

Title: Introducing the Coorgi-Cox Alphabet
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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to bring the Coorgi-Cox alphabet to the attention of the Unicode Technical Committee (UTC). This document provides a preliminary list of characters that may be potentially encoded, as well as a specimen of the script. Coorgi-Cox is a newly-devised script and the suitability of encoding it in the Universal Character Set (UCS) is dependent upon the extent to which it is used. Research on the script is ongoing and additional information will be provided as it is obtained.

2 Background

The Coorgi-Cox alphabet was developed by the German linguist Gregg Cox and publically released in April 2005 (*The Hindu* 2006). It was designed for writing Kodava (ISO 639-3: kfa), also known as ‘Coorgi’, which is a Dravidian language spoken in the Kodagu district, or the ‘Coorg’ region, of Karnataka state in India. There is no traditional script for Kodava, but it is formally written using the Kannada script.

The script is an alphabet. Its character repertoire consists of 8 vowel letters, 26 consonant letters, and a ‘double vowel’ mark. Additional research is required for understanding the structure of the script.

Additional research is also needed for determining the status of the script. Based upon discussions on a Coorgi-Cox forum (ForumJar.com), it appears that there are active users of the script from the Kodava community. It also appears that the script is used to some extent for printing. However, there is some debate within the Kodava community regarding the most optimal writing system for the language. Some Kodava speakers question the practicality of adopting a newly-devised script like Coorgi-Cox when the Kannada script is already in use, while others would prefer to switch to a Latin-based alphabet if a new script is to be formally implemented (Bopanna 2006).

3 Tentative Character Data

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xx00;COORGI-COX LETTER A;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx01;COORGI-COX LETTER E;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx02;COORGI-COX LETTER I;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx03;COORGI-COX LETTER O;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx04;COORGI-COX LETTER U;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx05;COORGI-COX LETTER B;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx06;COORGI-COX LETTER B;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx07;COORGI-COX LETTER CH;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx08;COORGI-COX LETTER D;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx09;COORGI-COX LETTER DH;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx0A;COORGI-COX LETTER F;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
xx0B;COORGI-COX LETTER G;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;;
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xx0C;COORGI-COX LETTER GH;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx0D;COORGI-COX LETTER J;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx0E;COORGI-COX LETTER K;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx0F;COORGI-COX LETTER KH;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx10;COORGI-COX LETTER L;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx11;COORGI-COX LETTER M;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx12;COORGI-COX LETTER N;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx13;COORGI-COX LETTER P;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx14;COORGI-COX LETTER R;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx15;COORGI-COX LETTER RH;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx16;COORGI-COX LETTER S;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx17;COORGI-COX LETTER SH;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx18;COORGI-COX LETTER T;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx19;COORGI-COX LETTER TH;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx1A;COORGI-COX LETTER V;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx1B;COORGI-COX LETTER W;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx1C;COORGI-COX LETTER Y;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx1D;COORGI-COX LETTER Z;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx1E;COORGI-COX LETTER AE;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx1F;COORGI-COX LETTER AI;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx20;COORGI-COX LETTER OI;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
xx21;COORGI-COX DOUBLE VOWEL MARK;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;

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The Coorgi-Cox alphabet

A	í	Dh	᳚	M	᳛	V	᳜
E	ĩ	F	᳝	N	᳞	W	᳟
I	ï	G	᳞	P	᳠	Y	᳡
O	ı	Gh	᳟	R	᳢	Z	᳣
U	ü	H	᳠	Rh	᳤	ae	᳥
B	᳚	J	᳡	S	᳦	ai	᳧
Bh	᳛	K	᳢	Sh	᳨	oi	ᳩ
Ch	᳜	Kh	᳣	T	ᳪ		
D	᳝	L	᳤	Th	ᳬ	᳭	(double vowel)

Figure 1: The Coorgi-Cox alphabet (from Wikimedia 2012).