

**NAME**

sequoyah – Convert between Cherokee syllabary and ASCII transliteration

**SYNOPSIS**

**sequoyah** [-b] < *input\_file.utf8* > *output\_file.utf8*

**sequoyah** [-b] [-i *input\_file.utf8*] [-o *output\_file.utf8*]

**DESCRIPTION**

**sequoyah** reads from STDIN and outputs to STDOUT. Input UTF-8 Unicode Cherokee syllables in upper- and lower-case are converted into ASCII transliterations. ASCII transliteration inputs are also converted to the Cherokee syllabary. The transliteration follows that of the Unicode code charts for ranges U+13A0..U+13FF and U+AB70..U+ABBF.

**OPTIONS**

- b Print a UTF-8 Byte Order Mark (BOM) code point, the UTF-8 encoding of U+FFFE, at the start of the output file.
- i Specify the input file. The default is STDIN.
- o Specify the output file. The default is STDOUT.
- v Print the program version and exit.
- version Print the program version and exit.

**EXAMPLE**

See the file "sequoyah-map.txt" in the source package for a table of Unicode transliteration to Cherokee syllable mapping. Note that for capitol syllables, letters after the first letter in a syllable can be lower-case. For example, "GA" and "Ga" produce the same syllable, Unicode code point U+13A6, CHEROKEE LETTER GA. However, "ga" will produce the Unicode code point U+AB76, CHEROKEE SMALL LETTER GA.

**EXIT STATUS**

**sequoyah** will exit with a status of EXIT\_SUCCESS if all went well, or with a status of EXIT\_FAILURE if undesired input was read.

**FILES**

ASCII or UTF-8 text files.

The file "sequoyah.dat" in the source package contains a list of Unicode code points and their ASCII transcriptions to produce Cherokee syllables.

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**SEE ALSO**

The Sequoyah package shares common functions with the Unibetacode package, also by Paul Hardy. This facilitates possibly someday combining the two packages into one. For more information, consult the website <https://www.unifoundry.com>.