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Language: BORO

RECORD OF CHANGES

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1. AUGMENTED BACKUS-NAUR FORMALISM (ABNF)

1.1 Declaration of variables

Dash   → Hyphen -

Digit   → Indo-Arabic digits [0-9]

C   → Consonant

M   → Matra

V   → Vowel

D   → Anusvara

B   → Chandrabindu

X   → Visarga

Y   → Avagraha

H   → Halant

S   →Vowel Modifier \ Gojau kamaa

N   → Nukta

1.2 ABNF Operators

S. No.	Symbols	Functions
1	"/"	Alternative
2	"[ ]"	Optional
3	"*"	Variable Repetition
4	"( )"	Sequence Group

In what follows the Vowel Sequence and the Consonant Sequence pertinent to BORO are given.

1.3 The Vowel Sequence

A vowel sequence is made up of a single vowel. It may be followed but not

necessarily (optionally) by an Anuswara (D), Chandrabindu (B) or a Visarga (X) or a Vowel Modifier(MODIFIER LETTER APOSTROPHE)[S], Nukta[N] The number of D, B, X , S, N which can follow a V in BORO should be restricted to one.

The vowel sequence in BORO is therefore V [D | B | X | S | N]
Examples:

Vowel   V   अ

Vowel + Anuswara   V[D]   अं

Vowel + Chandrabindu   V[B]   अँ

Vowel + Visarga   V[X]   अः

Vowel + Vowel Modifier   V[S]   अ'

Vowel + Nukta   V[N]   अ़

1.4 Consonant Sequence

A consonant sequence admits the following shapes:
1. A single consonant (C)
Example:

> C   क

2. A consonant optionally followed by dependent vowel sign[M] or anuswara[D] Chandrabindu[B] or visarga[X] or Halant [H] or Vowel Modifier(MODIFIER LETTER APOSTROPHE)[S]

> C[M|D|B|X|H|S]

Example:

> C[M]   कि

> C[D]   कं

> C[B]   कँ

C[X]   कः

C[S]   क'

C[H]   क्   (Pure Consonant)

2.a. A CM sequence can be optionally followed by D, B, X, S
     (CM) [D|B|X|S]
Example:

CM[D]   कीं

CM[B]   काँ

CM[X]   वीः

CM[S]   का'

3. A sequence of consonants (up to 3) joined by Halant *2(CH)C
Example:

CHCHC   म्ब्ल म+ॢ+ब+ॢ+ल

Subsets
3.a. The combination may be followed by M , D, B, X or S
Example:

CHC[M]   क्की   क ॢ क ी

CHC[D]   क्कं   क ॢ क ं

CHC[B]   क्कँ   क ॢ क ँ

CHC[X]   क्कः   क ॢ क ः

CHC[S]   क्क'   क ॢ क '

3.b. *2(CH)CM may be followed by a D, B, X or S
Example:

CHCM[D] क्कीं   क ॢ क ी ं

CHCM[B]   क्कीँ   क ्◌ क ी◌ँ

CHCM[X]   क्कीः   क ्◌ क ी◌ः

CHCM[S]   क्की'   क ्◌ क ी◌'

The final canonical structure of the consonant sequence in IDN can be defined in ABNF as:

*2(CH)C [H|D|B|X|S|M[D|B|X|S]]

1.5 Sequence

1. A sequence can be made up by Consonant-sequence or Vowel-sequence.

    1.a A Consonant-sequence can optionally be followed by Avagraha[Y].
    1.b A Vowel-sequence can optionally be followed by Avagraha[Y].

1.6 ABNF Applied to the BORO IDN

The formalism can be applied to create/validate IDN labels. So a valid IDN label can be defined as follows.

Vowel-sequence → V [D | B | X | S | N]
Consonant-sequence → *2(CH)C[H|D|B|X|S|M[D|B|X | S]]
Sequence → consonant-sequence[Y] | vowel-sequence[Y]
IDN-label → (sequence | digit) * ([dash] (sequence |digit))

Additional Examples putting more light on ABNF

Below are some of the examples which will help a casual reader understand some of the rules ABNF puts in place. These are just given for reference purposes and are not meant to be comprehensive.

1. H | D | B | X | M | S cannot occur in the beginning of an IDN domain name
Example:

    ृक

    ंक

    ँक

    ःक

    िक

    'क

As can be seen they will result automatically in a "golu" marking an invalid character. This is an intrinsic property of the Indic syllable and is quasi automatically applied.

2. H is not permitted after V, D, B, X, M, S, digit and dash
Example:

    अ्

    कं्

    कँ्

    कः्

    कि्

    1्

    -्

    '्

3. Number of D, B, X or S permitted after consonant-sequence or vowel-sequence or M
is restricted to one

Example

कंं

कँँ

कःः

कींं

काँँ

कीःः

अंं

अँँ

अःः

क''

की''

अ''

4. Number of M permitted after consonant-sequence is restricted to one
Example

कीी

5. M is not permitted after V
Example

ईा

6. The combination of Anuswara+Visarga, chandrabindu+anuswara, chandrabindu+visa-rga and vice-versa is not permissible
Example

कं◌ः

कँ◌ः

कः◌

2. RESTRICTION RULES

The Augmented Backus Naur Formalism (ABNF) is generic in nature and when applied to a specific language/script certain restriction rules apply. In other words, in a given language some of the Formalism structures do not necessarily apply. To take care of such cases restriction rules are set in place. These restrictions will help to fine-tune the ABN formalism.

In the case of BORO the following rules apply:

1. A consonant sequence that is intended to end with Halant [H] can only be followed by Hyphen, digit or Avagraha [Y]. Thus following combinations are permissible.

क्–

क्1

क्ऽ

2. Distribution of S

The Vowel Modifier 02BC ' shall have the following distribution.

The character forms part of a syllable.
As ABNF shows, it cannot occur at the beginning of a syllable
The Vowel Modifier cannot occur after a Halant i.e. after a pure consonant.
The Vowel Modifier can occur at the end of a syllable.

V [S] इ'यां उ'आं

M [S] कु'न

C[S]   स'ञां-लै न'ग

3. Nukta can only be preceded by Vowel [V] "अ" (0905) thus forming the combination

V[N]   अ

4. Consecutive hyphens will not be permitted in a domain name.

5. The number of identical consonants joined by a Halant within a label shall not exceed two. Thus त्त (ta+halant+ta) is permitted but not त्त्त (ta+halant+ta+halant+ta).

6. Wherever a variant is present in a given label, the variants shall be in a relationship of transitivity but the generation of the variant table shall be limited only to the relationship existing between the two variants. Thus given a variant त and त्त, the number of variants in label such as किताब shall be किताब. कित्ताब generated by adding an extra त् to त shall not be permitted. This ensures that over generativity does not take place.

7. A label containing not more than three "akshara", which have got variants shall be permitted. As an example let us consider a, b, c and d as four aksharas in a given label having a', b', c' and d' as variants in which case such a label will be disallowed. (E.g. of disallowed label - abcd, acdb, cdaba and so on)

3. EXAMPLES:

Combination	Example	Word With Combination
C	फ	फहर
CH	न्	आगान्
CM	खा	खाम
CS	ग'	बारग'
CD	रं	रंजा
CX	सः	सः
CMD	गां	गांगा
CMB	पाँ	पाँच
CMX	दुः	दुःख
CHC	ब्र	आब्रा
CHCHC	न्स्र	सन्स्रा/सन्स्रा
V	अ	अर
VD	अं	अंखा
VB	आँ	गाँत

4. LANGUAGE TABLE: BORO[1]

0900   **Devanagari**   097F

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[1]   Characters marked in yellow are not applicable to the language.

5. NOMENCLATURAL DESCRIPTION TABLE OF BORO LANGUAGE TABLE

Chandrabindu(B)		
0901	◌ँ	DEVANAGARI SIGN CANDRABINDU = anunasika
Anusvara (D)		
0902	◌ं	DEVANAGARI SIGN ANUSVARA = bindu
Visarga (X)		
0903	◌ः	DEVANAGARI SIGN VISARGA
Vowel Modifer 02BC (S)		
02BC	ʼ	Vowel Modifier \ Gojau kamaa
Independent vowels (V)		
0905	अ	DEVANAGARI LETTER A
0906	आ	DEVANAGARI LETTER AA
0907	इ	DEVANAGARI LETTER I
0908	ई	DEVANAGARI LETTER II
0909	उ	DEVANAGARI LETTER U
090A	ऊ	DEVANAGARI LETTER UU
090B	ऋ	DEVANAGARI LETTER VOCALIC R
090F	ए	DEVANAGARI LETTER E
0910	ऐ	DEVANAGARI LETTER AI
0913	ओ	DEVANAGARI LETTER O
0914	औ	DEVANAGARI LETTER AU
Consonants (C)		
0915	क	DEVANAGARI LETTER KA
0916	ख	DEVANAGARI LETTER KHA

0917	ग	DEVANAGARI LETTER GA
0918	घ	DEVANAGARI LETTER GHA
0919	ङ	DEVANAGARI LETTER NGA
091A	च	DEVANAGARI LETTER CA
091B	छ	DEVANAGARI LETTER CHA
091C	ज	DEVANAGARI LETTER JA
091D	झ	DEVANAGARI LETTER JHA
091E	ञ	DEVANAGARI LETTER NYA
091F	ट	DEVANAGARI LETTER TTA
0920	ठ	DEVANAGARI LETTER TTHA
0921	ड	DEVANAGARI LETTER DDA
0922	ढ	DEVANAGARI LETTER DDHA
0923	ण	DEVANAGARI LETTER NNA
0924	त	DEVANAGARI LETTER TA
0925	थ	DEVANAGARI LETTER THA
0926	द	DEVANAGARI LETTER DA
0927	ध	DEVANAGARI LETTER DHA
0928	न	DEVANAGARI LETTER NA
092A	प	DEVANAGARI LETTER PA
092B	फ	DEVANAGARI LETTER PHA
092C	ब	DEVANAGARI LETTER BA
092D	भ	DEVANAGARI LETTER BHA
092E	म	DEVANAGARI LETTER MA

092F	य	DEVANAGARI LETTER YA
0930	र	DEVANAGARI LETTER RA
0932	ल	DEVANAGARI LETTER LA
0935	व	DEVANAGARI LETTER VA
0936	श	DEVANAGARI LETTER SHA
0937	ष	DEVANAGARI LETTER SSA
0938	स	DEVANAGARI LETTER SA
0939	ह	DEVANAGARI LETTER HA

Dependent vowel signs (Matras) (M)

093E	ा	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AA
093F	ि	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN I • stands to the left of the consonant
0940	ी	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN II
0941	ु	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN U
0942	ू	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN UU
0943	ृ	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC R
0947	े	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN E
0948	ै	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AI
094B	ो	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN O
094C	ौ	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AU

Halant (H)

094D	्	DEVANAGARI SIGN VIRAMA = halant (the preferred name) • suppresses inherent vowel

Avagraha (Y)

093D	ऽ	DEVANAGARI SIGN AVAGRAHA

Nukta (N)

093C	़	DEVANAGARI SIGN NUKTA

6. VARIANT TABLE FOR BORO

VARIANTS		
द्द 0926+094D +O917	द्द 0926+094D +0930	द्द 0926+094D +0928
द्ध 0926+094D+0927	द्ध 0926+094D+0918	
ष्ट 0937+094D+091F	ष्ठ 0937+094D+0920	
श्ध 0936+094D+0935	श्व 0936+094D+0930+094D+0935	
श्र 0936+094D+0928	श्न 0936+094D+0930+094D+0928	
श्च 0936+094D+091A	श्च 0936+094D+0930+094D+091A	
श्ल 0936+094D+0932	श्ल 0936+094D+0930+094D+0932	
त 0924+094D+0924	त 0924	
द्व 0926+094D+0935	द्व 0926+094D+092C	

Note: क्ष and श्ल normally not used in BORO but are introduced since some browsers may display these shapes.

7. EXPERTISE/BODIES CONSULTED

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8. PROPOSED ccTLD FOR BORO

India (Bhārat) localized in Boro - भारत

Note : You can send your feedbacks to idn-feedback@cdac.in