarrow i$

𑀅 + 𑀇 → 𑀆

members of this class: a, na, ha .

Diagonal: example $ka + -i \rightarrow ki$

𑀅 + 𑀇 → 𑀆

members of this class: $ka, k̄a, kha, ga, gha, ca, cha, ja, ña, ṭa, ṭha, ḥha, ḍa, ḍha, ṇa, ta, da, dha, ba, bha, ya, ra, va, ṣa, sa, za$.

Vertical: example $tha + -i \rightarrow thi$

𑀅 + 𑀇 → 𑀆

members of this class: $tha, pa, pha, ma, la, śa$.

Combining *-u*:

Attached: example $a + -u \rightarrow u$

𑀅 + 𑀈 → 𑀆

members of this class: $a, ka, k̄a, kha, ga, gha, ca, cha, ja, ña, ṭa, ṭha, ḥha, ḍa, ḍha, ṇa, ta, tha, da, dha, na, pa, pha, ba, bha, ya, ra, la, va, śa, ṣa, sa, za$.

Independent: example $ha + -u \rightarrow hu$

𑀅 + 𑀈 → 𑀆

members of this class: $ṭa, ha$.

Ligated: example $ma + -u \rightarrow mu$

𑀅 + 𑀈 → 𑀆

members of this class: ma .

Combining *-r*:

Attached: example $a + -r \rightarrow r$

𑀅 + 𑀉 → 𑀆

members of this class: $a, ka, k̄a, kha, ga, gha, ca, cha, ja, ta, da, dha, na, pa, pha, ba, bha, va, śa, sa$.


Independent: example $ma + -r \rightarrow mr$

U +  \Rightarrow 

members of this class: *ma, ha*.


Combining *-e*:

Horizontal: example $a + -e \rightarrow e$

9 +  \Rightarrow 9


members of this class: *a, na, ha*.

Diagonal: example $ka + -e \rightarrow ke$

9 +  \Rightarrow 9

members of this class: *ka, k̄a, kha, ga, gha, ca, cha, ja, ña, ṭa, ṭha, ḥha, ḍa, ḍha, ṇa, ta, dha, ba, bha, ya, ra, va, ṣa, sa, za*.

Vertical: example $tha + -e \rightarrow the$

f +  \Rightarrow f

members of this class: *tha, pa, pha, la, śa*.

Ligatured: example $da + -e \rightarrow de$

S +  \Rightarrow C

members of this class: *da, ma*.

Combining *-o*:

Diagonal: example $a + -o \rightarrow o$

9 +  \Rightarrow 9

members of this class: *a, ka, k̄a, kha, ga, gha, ca, cha, ja, ña, ṭa, ṭha, ḥha, ḍa, ḍha, ṇa, ta, tha, da, dha, na, ba, bha, ma, ra, la, va, ṣa, sa, za, ha*.

Vertical: example $pa + -o \rightarrow po$

h +  \Rightarrow h

members of this class: *pa, pha, ya, śa*.

VOWEL MODIFIERS:

Combining VOWEL LENGTH MARK:

This sign may be used with *-a, -i, -u, -r*, to indicate the equivalent long vowel *-ā,*

-ī, -ū, -r̄. In combination with *-e* and *-o* it indicates the diphthongs *-ai* and *-au*.

Example $ma + \bar{\ } \rightarrow mā$

U +  \Rightarrow U

combines with: *-a, -i, -r, -u, -e, -o*.

Combining DOUBLE RING BELOW:

This sign appears in some of the Central Asian documents. Its precise

phonetic value has not yet been established.
Example $sa + \text{◌} \rightarrow s\text{ḡ}$

$\text{ṣ} + \text{◌} \Rightarrow \text{ṣ̣}$

combines with: $-a, -u$.

Combining ANUSVARA:

This sign indicates nasalization of the vowel or a nasal segment following the vowel.

Example $a + -\text{ṃ} \rightarrow a\text{ṃ}$

$\text{ṣ} + \text{◌} \Rightarrow \text{ṣ̣}$

combines with: $-a, -i, -u, -ṛ, -e, -o$.

Combining VISARGA:

This sign is generally used to indicate unvoiced syllable-final [h]. A secondary usage is as a vowel length marker.

Example $ka + -\text{ḥ} \rightarrow ka\text{ḥ}$

$\text{ṣ} + \text{◌} \Rightarrow \text{ṣ̣}$

combines with: $-a, -i, -u, -ṛ, -e, -o$.

CONSONANT MODIFIERS:

Combining BAR ABOVE:

This sign is used to indicate various modified pronunciations depending on the consonants involved, such as nasalization or aspiration.

Example $ja + \text{◌} \rightarrow \bar{j}a$

$\text{ṣ} + \text{◌} \Rightarrow \text{ṣ̣}$

combines with: $kṣa, ga, ca, ja, na, ma, śa, ṣa, sa, ha$.

Combining CAUDA:

This sign is used to indicate various modified pronunciations of the consonants involved, particularly fricativization.

Example $ga + \text{◌} \rightarrow ḡa$

$\text{ṣ} + \text{◌} \Rightarrow \text{ṣ̣}$

combines with: $ga, ja, ḍa, ta, da, pa, ya, va, śa, sa$.

Combining DOT BELOW:

The precise value of this sign has not yet been determined.

Example $ma + \text{◌} \rightarrow \text{ṁ}a$

$\text{ṣ} + \text{◌} \Rightarrow \text{ṣ̣}$

combines with: ma, ha .

COMBINING VIRAMA:

This is a control character. When not followed by a consonant it causes the preceding consonant to be written as subscript to the left of the letter before it. If followed by

another consonant, it will trigger a combined form consisting of two or more consonants. The resulting form may also be subject to combinations with the above combining diacritics.

Examples:

Pure VIRAMA:

$dha + i + k + [VIRAMA] \rightarrow dhik$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{ॐ} + \text{ॐ} + \text{KV} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

Ligatures:

$ka + [VIRAMA] + \text{ṣa} \rightarrow kṣa$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ṣ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$ma + [VIRAMA] + ra \rightarrow mra$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$va + [VIRAMA] + ha \rightarrow vha$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$sa + [VIRAMA] + ta \rightarrow sta$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

members of this class: $kṣV$, tsV , mrV , vhV , stV .

Consonants with special combining forms:

$sa + [VIRAMA] + \text{ṣa} \rightarrow sṣa$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ṣ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$rṣa + [VIRAMA] + ta \rightarrow rṣta$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$ta + [VIRAMA] + rṣa \rightarrow trṣa$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$lpa + [VIRAMA] + pa \rightarrow lpa$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$pa + [VIRAMA] + lpa \rightarrow pla$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$ka + [VIRAMA] + lpa \rightarrow kla$

$\text{ॐ} + \text{KV} + \text{ॐ} \Rightarrow \text{ॐ}$

$ta + [\text{VIRAMA}] + \underline{va} \rightarrow tva$

$\text{ㄅ} + \boxed{\text{KV}} + \text{ㄩ} \Rightarrow \text{ㄅㄩ}$

members of this class: CyV , rCV , CrV , lCV , ClV , CvV .

Consonants with full combined forms:

$\underline{ka} + [\text{VIRAMA}] + \underline{ta} \rightarrow kta$

$\text{ㄎ} + \boxed{\text{KV}} + \text{ㄅ} \Rightarrow \text{ㄎㄅ}$

$\underline{kh\underline{a}} + [\text{VIRAMA}] + ka + [\text{VIRAMA}] + \underline{sa} \rightarrow khk\underline{sa}$

$\text{ㄎ} + \boxed{\text{KV}} + \text{ㄎ} + \boxed{\text{KV}} + \text{ㄆ} \Rightarrow \text{ㄎㄎ}$

members of this class: k , kh , g , \acute{g} , c , j , \tilde{n} , \acute{t} , \acute{th} , \acute{d} , \acute{dh} , \acute{n} , t , th , d , dh , n , p , b , bh , m , y (in ryV), l (in lmV), v (in vrV), \acute{s} , \acute{z} , s , z , h .

Kharoṣṭhī


































































Range: 10A00 to 10A5F

These charts contain only proposed assignments and should not be considered valid until such time as the Unicode Consortium formally accepts them.

Andrew Glass created the fonts used in these charts.















Code chart

The code chart characters are normalized forms based on manuscripts of the first century CE.

	10A0	10A1	10A2	10A3	10A4	10A5
0	 10A00	 10A10	 10A20	 10A30	 10A40	 10A50
1	 10A01	 10A11	 10A21	 10A31	 10A41	 10A51
2	 10A02	 10A12	 10A22	 10A32	 10A42	 10A52
3	 10A03	 10A13	 10A23	 10A33	 10A43	 10A53
4			 10A24		 10A44	 10A54
5	 10A05	 10A15	 10A25		 10A45	 10A55
6	 10A06	 10A16	 10A26		 10A46	 10A56
7		 10A17	 10A27		 10A47	 10A57
8			 10A28	 10A38		 10A58
9		 10A19	 10A29	 10A39		
A		 10A1A	 10A2A	 10A3A		
B		 10A1B	 10A2B			
C	 10A0C	 10A1C	 10A2C			
D	 10A0D	 10A1D	 10A2D			
E	 10A0E	 10A1E	 10A2E			
F	 10A0F	 10A1F	 10A2F	 KV 10A3F		

Name chart

The name chart characters are normalized forms based on manuscripts of the first century CE. Additional information about individual characters in this block can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

Glyph	Unicode code point	Name	Transcription
	10A00	KHAROSTHI LETTER A	a
	10A01	KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN I	i
	10A02	KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN U	u
	10A03	KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC R	ṛ
	10A04	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A05	KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN E	e
	10A06	KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN O	o
	10A07	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A08	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A09	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A0A	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A0B	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A0C	KHAROSTHI VOWEL LENGTH MARK	-
	10A0D	KHAROSTHI SIGN DOUBLE RING BELOW	◌◌
	10A0E	KHAROSTHI SIGN ANUSVARA	ṁ
	10A0F	KHAROSTHI SIGN VISARGA	ḥ
	10A10	KHAROSTHI LETTER KA	ka
	10A11	KHAROSTHI LETTER KHA	kha
	10A12	KHAROSTHI LETTER GA	ga
	10A13	KHAROSTHI LETTER GHA	gha
	10A14	(This position shall not be used)	

Glyph	Unicode code point	Name	Transcription
𑖑	10A15	KHAROSTHI LETTER CA	ca
𑖒	10A16	KHAROSTHI LETTER CHA	cha
𑖓	10A17	KHAROSTHI LETTER JA	ja
	10A18	(This position shall not be used)	
𑖔	10A19	KHAROSTHI LETTER NYA	ña
𑖕	10A1A	KHAROSTHI LETTER TTA	ṭa
𑖖	10A1B	KHAROSTHI LETTER TTHA	ṭha
𑖗	10A1C	KHAROSTHI LETTER DDA	ḍa
𑖘	10A1D	KHAROSTHI LETTER DDHA	ḍha
𑖙	10A1E	KHAROSTHI LETTER NNA	ṇa
𑖚	10A1F	KHAROSTHI LETTER TA	ta
𑖛	10A20	KHAROSTHI LETTER THA	tha
𑖜	10A21	KHAROSTHI LETTER DA	da
𑖝	10A22	KHAROSTHI LETTER DHA	dha
𑖞	10A23	KHAROSTHI LETTER NA	na
𑖟	10A24	KHAROSTHI LETTER PA	pa
𑖠	10A25	KHAROSTHI LETTER PHA	pha
𑖡	10A26	KHAROSTHI LETTER BA	ba
𑖢	10A27	KHAROSTHI LETTER BHA	bha
𑖣	10A28	KHAROSTHI LETTER MA	ma

Glyph	Unicode code point	Name	Transcription
𑀅	10A29	KHAROSTHI LETTER YA	ya
𑀆	10A2A	KHAROSTHI LETTER RA	ra
𑀇	10A2B	KHAROSTHI LETTER LA	la
𑀈	10A2C	KHAROSTHI LETTER VA	va
𑀉	10A2D	KHAROSTHI LETTER SHA	śa
𑀊	10A2E	KHAROSTHI LETTER SSA	ṣa
𑀋	10A2F	KHAROSTHI LETTER SA	sa
𑀌	10A30	KHAROSTHI LETTER ZA	za
𑀍	10A31	KHAROSTHI LETTER HA	ha
𑀎	10A32	KHAROSTHI LETTER KKA	ka
𑀏	10A33	KHAROSTHI LETTER TTTHA	ṭha
	10A34	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A35	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A36	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A37	(This position shall not be used)	
𑀐	10A38	KHAROSTHI SIGN BAR ABOVE	-
𑀑	10A39	KHAROSTHI SIGN CAUDA	´ or _
𑀒	10A3A	KHAROSTHI SIGN DOT BELOW	.
	10A3B	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A3C	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A3D	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A3E	(This position shall not be used)	
𑀓	10A3F	KHAROSTHI VIRAMA = halant · suppresses inherent vowel	see VIRAMA

Glyph	Unicode code point	Name	Transcription
𑌀	10A40	KHAROSTHI DIGIT ONE	1
𑌁	10A41	KHAROSTHI DIGIT TWO	2
𑌂	10A42	KHAROSTHI DIGIT THREE	3
𑌃	10A43	KHAROSTHI DIGIT FOUR	4
𑌄	10A44	KHAROSTHI NUMBER TEN	10
𑌅	10A45	KHAROSTHI NUMBER TWENTY	20
𑌆	10A46	KHAROSTHI NUMBER ONE HUNDRED	100
𑌇	10A47	KHAROSTHI NUMBER ONE THOUSAND	1000
	10A48	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A49	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A4A	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A4B	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A4C	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A4D	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A4E	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A4F	(This position shall not be used)	
𑌈	10A50	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION DOT	
𑌉	10A51	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION SMALL CIRCLE	◦
𑌊	10A52	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION CIRCLE	○
𑌋	10A53	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION CRESCENT BAR	☾
𑌌	10A54	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION MANGALAM	⊕
𑌍	10A55	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION LOTUS	☸
𑌎	10A56	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION DANDA	

Glyph	Unicode code point	Name	Transcription
	10A57	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION DOUBLE DANDA	
≈	10A58	KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION LINES	≈
	10A59	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A5A	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A5B	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A5C	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A5D	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A5E	(This position shall not be used)	
	10A5F	(This position shall not be used)	

Text Samples



Figure 1: Aśokan inscription at Shahbazgarhi, ca. 250 BCE (Hultzsch 1925).

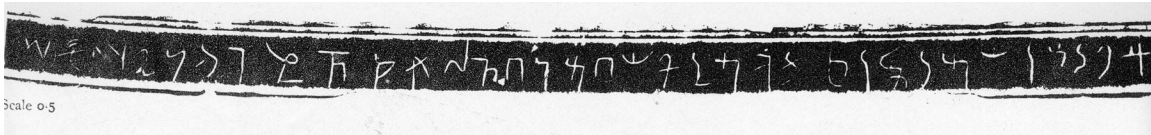


Figure 2: Relic vase inscription of Theodoros, ca. 50 BCE (Konow 1929: Plate 1).



Figure 3: Coin of King Azes with legend in Greek and Kharoṣṭhī, ca. 50 BCE. (The Royal Collection of Coins and Medals, National Museum, Denmark. Photographs by Stefan Baums and Helle Horsnæs. Inventory Number B.P. 917.)

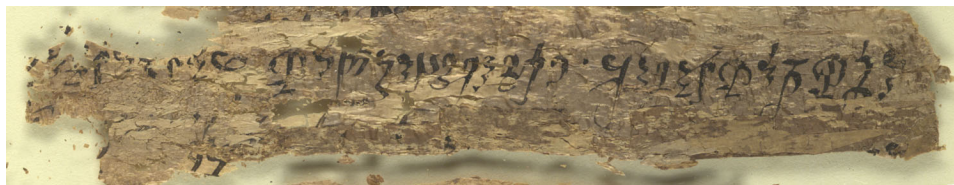


Figure 4: Detail from British Library Kharoṣṭhī Fragment 5B, ca. 50 CE (Salomon 2000: Plate 2).

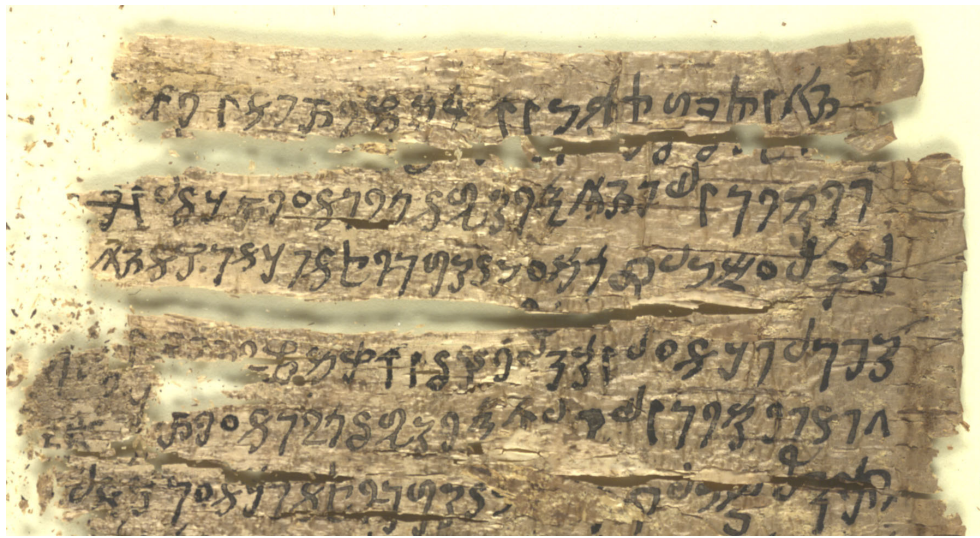


Figure 5: Detail from British Library Kharoṣṭhī Fragment 14, ca. 50 CE (Allon 2001: Plate 7).

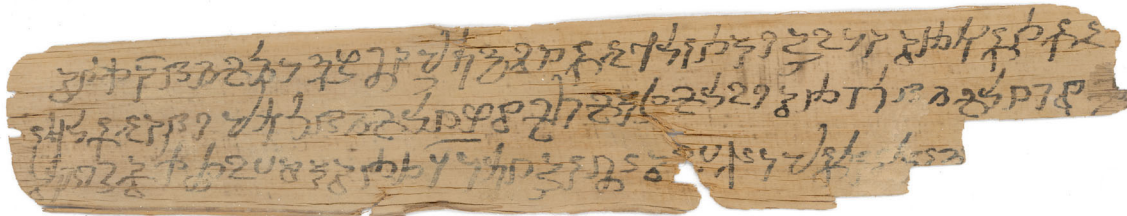


Figure 6: Fragment 44 from the Schøyen Collection, ca. 150 CE (Braarvig 2000: Plate 10.2).

budhabayano (𑀧𑀭𑀢𑀺𑀢) in line 29, the scribe originally omitted the *ya* and wrote *budhabana* (𑀧𑀢𑀺𑀢) before realizing his mistake and making the right leg of the *ya* from the tip of the *na*, that is, *ya* 𑀭 (29.6). The *khu* 𑀭 in 38.16 was first written as a plain *kha*, and the *u*-vowel loop was added subsequently. Other examples where the scribe modified an incorrect character include *śa* 𑀱 (10.12), where the scribe corrected what he probably originally wrote as *va*. Similarly, the *ji* in 51.18 seems to have been corrected from an original *ci*. In *tva* 𑀲 (44.11), the scribe wrote a normal *ta* 𑀲 before separately adding a postconsonantal *v*. Likewise in *pra* 𑀢

Figure 7: Sample text including Kharoṣṭhī characters from a recent publication (Allon 2001: 66).

- 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢
- 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢
- 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢
- 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢
- 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢
- 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢 𑀸𑀢𑀺𑀢

Figure 8: Typeset version of the text shown in fig. 4.

Appendix 1: Usage of Characters

- 10A00. This is the independent form of the vowel *a*, and the vowel carrier for the other independent vowels.

- 10A01 – 10A06. These are the combining vowel signs. In principle only one may be applied to each syllable. However there are some examples of akṣaras taking two vowel diacritics in Central Asian Kharoṣṭhī.
- 10A0C – 10A0D. These are vowel modifiers in the narrow sense (as opposed to 10A0E and 10A0F). They have only been found in manuscripts and inscriptions from the first century CE onwards. They are transparent for sorting purposes, see [Appendix 2](#).
- 10A0E. This is the Kharoṣṭhī *anusvāra*, indicating either vowel nasalization or a nasal consonant segment. The sort order of this glyph is thus context dependent, see [Appendix 2](#).
- 10A0F. This is the Kharoṣṭhī *visarga*. It is found only in Sanskritized forms of the language. It indicates either a variant articulation of the vowel or a [h] segment following the vowel. In the former usage, but not the latter, it is transparent for sorting purposes, see [Appendix 2](#). It cannot co-occur in the same akṣara with *anusvāra*.
- 10A10 – 10A31. These are the basic consonant signs. All unmarked consonants include the inherent vowel *a*. Other vowels are indicated by one of the combining vowel diacritics. Consequently, these consonant signs can combine with vowel diacritics and both consonant and vowel modifiers, see [Diacritic Marks/Vowels](#) above.
- 10A32 – 10A33. These are special modified forms of two of the basic consonant signs that are not obtainable by combination of those basic signs with one of the consonant modifiers. The modified forms *ka* and *ḥa* are consistently distinguished from *ka* and *ṭha* in the writing system.
- 10A38 – 10A3A. These are the consonant modifiers. Usually only one consonant modifier can be applied to a single consonant. The resulting combined form may also combine with the vowel diacritics and/or one of the vowel modifiers and/or *anusvāra* or *visarga*, see [Diacritic Marks/Vowels](#) above. They are transparent for sorting purposes, see [Appendix 2](#).
- 10A3F. This is the Kharoṣṭhī *virāma*. It is used to indicate the suppression of the inherent vowel. It not a mark or sign in itself, but a control character that causes the consonant which it follows to appear as a subscript to the preceding akṣara. When followed immediately by another consonant it triggers a conjunct form representing both consonants, see [Combining with VIRAMA](#) above. It can only follow a consonant, or a consonant modifier. It cannot follow a space, a vowel, a vowel modifier, a numeral sign, a punctuation sign, or another VIRAMA.
- 10A40 – 10A47. These are the Kharoṣṭhī numerals. They are written from right to left like the letters. The Kharoṣṭhī number system is additive/multiplicative, there is no zero, and no decimal point.
- 10A50 – 10A57. These are the Kharoṣṭhī punctuation signs. Nine punctuation signs have been identified from across the range of Kharoṣṭhī sources. Some of these punctuation signs could be considered to similar (in appearance or function) to existing characters. However, we feel that independent code points should be assigned to the Kharoṣṭhī punctuation signs so that Kharoṣṭhī documents posted on the Internet may be searchable for those who do not have specialized Kharoṣṭhī fonts installed. For example, such

documents should be searchable using a future version of Arial Unicode or any other single, fallback Unicode font.

Appendix 2: Sort Order

There is an ancient abecedary connected with the Kharoṣṭhī script called Arapacana, named after its first five akṣaras. There is, however, no evidence that words were ever sorted in this order. A further complication is that there is no record in Kharoṣṭhī of the complete Arapacana sequence, while Sanskrit records of it are not in total agreement about the inventory and order of letters. Therefore, we do not propose using the Arapacana as the basis for sorting.

In modern scholarly practice, Gāndhārī is sorted in much the same order as Sanskrit. Vowel length, however, even when marked is ignored in Kharoṣṭhī. In the following table, when two signs are given in a single row, they should be treated as equivalent in the sorting algorithm, the first sign having priority in tie-resolving situations, for example, *ka*, *kā*, *ki*.

Character	Unicode code point	Transcription
𑀀	10A00	a
𑀁	10A01	i
𑀂	10A02	u
𑀃	10A03	ṛ
𑀄	10A05	e
𑀅	10A06	o
𑀆	10A0E	ṁ (preceding 𑀄, y-h) see note below
𑀇	10A0F	ḥ
𑀈	10A3F	see VIRAMA
𑀉, 𑀊	10A10, 10A32	k, ḳ
𑀋	10A11	kh
𑀌	10A12	g
𑀍	10A13	gh

Character	Unicode code point	Transcription
ᵑ	10A0E	m̐ (preceding k–gh) see note below
ç	10A15	c
çh	10A16	ch
ȝ	10A17	j
ɲ, ᵑ	10A19, 10A0E	ɲ, m̐ (preceding c–ɲ) see note below
ʈ	10A1A	t̪
ʈh, ʈh̄	10A1B, 10A33	th, th̄
ɖ	10A1C	d̪
ɖh	10A1D	dh
ɳ, ᵑ	10A1E, 10A0E	ɳ, m̐ (preceding ʈ–ɳ) see note below
t̪	10A1F	t̪
th	10A20	th
d̪	10A21	d̪
dh	10A22	dh
ɸ, ᵑ	10A23, 10A0E	n, m̐ (preceding t–n) see note below
p̪	10A24	p̪
ph	10A25	ph
b̪	10A26	b̪
bh	10A27	bh

Character	Unicode code point	Transcription
ᵛ, ᵛ̇	10A28, 10A0E	m, ṁ (preceding p-m) see note below
ʌ	10A29	y
ʎ	10A2A	r
ʟ	10A2B	l
ʋ	10A2C	v
ɲ	10A2D	ś
ɳ	10A2E	ş
ʝ	10A2F	s
ʒ	10A30	z
ʒ	10A31	h
ɿ	10A40	1
ɿ	10A41	2
ɿ	10A42	3
ɿ	10A43	4
ɿ	10A44	10
ɿ	10A45	20
ɿ	10A46	100
ɿ	10A47	1000
·	10A50	·

Character	Unicode code point	Transcription
◦	10A51	◦
○	10A52	○
€	10A53	€
⊕	10A54	⊕
⊙	10A55	⊙
	10A56	
	10A57	
≈	10A58	≈

The following characters, omitted in the above table, should be transparent to the sorting algorithm:

Character	Unicode code point	Transcription
◌̣	10A0C	-
◌̤	10A0D	◌̤
◌̥	10A38	-
◌̦	10A39	◌̦ or ◌̦
◌̧	10A3A	◌̧

The sort value of ANUSVARA (10A0E) is context dependent:

- When followed by a space, the letters *y–h* (10A29 – 10A31), a number (10A40 – 10A47), a punctuation mark (10A50 – 10A57), or any non-Kharoṣṭhī character, it is considered to be a ‘true’ *anusvāra* and follows *o* (10A07) in the sort order.
- When followed by the letters *k–gh*, or *ḳ* (10A10 – 10A13, or 10A32), it is considered to be a velar nasal and follows *gh* (10A13) in the sort order.
- When followed by the letters *c–ñ*, (10A15 – 10A19), it is functionally equivalent to *ñ* (10A19), and follows *j* (10A17) in the sort order.
- When followed by the letters *ṭ–ṇ*, or *ṭh* (10A1A – 10A1E, or 10A33), it is functionally

equivalent to *n* (10A1E), and follows *dh* (10A1D) in the sort order.

- When followed by the letters *t–n*, (10A1F – 10A23), it is functionally equivalent to *n* (10A23), and follows *dh* (10A22) in the sort order.
- When followed by a vowel or the letters *p–m*, (10A00 or 10A24 – 10A28), it is functionally equivalent to *m* (10A28), and follows *bh* (10A27) in the sort order.

The sort values of the Kharoṣṭhī digits will not produce a correct sorting of Kharoṣṭhī numerals, because of the multiplicative element in the Kharoṣṭhī numeral system. If possible, Kharoṣṭhī numbers should be sorted according to their numeric values.

Appendix 3: Word Breaks, Line Breaks and Hyphenation

Most Kharoṣṭhī manuscripts are written as continuous text with no indication of word boundaries. Only a few examples are known where spaces have been used to separate words or verse quarters. Most scribes have tried to finish words before starting a new line. There are no examples of anything akin to hyphenation in Kharoṣṭhī manuscripts. In cases where a word would not completely fit into a line, its continuation simply appears at the beginning of the next line. Modern scholarly practice will in most cases make use of spaces and hyphenation. When necessary, hyphenation should be applied on the model of Sanskrit.

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This document lists the proposed general categories and some additional properties for Kharoshthi characters in proposal L2/02-203R2, and should be used only in connection with that document.

All codepoint values below are **PROPOSED** values and should not be taken as final, but are herein assigned to match values in L2/02-203R2.

1. General Categories

General Category "Lo"

10A00 KHAROSTHI LETTER A
10A10 KHAROSTHI LETTER KA
10A11 KHAROSTHI LETTER KHA
10A12 KHAROSTHI LETTER GA
10A13 KHAROSTHI LETTER GHA
10A15 KHAROSTHI LETTER CA
10A16 KHAROSTHI LETTER CHA
10A17 KHAROSTHI LETTER JA
10A19 KHAROSTHI LETTER NYA
10A1A KHAROSTHI LETTER TTA
10A1B KHAROSTHI LETTER TTHA
10A1C KHAROSTHI LETTER DDA
10A1D KHAROSTHI LETTER DDHA
10A1E KHAROSTHI LETTER NNA
10A1F KHAROSTHI LETTER TA
10A20 KHAROSTHI LETTER THA
10A21 KHAROSTHI LETTER DA
10A22 KHAROSTHI LETTER DHA
10A23 KHAROSTHI LETTER NA
10A24 KHAROSTHI LETTER PA
10A25 KHAROSTHI LETTER PHA
10A26 KHAROSTHI LETTER BA
10A27 KHAROSTHI LETTER BHA
10A28 KHAROSTHI LETTER MA
10A29 KHAROSTHI LETTER YA
10A2A KHAROSTHI LETTER RA

10A2B KHAROSTHI LETTER LA
10A2C KHAROSTHI LETTER VA
10A2D KHAROSTHI LETTER SHA
10A2E KHAROSTHI LETTER SSA
10A2F KHAROSTHI LETTER SA
10A30 KHAROSTHI LETTER ZA
10A31 KHAROSTHI LETTER HA
10A32 KHAROSTHI LETTER KKA
10A33 KHAROSTHI LETTER TTTHA

General Category "No":

10A40 KHAROSTHI DIGIT ONE
10A41 KHAROSTHI DIGIT TWO
10A42 KHAROSTHI DIGIT THREE
10A43 KHAROSTHI DIGIT FOUR
10A44 KHAROSTHI NUMBER TEN
10A45 KHAROSTHI NUMBER TWENTY
10A46 KHAROSTHI NUMBER ONE HUNDRED
10A47 KHAROSTHI NUMBER ONE THOUSAND

General Category "Po"

10A50 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION DOT
10A51 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION SMALL CIRCLE
10A52 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION CIRCLE
10A53 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION CRESCENT BAR
10A54 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION MANGALAM
10A55 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION LOTUS
10A56 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION DANDA
10A57 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION DOUBLE DANDA
10A58 KHAROSTHI PUNCTUATION LINES

General Category "Mn"

10A01 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN I
10A02 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN U
10A03 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC R
10A05 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN E
10A06 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN O
10A0C KHAROSTHI VOWEL LENGTH MARK
10A0D KHAROSTHI SIGN DOUBLE RING BELOW
10A0E KHAROSTHI SIGN ANUSVARA
10A0F KHAROSTHI SIGN VISARGA
10A38 KHAROSTHI SIGN BAR ABOVE
10A39 KHAROSTHI SIGN CAUDA

10A3A KHAROSTHI SIGN DOT BELOW
10A3F KHAROSTHI VIRAMA

2. Bidi Classes

Kharoshthi letters (Lo) and digits (No) have the Bidi class "R".
Kharoshthi punctuation symbols (Po) have the Bidi class "R".
Kharoshthi combining marks (Mn) have the Bidi class "NSM".

3. Numeric Values. Note: the first four are not "Nd" because Kharoshthi does not use a decimal number system.

Code	Value	Name
10A40	1	KHAROSTHI DIGIT ONE
10A41	2	KHAROSTHI DIGIT TWO
10A42	3	KHAROSTHI DIGIT THREE
10A43	4	KHAROSTHI DIGIT FOUR
10A44	10	KHAROSTHI NUMBER TEN
10A45	20	KHAROSTHI NUMBER TWENTY
10A46	100	KHAROSTHI NUMBER ONE HUNDRED
10A47	1000	KHAROSTHI NUMBER ONE THOUSAND

4. Combining Classes for the "Mn" category characters

Class	Code + Name
0	10A01 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN I
0	10A02 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN U
0	10A03 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC R
0	10A05 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN E
0	10A06 KHAROSTHI VOWEL SIGN O
0	10A0C KHAROSTHI VOWEL LENGTH MARK
220	10A0D KHAROSTHI SIGN DOUBLE RING BELOW
0	10A0E KHAROSTHI SIGN ANUSVARA
0	10A0F KHAROSTHI SIGN VISARGA
230	10A38 KHAROSTHI SIGN BAR ABOVE
202	10A39 KHAROSTHI SIGN CAUDA
220	10A3A KHAROSTHI SIGN DOT BELOW
9	10A3F KHAROSTHI VIRAMA

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