

Transliteration Map  
**DEVNAC font**  
(Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit)

itrans

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## 1 Fonts Available

### 1.1 T<sub>E</sub>X Interface

The devanagari font is called *devnac*, and its PostScript description resides in the file *devnac.ps*. It is a user-defined type III PostScript font. Four fonts, variations on the basic devnac font, are bundled with the itrans package. Their names (in the T<sub>E</sub>X interface) are *dnh*, *dnho*, *dnhrc*, and *dnhre*.

**dnh** This is the basic devanagari font. There are some other fonts available, derived by transforming this font.

**dnho** This is the slanted version of *dnh*.

**dnhrc** Both *dnho* and *dnh* look extremely heavy. A scaled down, compressed version (along the x-axis) of the basic font is available as *dnhrc*.

**dnhre** This is heavier than *dnh*, to be used as a bold version.

Since these are PostScript fonts, you can use them at any font size in your document. In fact, the font size must be specified when loading in the font. In this document (and in *idoc.itx*), the following line was used for loading the font:

```
\newfont{\devnfn}{dnh at 15pt}.
```

Even though this document has been typeset using a 11 point size, the devanagari font is loaded in at 15 point size. This is just to emphasize the devanagari characters. Normally, I would suggest loading in the font at 15-20% greater size than the other text in the document. So, if your document is being typeset at 11 point, load in the devanagari fonts using a 13 point size. Of course, this relation of size is important only if you wish to mix english and devanagari in the same document. In any case, go wild, experiment with various font sizes. Since the characters are described as outlines in bezier curve form, smaller point sizes do not look too good on a 300dpi output device, the larger the font size, the better the shapes look.

### 1.2 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Interface

In ITRANS version 5.2, apart from the addition of a new style file named *itrans.sty*, a font definition file for Devnac was also added. The file is named *Udvnc.fd*, and it can be used to load this font using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X2e commands where the font encoding is U (unknown) and the font family is *dvnc*. Thus, the following can be used to load the medium series with normal shape:

```
\usefont{U}{dvnc}{m}{n} and then to select a size and baselineskip: \fontsize{18pt}{24pt}\selectfont
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The above will load the **dnh** version of this font.

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`\usefont{U}{dvnc}{b}{sl}` will load the `dnho` version, and  
`\usefont{U}{dvnc}{c}{n}` will load the `dnhrc` version, and  
`\usefont{U}{dvnc}{bx}{n}` will load the `dnhre` version.

### 1.3 Textual Interface - PostScript

A direct PostScript interface is supported. HTML and Unicode (UTF-8) are not supported for this font.

This interface does not offer any wordprocessing capabilities other than that of checking when a page is complete, and then resetting the current point to the top of the next page. Thus, all spaces, lines, etc from the input text appear in the output too.

For the PostScript mode, the user may also directly invoke PostScript commands to create various versions of the font, as required. Refer to PostScript language manuals for specific help regarding the PostScript font manipulation commands. If you decide to go this route, take a look at the file *itrans.pro*, it is the prologue that gets sent to the printer. It contains definitions of various commands such as *normalfont*, *slantfont*, *compressedfont*, etc, which may be used to change the font being used. These PostScript functions take a single argument: the font size to use. All this and more information can be obtained from the prologue file, *itrans.pro*, and PostScript users should take a look at it. For example usage, look through the sample input files provided. Files ending in *.ips* are the direct PostScript input files, *itrans* (with the `-P` option) directly produces PostScript output for these files.

The file *devnac.ps* contains the PostScript language program for this devanagari font.

### 1.4 Sanskrit, Hindi and Marathi

The single IFM file *dvnc.ifm* can be used for Sanskrit, Hindi or Marathi output.

The marathi form of ra-half is available through the `R` character, the second LA is at `L` (or `ld`), etc. The table displays the complete mapping from English to Devanagari for all the three Indic Scripts.

### 1.5 Text Interface - Unicode (UTF-8) for Sanskrit, Hindi, and Marathi

IFM file to use is named *udvng.ifm*.

Unicode (UTF-8) output is supported for this the Devanagari script, but no Unicode fonts are included with the ITRANS package. There are many Unicode fonts available on the Web, and more are being developed so it should be easy to locate a Unicode font when needed. Not all Unicode fonts fully support Indian Languages yet.

## 2 Known Problems

In the  $\text{\TeX}$  interface, characters with any non-zero Y offset are not correctly printed in some cases, when the PostScript font Devnac is used. I have only seen this happen for the **द** consonant, in cases such as the da-u consonant-vowel, or the da-ra ligature, words such as *draaviiDa* (द्रावीड) or *dukaanaat* दुकानात. Note that it is only in certain cases that the word is printed incorrectly, in most cases it is handled correctly. Usually, when the word appears near the end of the line,  $\text{\TeX}$  (or dvips, I'm inclined to think it is dvips) inserts a negative kern just before the character with a non-zero Y offset, and the word appears squashed up at that point. Have no remedy for this, only workaround is to force a line break before the problem word, it usually sets everything right.

I have never encountered this problem when using Frans Velthuis's Devnag font with the itrans package, therefore this problem is probably related to the use of PostScript fonts in T<sub>E</sub>X.

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|        |            |            |             |                  |             |
|--------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Vowels |            | Consonants |             | Specials/Accents |             |
| अ      | a          | क          | ka          | क्र              | qa          |
| आ      | aa or A    | ख          | kha         | ख़               | Ka          |
| इ      | i          | ग          | ga          | ग़               | Ga          |
| ई      | ii or I    | घ          | gha         | ज़               | Ja or za    |
| उ      | u          | ङ          | ~Na or N^a  | फ़               | fa          |
| ऊ      | uu or U    | च          | cha         | ड़               | .Da         |
| ऋ      | RRi or R^i | छ          | chha        | ढ़               | .Dha        |
| ए      | e          | ज          | ja          | ऊँ               | AUM or OM   |
| ऐ      | ai         | झ          | jha         | ऋग               | Rga         |
| ओ      | o          | ञ          | ~na or JNa  | र्ग              | rga or ga^r |
| औ      | au         | ट          | Ta          | गं               | ga.n        |
| अं     | aM         | ठ          | Tha         | ऑ                | aa.c        |
| अः     | aH         | ड          | Da          | डँ               | Da.N        |
|        |            | ढ          | Dha         | ड्ह              | D.h         |
|        |            | ण          | Na          | दुः              | duH         |
|        |            | त          | ta          | ऽ                | .a          |
|        |            | थ          | tha         |                  |             |
|        |            | द          | da          |                  |             |
|        |            | ध          | dha         |                  |             |
|        |            | न          | na          |                  |             |
|        |            | प          | pa          |                  |             |
|        |            | फ          | pha         |                  |             |
|        |            | ब          | ba          |                  |             |
|        |            | भ          | bha         |                  |             |
|        |            | म          | ma          |                  |             |
|        |            | य          | ya          |                  |             |
|        |            | र          | ra          |                  |             |
|        |            | ल          | la          |                  |             |
|        |            | व          | va or wa    |                  |             |
|        |            | श          | sha         |                  |             |
|        |            | ष          | Sha or shha |                  |             |
|        |            | स          | sa          |                  |             |
|        |            | ह          | ha          |                  |             |
|        |            | ळ          | lda or La   |                  |             |
|        |            | क्ष        | kSha or xa  |                  |             |
|        |            | ज्ञ        | j~na or GYa |                  |             |

Table 1: ITRANS: Devanagari to English Transliteration Table.

Sample Letters

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| क का कि की कु कू     | ka kaa ki kii ku kuu                 |
| स् स सा सि सी सु सू  | s.h sa saa si sii su suu             |
| ख खे खै खं खः खँ खैं | khRRi khe khai khaM khaH kha.c kha.N |
| डे डै डं डः डँ डैं   | De Dai DaM DaH Da.c Da.N             |

Sample Words

|          |              |             |               |
|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| भाग्य    | bhaagya      | कस्तुरी     | kasturii      |
| राज्य    | raajya       | नास्तिक     | naastik       |
| विद्या   | vidyaa       | प्राप्त     | praapt        |
| शिष्य    | shishhya     | स्वतंत्र    | swata.ntr     |
| मुख्य    | mukhya       | स्वातंत्र्य | svaata.ntrya  |
| गाढा     | gaaDyaa      | ध्वनी       | dhvanii       |
| त्याग    | tyaag        | गोष्ट       | goshhT        |
| ध्यान    | dhyaan       | युद्ध       | yud.hdh       |
| न्याय    | nyaay        | युद्ध       | yuddh         |
| श्याम    | shyaam       | पश्चिम      | pashchim      |
| ज्योत    | jyot         | फक्त        | phakt         |
| मनुष्य   | manushhy     | तर्हा       | tarhaa        |
| चांदण्या | chaa.ndaNyaa | अर्थ        | arth          |
| अभ्यास   | abhyaas      | कर्ता       | kartaa        |
| कल्याण   | kalyaaN      | गर्दी       | gardii        |
| घड्याळ   | ghaDyaald    | निर्णय      | nirNay        |
| कच्चा    | kachchaa     | पत्र        | patr          |
| खड्डा    | khaD.hDaa    | त्रिकोण     | trikoN        |
| गढ़ा     | gaTh.hThaa   | श्रावण      | shraavaN      |
| धक्का    | dhakkaa      | आश्रम       | aashram       |
| पत्ता    | pattaa       | शुश्रूषा    | shushruushhaa |
| तिप्पत   | tippat       | ग्रंथ       | gra.nth       |
| पन्नास   | pannaas      | प्रजा       | prajaa        |
| सज्जन    | sajjan       | द्राक्षे    | draakShe      |
| पुस्तक   | pustak       | गृहस्थ      | gRRihasth     |
|          |              | प्रकृती     | prakR^itii    |

Table 2: Examples

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| नैर्ऋत्य       | nairR`itya        |
| शुभ्र          | shubhr            |
| सहस्र          | sahastr           |
| क्रीडा         | kriiDaa           |
| स्वच्छ         | svachchh          |
| स्वरूप         | svaruup           |
| ट्रक           | Trak              |
| आम्ही          | aamhii            |
| चतुर्थी        | chaturthii        |
| ऋतू            | RRituu            |
| ऑक्तोबर        | aa.cktobar        |
| नोव्हेंबर      | novhe.nbar        |
| ग्रॅम          | gra.cm            |
| ऊँचा           | uu.Nchaa          |
| बैलगाडी        | bailagaaDii       |
| गुरुद्वारा     | gurud.hvaaraa     |
| गुरुद्वारा     | gurudvaaraa       |
| निराळ्या       | niraaldyaa        |
| ज्ञान          | GYaan             |
| मेकॅनिक        | meKa.cnik         |
| म्हैस          | mhaais            |
| देणार्या       | deNaaryaa         |
| प्रतिष्ठा      | pratishhThaa      |
| इतिहास         | itihaas           |
| आस्थाबद्ध      | aasthaabaddh      |
| अंतर्राष्ट्रीय | a.ntarraashhTriiy |

Table 3: More Examples