

***-ōpuz** Runic: 𐌿𐌹𐌺𐌿 Pronunciation: /ɔ:.θuz/

suffix · forms nouns · masculine · u-stem

Function

forms masculine u-stem action/result nouns, especially from weak class 2 verbs, denoting the action, practice, process, or result associated with the verb

Etymology

From the Weak class 2 stem-formant **-ō-* (from Proto-Indo-European *eh₂*-stem noun suffix **-é_h₂*) + **-puz*, from Proto-Indo-European **-tu-s*. It was a productive PGmc noun-forming suffix used with Weak class 2 verbs, in contrast to the older simple **-puz* nouns which were less common (Kluge 1899: §§133–135; Krahe & Meid 1969: §124; Ringe 2017: 325). Compare Latin fourth-declension nouns in *-ātus*, such as *senātus* and *magistrātus*, formed by rebracketing of action nouns in *-tus*, *-tūs* of first conjugation verbs such as *mercātus* (*mercor* + **-tu-s*), where *-ā-* was actually part of the stem (Miller 2006: 51; Weiss 2009: 322–23).

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-ōpuz	-ōpiwiz
Acc.	-ōpū	-ōpunz
Gen.	-ōpauz	-ōpiwō
Dat.	-ōpiwi	-ōpumaz
Inst.	-ōpū	-ōpumiz
Voc.	-ōpu	-ōpiwiz

Descendants

-aƿ, -oƿ (Old English)

-aðr, -naðr, -uðr (Old Norse)

-𐌰𐌿𐍆𐍊s (-ōƿus), -𐌰𐌿𐍆𐍊s (-ōdus) (Gothic)

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