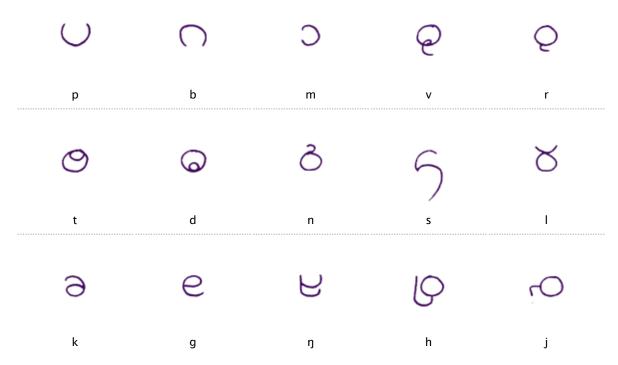
Daléian Alphabet

1. Introduction

The Daléian alphabet (Ayr. *Tahano Dalē*, Dal. *Maş Dalérindî*) is a script that has been originally used by the Daléian people. The Daléians maintain a professional trading business very much similar to the Hanseatic League of medieval Europe. Due to trading contacts the Daléian alphabet has also found its way to the Kataytanian continent, though it is not very much used there. It can be written from left to right, but the preferred direction is top to bottom in lines from left to right. This script is neither strictly an alphabet like for example the Latin alphabet nor an abugida like the Tahano Hikamu. [top]

2. Consonants

The following letters are (as usually) used for writing Ayeri:



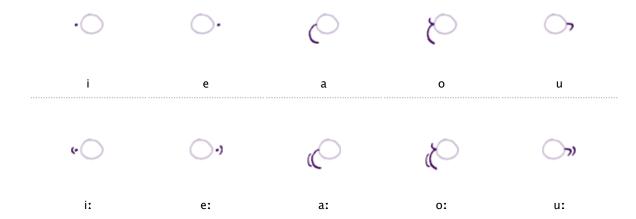
But since the Daléian alphabet is not native to Ayeri, there are as well the following consonant letters that are *not* used in Ayeri, or only so in loan words:



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3. Vowels



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4. Diacritics

The Daléian alphabet does not have as many diacritics as Tahano Hikamu, that is, apart from the vowels:



Marks palatalisation of a consonant, e.g. in combination with $\bigcirc \rightarrow /d_3/$ or $/d^j/$.



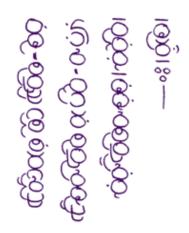
Marks fricativization of the consonant, e.g. in combination with $\Rightarrow -/x/$.



The little bow that is used to mark long vowels can also be used to mark a doubled consonant.

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5. Example



Which looks like this when written in Tahano Hikamu:

महायडमार्ग्यामाहर्ष्य्यं मेन्स्य मान्त्राया है।

Eda-tahang bata telbānang simin-yam le tahanvāng Ayeri deventahāneri Dalē.

'This short text is a demonstration of how you write Ayeri with the Daléian alphabet.' [top]

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