

***winidaz** Runic: ᚹᚲᚱᚰᚱᚰᚹ Pronunciation: /'wi.ni.ðaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. a member of the “Baltic Veneti” (tribe of unknown affiliation)
2. an eastern foreigner, a Slav, Wend

Etymology

From the name of the “Vistula Veneti” or “Baltic Veneti”, one of at least three ancient tribal groupings going by the name *Wenet-. What kind of tribe this was is unknown. It may have been Proto-Balto-Slavic. Another theory postulates that it was Germanic and its name came to be assigned to the Slavs who repopulated their territory during the Migration Period. Ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **wenh₁-* (‘to love, desire’). Compare Proto-Germanic *winiz (‘friend’) and Latin Venetī.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	winidaz	winidōz, winidōs
Acc.	winida	winidanz
Gen.	winidas, winidis	winidō
Dat.	winidai	winidamaz
Inst.	winidō	winidamiz
Voc.	winid	winidōz, winidōs

Descendants

***winid** (Proto-West Germanic)

Winedas (Old English)

***winid** (Proto-West Germanic)

winid (Old High German)

wint, winde (Middle High German)

Winde (German)

***winid** (Proto-West Germanic)

Winoth (Old Saxon)

Wēnt, Went (Middle Low German)

Wende (German)

Wend (English)

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vindr (Old Norse)

Vindur (Icelandic)

***venät** (Proto-Finnic)

vene (Estonian)

Venäjä (Finnish)

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