

***-assuz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /as.suz/

suffix · forms nouns · masculine · u-stem

Function

forms abstract nouns

Etymology

From earlier **-at-tuz*, from **-atjanq* + **-tuz* (**-puz*, from Proto-Indo-European **-tu-s*). The extension **-at-* was reanalyzed by speakers as part of the root, and the word was then reformulated as a *tu*-stem. The **-tt-* coronal cluster produced **-ss-* (via an intermediate **-ts-*) (Fulk 2018: 113). This suffix was likely already being used in Proto-Germanic as a general noun-forming suffix rather than being strictly deverbal, as evidenced by Gothic *ibnassus*, which seemingly came from *ibns* (*ibns*), rather than from a verb **ibnjan*, attested as *gaibnjan* (Ringe 2017: 325). Closely related to **-inassuz* and probably related to **-ōpuz*.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-assuz	-assiwiz
Acc.	-assu	-assunz
Gen.	-assauz	-assiwô
Dat.	-assiwî	-assumaz
Inst.	-assū	-assumiz
Voc.	-assu	-assiwiz

Descendants

-𐌱𐌰𐌸𐌸𐌴𐌹 (-assus) (Gothic)

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