

# Reconstruction:Proto-Germanic/daniz

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This Proto-Germanic entry contains **reconstructed words and roots**. As such, the term(s) in this entry are not directly attested, but are hypothesized to have existed based on comparative evidence.

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## Proto-Germanic

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### Etymology

Possibly from Proto-Indo-European *\*d<sup>h</sup>enh₂-* (“run, flow”). Or possibly from the same root as *den* (i.e. "lowland").

### Pronunciation

- IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /ˈda.niz/

### Noun

\*daniz *m*

- a Dane

### Inflection

#### Declension of \*daniz (i-stem)

	singular	plural
<b>nominative</b>	*daniz	*danīz
<b>vocative</b>	*dani	*danīz
<b>accusative</b>	*danj	*daninz
<b>genitive</b>	*danīz	*danjô
<b>dative</b>	*danī	*danimaz
<b>instrumental</b>	*danī	*danimiz

## Derived terms

- \*daniskaz

## Descendants

The first mention of the Danes by name is in the 6th century by Jordanes. It's not certain whether the Danes existed as a group long before that time, and so whether the name was used to refer to a tribe in Proto-Germanic. But in any case, historically the name does go back to this form.

- Old English: Dene *ꝥ*
- Middle English: Dene, Dane
- Old Saxon: \*Deni
  - Middle Low German: dēne, denne
    - Low German: Dään
- Old Dutch: \*Deni
  - Middle Dutch: Dene
    - Dutch: Deen
- Old High German: \*Teni
  - Middle High German: Tene
    - German: Däne (*with d restored by analogy with the name in other languages*)
- Old Norse: Danir *ꝥ*
- Icelandic: Dani
- Faroese: dani
- Old Swedish: dan, dæn
- Danish: daner
  - → English: Dane
- → Latin: Dānī *ꝥ*

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