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1. AUGMENTED BACKUS-NAUR FORMALISM (ABNF)

1.1 Declaration of variable

Dash → Hyphen -

Digit → Indo-Arabic digits [0-9]

C → Consonant

M → Matra

V → Vowel

D → Anusvara / Bindu

B → Chandrabindu /Anunasika (Used for Sanskrit words only)

X → Visarga

Y → Avagraha

H → Halant

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 Marathi 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 Anusvara (D), Chandrabindu (B) or a Visarga (X) The number of D, B or X which can follow a V in Marathi may be restricted to one.

The possibility of a Visarga following a Chandrabindu or Anusvara is ruled out, since it is used only in Vedic and in Bangla script.

The vowel sequence in Marathi is therefore V [D |B | X]

Examples:

V अ

V[D] अं

V[B] अँ

V[X] अः

1.4 Consonant Sequence

A consonant sequence admits the following shapes:

1. A single consonant (C)

Example क

2. A consonant optionally followed by dependent vowel sign[M] or Anusvara[D]
Chandrabindu[B] or visarga[X] or Halant [H]

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

Example:

C[M] कि

C[D] कं

C[B] कँ

C[X] कः

C[H] क् (Pure Consonant)

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

Example:



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CM[D]	कीं
CM[B]	काँ
CM[X]	वीः

3. A sequence of consonants (up to 4) joined by Halant *3(CH)C

Example:

CHCHCHC च्च्रय न्+क्+र्+र+य

Subsets

3.a. The combination may be followed by M , D,B or X

Example:

CHC[M]	क्की	क्की
CHC[D]	क्कं	क्कं
CHC[B]	क्कँ	क्कँ
CHC[X]	क्कः	क्कः

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

Example:

CHCM[D]	क्कीं	क्कीं
CHCM[B]	क्कीँ	क्कीँ
CHCM[X]	क्कीः	क्कीः

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

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

It should be noted that in the case of Sanskrit the possible sequence could be:

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



as exemplified in the word:

कात्स्न्य

Although this is possible, it is not used in neo-Prakrits unless a potential client chooses it as a possible IDN.

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 MARATHI IDN

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

Vowel-sequence \rightarrow V [D | B | X]

Consonant-sequence \rightarrow *3(CH)C [H|D|B|X|M|D|B|X]

Sequence \rightarrow consonant-sequence[Y] | vowel-sequence[Y]

IDN-label \rightarrow (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 cannot occur in the beginning of an IDN domain name

Example:

क्

ं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, digit and dash

Example:

अ्

कंक्

कँक्

कःक्

क्ि

1क्

-क्

3. Number of D,B or X permitted after consonant-sequence or vowel-sequence or



M is restricted to one

Example:

कं

कँ

कः

कीं

कौं

कीः

अं

अँ

अः

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

Example:

कीी

5. M is not permitted after V

Example:

ई

6. The combination of Anusvara+Visarga, Chandrabindu+Anusvara,
Chandrabindu+

Visarga and vice-versa is not permissible.

Example:

कः

कं

कँ



2. RESTRICTION RULES

The 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 ABNF.

In the case of Marathi the following rules apply:

1. Consonant र (0931) alone shall not be permitted in domain name. It must necessarily be followed by character sequence HC in which following two combinations are possible.

CHC च र् य u+0931 u+094D u+092F

CHC ढ र् ह u+0931 u+094D u+0939

Following combinations still remain applicable though.

CHCH, CHCD, CHCB, CHCX, CHCM, CHCMD, CHCMB, CHCMX

2. 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

3. Consecutive hyphens will not be permitted in a domain name.
4. The number of identical consonants joined by a Halant within a label shall not exceed two. Thus त (ta+halant+ta) is permitted but not त्त (ta+halant+ta+halant+ta).
5. 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



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- and त्, the number of variants in label such as किताब shall be किताब. कित्ताब generated by adding an extra त् to त् shall not be permitted. This ensures that over generativity does not take place.
6. 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:

Following are the some examples of MARATHI IDN

Combination	Example	Word With Combination
C	क	कर
CH	त्	सुस्वागत्
CM	ता	ताल
CD	गं	गंगा
CB	हँ	हँस
CX	तः	अतः
CMD	हिं	हिंदी
CMX	दुः	दुःख
CHC	व्य	काव्य
CHCHC	न्त्र	यन्त्रकार
V	आ	आज
VD	अं	अंग



4. LANGUAGE TABLE: MARATHI¹

0900

Devanagari

097F

	090	091	092	093	094	095	096	097
0	ऐ	ठ	र	ी	ॐ	ॠ	ॡ	ॢ
1	ँ	ऑ	ड	र	ु	ुं	ळ	ं
2	ं	ओ	ढ	ल	०	१	२	अँ
3	ः	ओ	ण	ळ	०	१	२	
4	ऐ	औ	त	ळ	०	१	।	
5	अ	क	थ	व	ँ		॥	
6	आ	ख	द	श	े		०	
7	इ	ग	घ	ष	े		१	
8	ई	घ	न	स	ै	क	र	
9	उ	ड	न	ह	ाँ	ख	३	
A	ऊ	च	प		ो	ग	४	
B	ऋ	ॠ	फ		ो	ज	५	ग
C	ॠ	ज	ब	ॠ	ौ	ड	६	ज
D	ँ	झ	भ	ऽ	ॠ	ड	७	१
E	ऐ	ज	म	ा		फ	८	ड
F	ए	ट	य	ि		य	९	ब

Marathi

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



5. NOMENCLATURAL DESCRIPTION TABLE OF MARATHI LANGUAGE TABLE

MARATHI		
Chandrabindu/Anunasika (B)		
0901	ँ	DEVANAGARI SIGN CANDRABINDU = anunasika
Anusvara/Bindu (D)		
0902	ं	DEVANAGARI SIGN ANUSVARA = bindi
Visarga (X)		
0903	ः	DEVANAGARI SIGN VISARGA
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
090C	ॠ	DEVANAGARI LETTER VOCALIC L
090F	ए	DEVANAGARI LETTER E
0910	ऐ	DEVANAGARI LETTER AI
0911	ऑ	DEVANAGARI LETTER CANDRA O
0913	ओ	DEVANAGARI LETTER O
0914	औ	DEVANAGARI LETTER AU
0972	अँ	DEVANAGARI LETTER CANDRA A Marathi
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
0931	ऱ	DEVANAGARI LETTER RRA • half form is represented as Eyelash RA
0932	ल	DEVANAGARI LETTER LA
0933	ळ	DEVANAGARI LETTER LLA
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
0945	ँ	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN CANDRA E = candra
0947	े	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN E
0948	ै	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AI
0949	ॉ	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN CANDRA O
094B	ो	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN O
094C	ौ	DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AU
0962	ॠ	DEVANAGARI LETTER VOCALIC L
Various signs: Halant (H)		
094D	्	DEVANAGARI SIGN VIRAMA = halant (the preferred name) • suppresses inherent vowel
Avagraha (Y)		
093D	ऽ	DEVANAGARI SIGN AVAGRAHA



6. VARIANT TABLE FOR MARATHI

VARIANTS		
द्र 0926+094D+0917	द्र 0926+094D+0930	द्र 0926+094D+0928
द्व 0926+094D+0927	द्व 0926+094D+0918	
ष्ट 0937+094D+091F	ष्ठ 0937+094D+0920	
श्व 0936+094D+0935	श्च 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	
श्र 0936+094D+0932	श्न 0936+094D+0930+094D+0932	
त 0924+094D+0924	त 0924	
द्व 0926+094D+0935	द्व 0926+094D+092C	
ँ 0901	ँँ 0945+0902	
च्य 0931+ 094D+092F	-य 002D+092F	
ह 0931+094D+0939	-ह 002D+0939	



7. EXPERTISE/BODIES CONSULTED

Expertise provided by the late Dr. G.N. Jogalekar. Former President. Marathi Sahitya Parishad and Shri. Arun Phadake. The Marathi scheme was further ratified like Hindi at PRSG's held in New Delhi as well as in Pune.



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8. PROPOSED ccTLD FOR MARATHI

India (Bhārat) localized in Marathi - भारत

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