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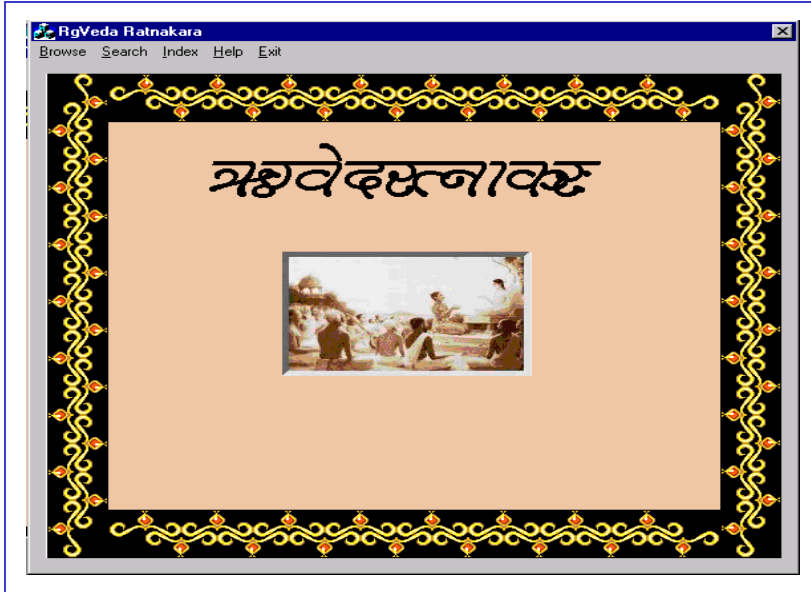
Vedas are four in number, usually likened to a tree with four major trunks and branches (Śākhās) further in each trunk. Among these, Ṛg Veda had 27 Śākhās, Yajur Veda initially divided into two major sub-types as Śukla (white) and Kṛṣṇa (black) had 15 and 86 Śākhās respectively, Sāma Veda had 1000 Śākhās and Atharva Veda 9 Śākhās.

Currently, only two Śākhās of Ṛg Veda (there too, one of them is not very significantly different from the popular one), two in Śukla Yajur Veda, four in Kṛṣṇa Yajur Veda, **three in Sāma Veda (of which one has followers in single digits), and two in Atharva Veda (here also the number of reciters is in single digits)** are surviving in tradition. The various Vedas and their Śākhās being recited by various schools depend also upon geographical locations with the highest concentration in South India (Tamil nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala) and more sparse distribution elsewhere.

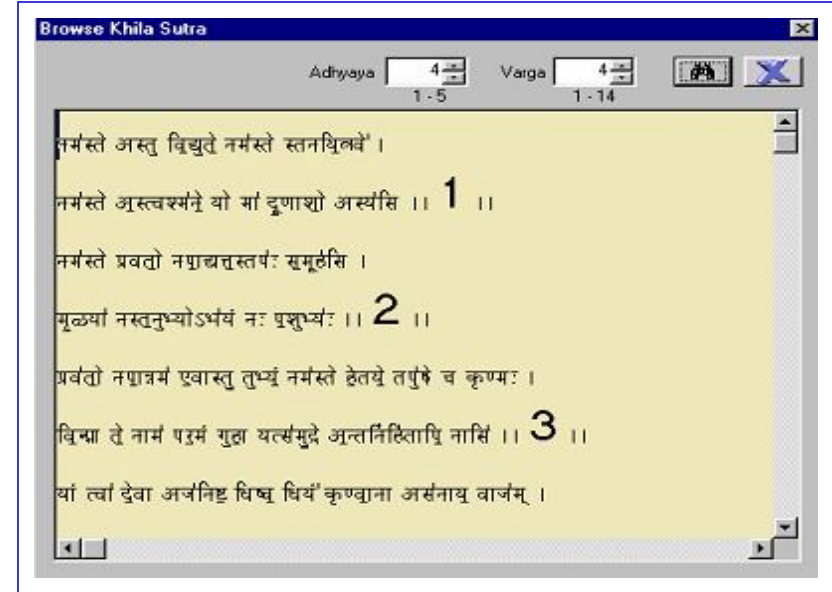
In every Vedic Śākhā, there are four types of texts called the **Samhitā** (to which portion only Pada-pātha, Vikṛtis and Varṇa-krama apply), **Brāhmaṇa**, **Āraṇyaka** and **Upaniṣads**. There are special Vedic grammar rules for each Śākhā called 'Prātiśākhya' and phonetic rules known as 'Śikṣā'. There are also other 'Lakṣaṇa Grantha's which deal with accent combinations (Sandhi), Vikṛti formation etc. for a particular Śākhā.

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Initial screen indicating retrieval schemes like browse, search, Index

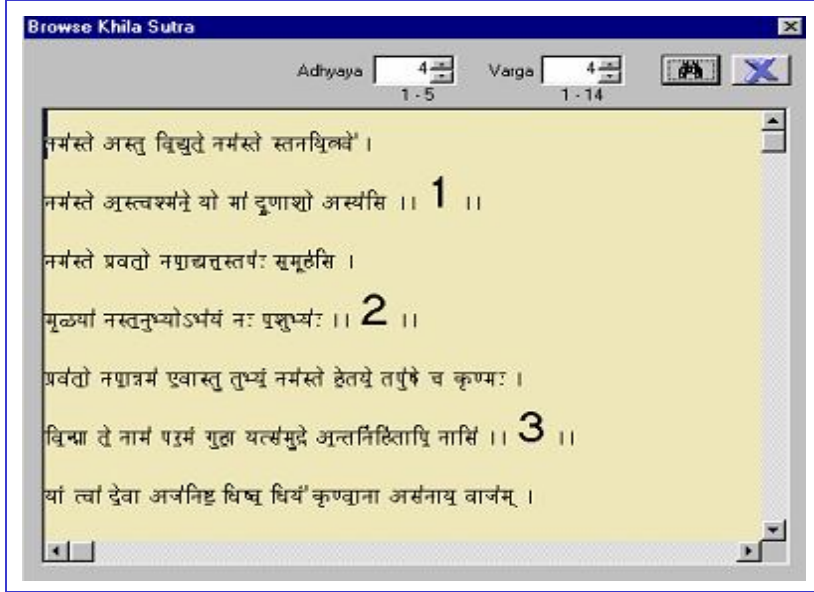


Browse khila suktas by adhyaya and varga no.s. Khila suktas are not considered as part of RgVeda but belong to it.

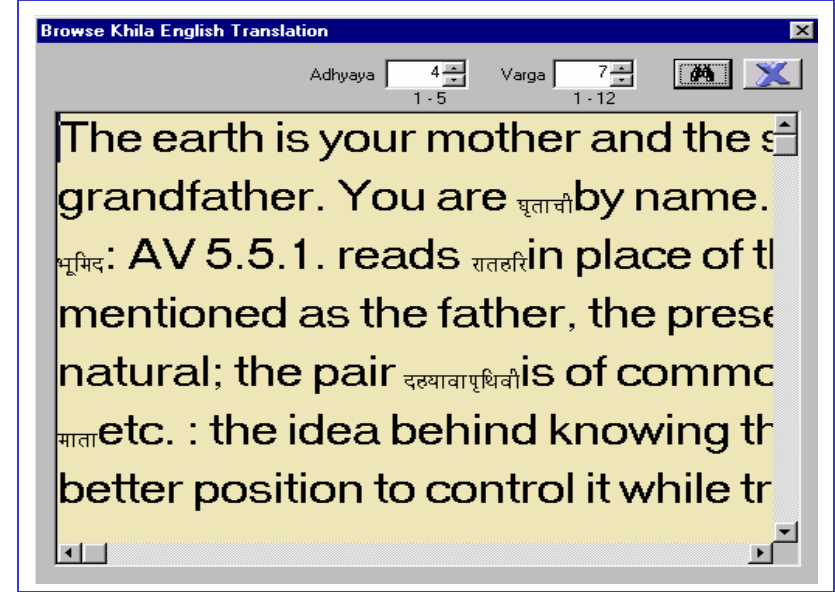
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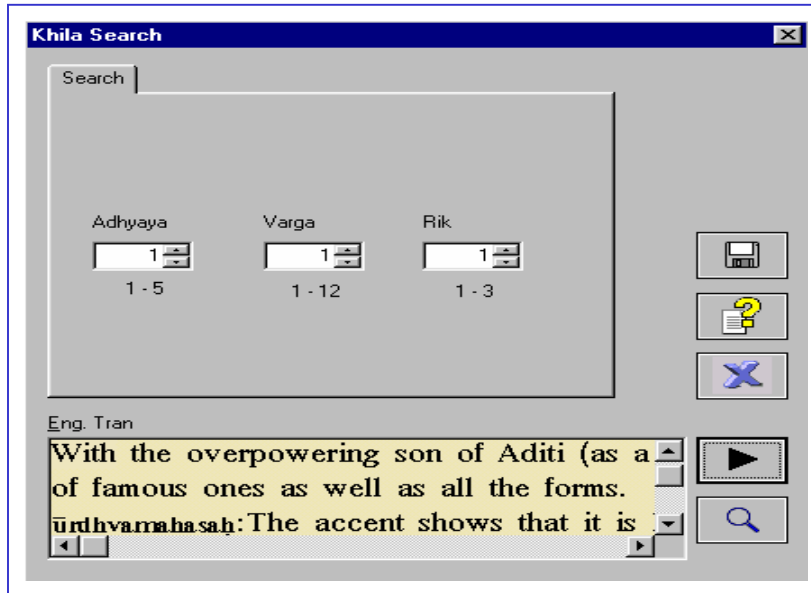
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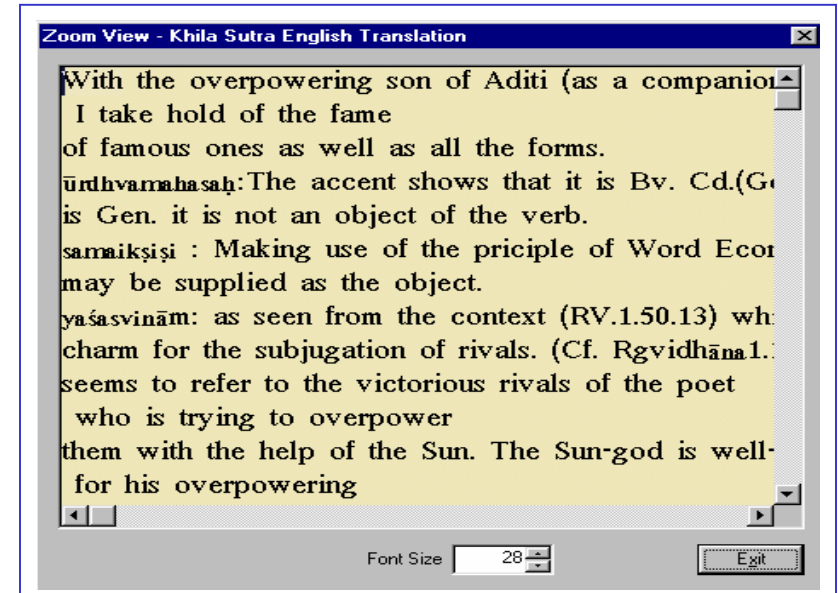
English translation is
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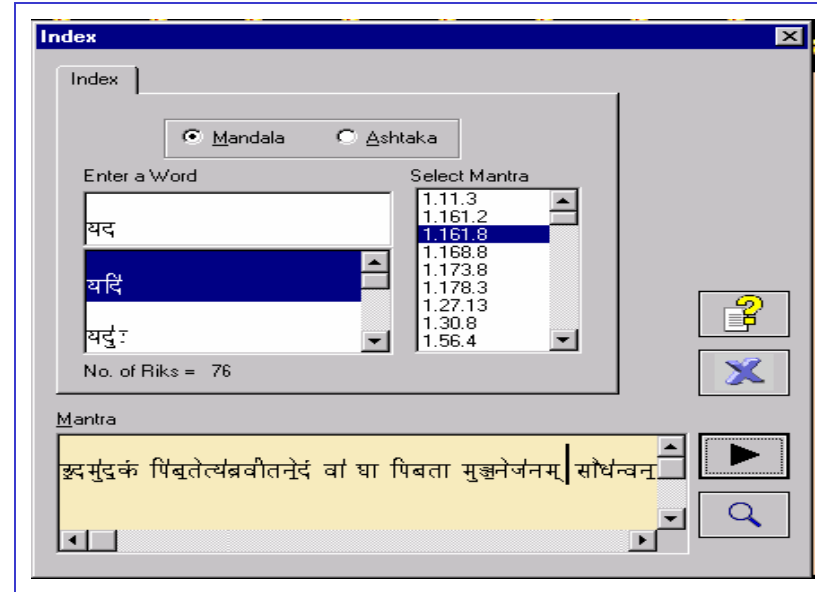
Read each sukta and english translation individually by adhyaya , varga and rik nos.



Enter into zoom option to view more part of the text

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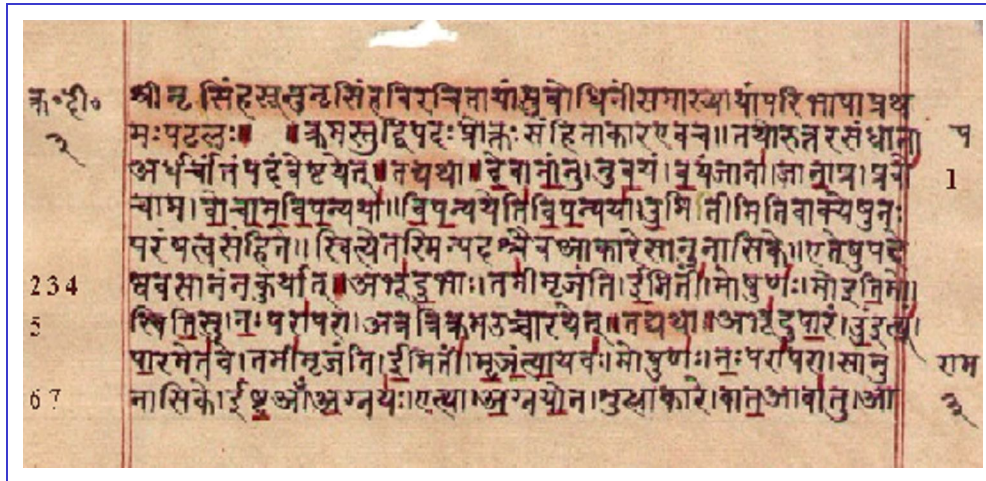
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Word Index helps the user to search for any accented/unaccented words appearing in mantra and retrieve related information for the mantra. Indexes on Rishi, Chandas, Devata, Mantra and Khila sutra are also available.

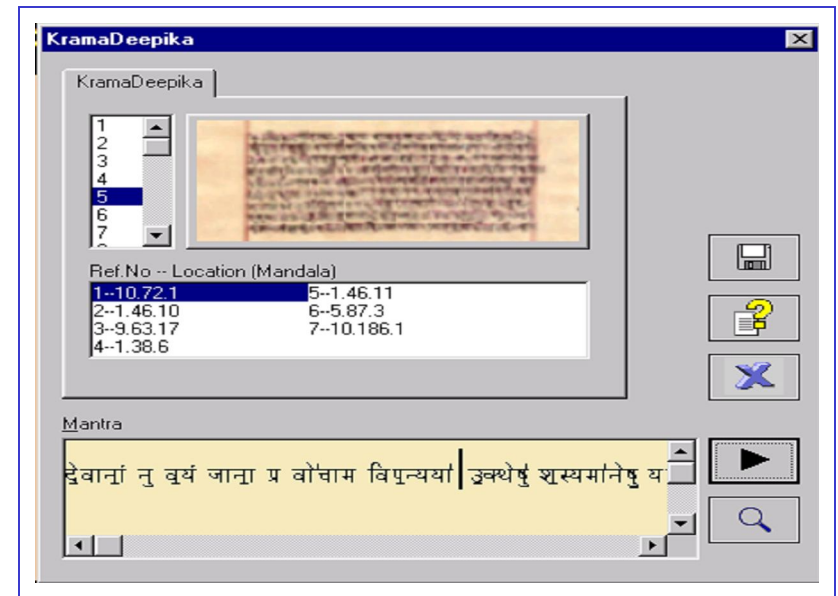
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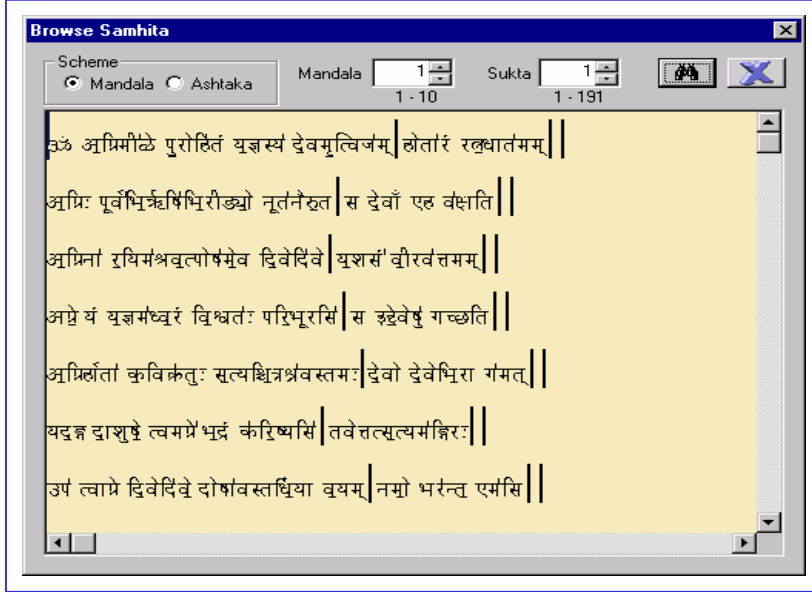
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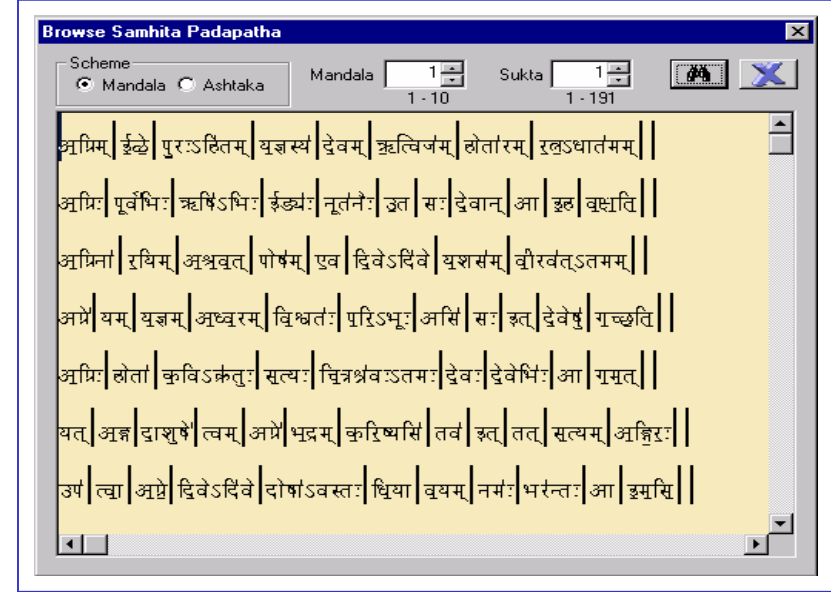


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Sample dialog exploring the option of reading rgveda choosing either Mandala or Ashtaka scheme

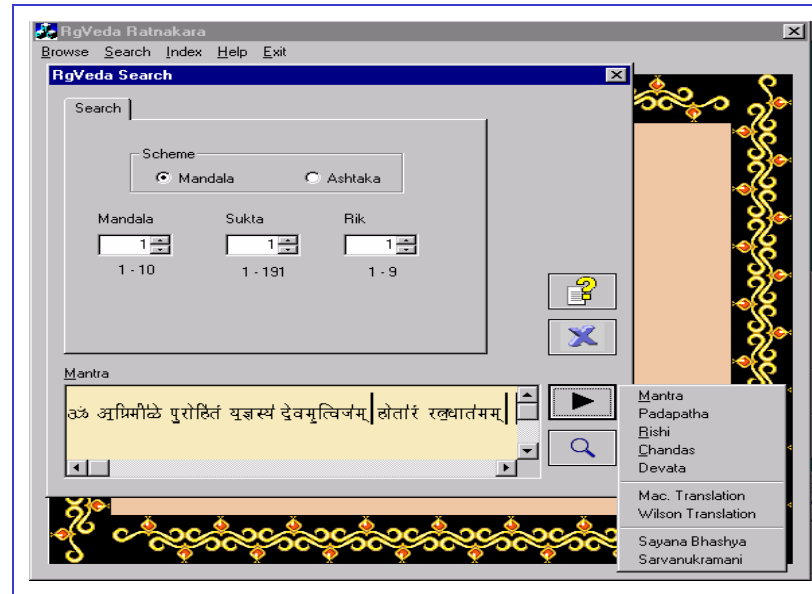


Browse Samhita padapatha according to Mandala scheme.

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Search Rgveda choosing between Mandala, Sukta, Rik and Ashtaka, Adhyaya, Varga – two popular available schemes. →



Retrieve related info like Mantra, Padapatha, Rishi, Chandas, Devata, Mac Donnel Translation, Wilson Translation, Sayana Bhashya. Sarvanukramani ↑