

***herzô** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'xer.zɔ:./

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

1. pivot
2. bar; pole
3. hinge, doorhinge

Etymology

Of uncertain origin.

Traditionally derived from Proto-Indo-European **(s)kerd-* ('to move, sway, swing, jump'); in this case, cognate with Old High German *scerdo* ('hinge'), Latin *cardō* ('hinge'), Proto-Celtic **kerdeti* ('to put, move'), Ancient Greek *κραδάω* (*kradáō*) ('to swing, shake'), and perhaps Sanskrit कूर्द (*kūrd*) ('to leap, jump, play') and German *scherzen* ('to joke, jest, frolic').

Orel instead derives the root from Proto-Indo-European **(s)kert-so* and compares Lithuanian *skeřsas* ('across'), Proto-Slavic **čerzъ* ('through, across'), and Latin *cardō*.

Kroonen prefers to derive the root from a Proto-Indo-European **kérH-on-*, and compares Lithuanian *kár̃ti* ('to hang'), Proto-Germanic **hurdiz* ('wickerwork door, frame'), Latin *crātis* ('wickerwork').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	herzô	herzaniz
Acc.	herzanu	herzanunz
Gen.	hirziniz	herzanô
Dat.	hirzini	herzammaz
Inst.	hirzinê	herzammiz
Voc.	herzô	herzaniz

Descendants

***herrō** (Proto-West Germanic)

- harra, ***herro** (Old Dutch)
- herre, **harre** (Middle Dutch)
- har** (Dutch)

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- herre, **har**, **harre**, **her**, **horre**, **heorre** (Middle English)
- har**, **harr**, **harre** (English)
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