*aldiz[2]

Runic: ᚨᛚᛞᛁᛉ Pronunciation: /ˈɑl.diz/

noun · masculine · i-stem

Meanings

human being, person; especially collectively/plurally, people, men

Etymology

The same formation as the feminine homonym **aldiz* (‘age, generation; lifetime’), with a secondary personal meaning probably developing from ‘generation, age-group’ to ‘people, members of a generation’ and subsequently lexicalized as a masculine personal noun. The personal use is especially reflected by Old English *ielde*, Old Saxon *aldi*, *eldi*, and the genitive plural in **aldijǫ̂ barnō* (Kroonen 2013: s.v. *aldi-).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aldiz	aldīz
Acc.	aldį	aldinz
Gen.	aldīz	aldijǫ̂
Dat.	aldī	aldimaz
Inst.	aldī	aldimiz
Voc.	aldi	aldīz

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Descendants

***aldī** (Proto-West Germanic)

> **ielde, ilde, ylde, ælde, elde** (Old English)

***aldī** (Proto-West Germanic)

> ***aldi** (Lombardic)
>
> > **aldius** (Late Latin)

***aldī** (Proto-West Germanic)

> **aldi, eldi** (Old Saxon)
>
> > **eldibarn** (Old Saxon)

ǫld (Old Norse)

> **old** (Danish)
>
> **øld** (Faroese)
>
> **öld** (Icelandic)

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