

Internet slang

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Internet slang is [slang](#) that have been developed and used by users of the [Internet](#). Many of these terms originated for saving keystrokes and are often written in lower case. Internet slang is, by its nature, difficult to interpret, especially in chatrooms or on instant messaging, because much of it is quickly input, and many assume, falsely, their audience knows their body language. For instance; a LOL may be taken as genuine laughter or sarcasm, or as "whatever, stay away from me." So, for the sake of accurate and easily understandable communication, it is best to be as explicit as possible and make an effort to get your point across. [Emoticons](#) such as :) can also be used to clarify emotional intent in internet messages. Conversely, they can add to the confusion, for example the :-P emoticon which can indicate both (positive) joking and (negative) sarcasm; or simply when used in excess.

Also, [chat](#) acronyms or *chaq* (pronounced "chalk") were initially developed by users of pre-Internet [bulletin board systems](#), and have since been adopted by users of text-messaging wireless telephones. A handful (e.g. ASAP, PO'ed) far pre-date computers. The [three-letter acronym](#) (TLA) is the most popular type of abbreviation in computing and telecom terminology and slang.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

Characters

Internet abbreviations are evolving and changing all the time. Online games are a good place to observe language like this being used. Often, the more classically "nerdy" phrases like "2B||!2B" aren't understood by people uninterested in computer programming, thus they become redundant or are only used on minority forums.

- ^^ or ^__^ — an emoticon signifying happiness. It was more likely to be used by [anime](#) fans
- |_| — an offensive [emoticon](#) signifying the middle finger
- <^> — another form of the middle finger
- <3 — "love"; [ASCII art](#) for a heart, the less than symbol and the three resemble a heart tilted on its side.
- </3 — "hate"; [ASCII art](#) for a broken heart, similar to <3.
- == — agreement; from the C equality operator; means "me too" or "what he said"

Numbers

- 10-4 — "Ok, Acknowledgement", as in the US Police radio codes.
- 224 — "today, tomorrow, forever"
- 2B — "to be"
- 2B||!2B — "to be or not to be"; from the [C programming language](#) logic operation 'OR'("||") and 'NOT'("!").
- 2TM — "to the max"
- 4 — "for"
- 4ever, 4eva — "forever"
- 69 — Usually found in AIM screen names, means **Corresponds to a sexual position**
- 807 — "BOT"; a person who demonstrates an extreme lack of knowledge and/or common sense. Plural: 8075
- 88, 881 or 886 — "bye bye" ([Chinese](#) pronunciation)
- 9494 — "that's it", "that's right", "you see?" ([Chinese](#) pronunciation)

A

- **ACK** — "acknowledged"; used frequently in discussion boards, *tech-speak*
- **AFAIC** — "as far as I'm concerned", or "as far as I care", or "as far as I can..."
- **AFAICS** — "as far as I can see"
- **AFAICT** — "as far as I can tell"
- **AFAIK** — "as far as I know"
- **AFAIR** — "as far as I recall", or "as far as I remember"
- **AFC** — "away from computer"
- **AFK** — "away from keyboard"
- **AICMFP** — "and I claim my five pounds"
- **AIUI** — "as I understand it"
- **AKA** — "also known as"
- **ASAP** — "as soon as possible"
- **ASL** — "age, sex, location"; used to request general info about a fellow user. Also used as an introductory phrase, usually when that info is expected up-front.
- **ATM** — "at the moment"
- **ATOP** — "at time of posting..."

B

- **B2B** — "business to business"; ecommerce used by businesses to interact with other businesses.
- **B4** — "before"
- **B4N** — "bye for now"
- **BB** — "bye bye"
- **BBIAB** — "be back in a bit"
- **BBL** — "be back later"
- **BBQ** — "be back quick", eventually corrupted to "Bar-B-Que" -- see "OMGWTFBBQ".
- **BBS** — "be back soon", or "bulletin board system/service"
- **BC, B/C** — "because"
- **Bewt** — "Boot" Often used as "Lewt fast n' Bewt ass."
- **BF** — "boyfriend"
- **BFD** — "big fucking deal"
- **BFF** — "best friend forever"
- **BFG/BFG9000** — "Big Fragging/Fucking Gun (9000) (found in id Software games like DOOM)"
- **BFN** — "bye for now"
- **BJ** — blowjob
- **BL** — "bad luck"
- **BOFH** — "bastard operator from hell"

- BRB — "be right back"
- BS — "bullshit or backstab (the second meaning commonly used on [battle.net](#))"
- BSOD — "[Blue screen of death](#)"
- BTTT — "back to the top"
- BTW — "by the way"
- BURMA — "Be Undressed Ready My Angel"
- BW — "[bandwidth](#)"
- B/T — "between"
- BYOC — "bring your own computer". Often used in connection with [computer gaming](#) events. May also be used for *Build Your Own Computer*. For example, [Quakecon](#) is a BYOC [Lan Party](#) in North America.

C

- CID — "consider it done"
- CMIW — "correct me if I'm wrong"
- CU — "see you"; used as a goodbye, commonly together with l8r, as in cul8r. See "cya".
- CS — "Counter-Strike"; Widely played First Person Shooter
- CSL — "can't stop laughing"
- CUWUL — "Catch Up With U Later"
- CWOT — "complete waste of time";
- cya — "see you"; used as a goodbye (see "cu"). Also, "check(ing) your ass", or "cover your ass", as in taking some precautionary measure just for safety's sake, or to avoid blame in a risky (but necessary) action.
- CVQ — "chuckling very quietly"; as an alternative to "LOL"
- C&V — "chapter & verse"; used in newsgroups.
- C|N>K — "coffee through nose into keyboard"; a [Unix](#)-ism meaning, involving the Unix [command line pipe](#) (|) and redirect (>) characters.

D

- DBG — "don't be gay"
- DB4L — "drinking buddy 4(for) life"
- DC'd, D/C — "disconnected"
- dernoe — "(I) don't know"
- DGT — "don't go there"
- DH — "dear husband". Used by housewives posting on Internet forums.
- DH — "dickhead"
- DILLIGAF — "Do I look like I give a f***?"
- DL, D/L — "[download](#)"; receiving data from a remote host. Usually functions as a noun or verb. Can sometimes mean "[down-low](#)", as taken from real-life usage.

- DLF — "dropping like flies"; said when many participants have left a chat room suddenly
- DMY — "don't mess yourself"; from an episode of [The Simpsons](#).
- DON — "Denial-of-Normal"; Originally used on [Slashdot](#) (<http://slashdot.org/articles/04/04/01/2241240.shtml?tid=126&tid=95>)
- DOTC — Dancing on the ceiling.
- DoS — "[Denial-of-Service](#)"; a malicious attack on a computer system.
- DT — "Double Team"; used in [GunBound](#), a game developed by [Softnyx](#).
- dun — "don't"; commonly used by Singaporeans.
- dunno — "(I) don't know"
- DYK — "did you know(?)"
- DW, D/W — "don't worry"

E

- E — enlightenment
- EG — "evil grin", normally written *EG* or <EG> to separate it from the surrounding text.
- EIL — "explode into laughter"
- ELNS — Norwegian expression that means "eller noe sânt", which translates to "or something like that"
- EOM — "end of message"
- EQ — "[Everquest](#)", a popular [MMORPG](#)
- ESAD — "eat shit and die"
- ETLA — "extended three letter acronym"

F

- F4G, F4GG0T — "fag/faggot"
- [FAQ](#) — (*formal*) "**F**requently **A**sksed **Q**uestion"
- FE — "fatal error"
- FFS — "for [fuck](#)'s sake!" (sometimes replaced with FS- "fuck's sake")
- FLOABT — "for lack of a better term"
- FGI — "fucking [google](#) it"; used in response to a common question
- FO — "[fuck](#) off!"
- FOAD — "fuck off and die!"
- FOAF — "friend of a friend"; the dubious attribution given to [urban legends](#)
- FP — "[first post](#)"; Originally used on [Slashdot](#)
- [frag](#) — To kill or tear to pieces. Its origin comes from fragmentation.
- FSOD — "Frozen Screen Of Death"; a [Phantasy Star Online](#) thing.
- FTF or F2F — "face to face"; referring to a meeting in the real world, not online. In [role-playing](#) terms, it is the offline predecessor to [MMORPGs](#) and [MUDs](#).

- FTLOG — "for the love of god!"
- FTP — "**File Transfer Protocol"**
- FTTB — "for the time being"
- FU — "fuck you"
- **FUD** — "fear, uncertainty and doubt"; purposeful spread of misinformation.
- FWIW — "For what it's worth"
- FXP — "**File eXchange Protocol"**
- FYAD — "Fuck You And DIE!" (from SomethingAwful.com)
- **FYI** — "for your information"

G

- G — "grin", normally written *G* or <G> to separate it from the surrounding text
- G2G, GTG — "got to go", also "good to go"; popularized in **MMORPGs** and **MUDs**.
- G4Y, GFY — "good for you", or "go fuck yourself"; the use of this acronym is ambiguous and not recommended.
- GAGF — "go and get fucked"
- GAL — "get a life"
- GCAD — "Get Cancer And Die"
- GF — "girl friend"
- GFI — "good fucking idea"
- GG — "good going" or "good game"; used sincerely in competitive and cooperative online games, or used sarcastically when someone has done something foolish. Also "genuine girl", used on chat sites to indicate that the user is female, rather than simply pretending to be.
- GL — "good luck"
- GMTA — "great minds think alike"
- GJ — "good job", often sarcastic
- GR8 — "great", sometimes spelled gre8t even though it doesn't make the word any shorter.
- GTFO — "get the fuck out"
- GTG — "got to go"
- GTH — "go to hell"
- GW — "good work", often used sarcastically.

H

- H8 — "hate", or 'H1' to 'H9' to indicate how much a person hates something.
- HAI — A purposeful misspelling of "hi"; Japanese for "yes"
- HAND — "have a nice day"
- HB — "hurry back"
- HBD — "Happy Birthday"
- HF — "have fun"

- HNG — "horny net geek"
- H/O — "hold on"
- **HTH** — "hope this (or that) helps"
- HTF — "how the fuck"; derivative of WTF.

I

- **IANAL** — "I am not a lawyer"; usually used before a non-lawyer gives legal advice, as a humorous disclaimer.
- IANARS — "I am not a rocket scientist"
- IC — "I see", also "in character" in **MMORPG** or **MUD** settings.
- ICYDK / ICYDN / ICUDK — "in case you didn't know"
- IDK — "I don't know"
- ID10T — "idiot"; generally pronounced eye-dee-ten-tee, its meaning is not obvious until viewed in written form. Example: "We've got an ID10T error!"
- IIRC — "if I recall correctly"
- IIUC — "if I understand correctly"
- IM — "instant message", can be used as a noun ("Send an IM") or a verb ("I'll IM him"). Past tense is "IM'd" or "IMed".
- IMO — "in my opinion"
- **IMHO** — "in my humble opinion", or "in my honest opinion"
- IMHE — "In my humble experience"
- IMNSHO — "in my not so humble opinion"
- INMP — "it's not my problem"
- INTPFPOTM — "I nominate this post for post of the month"; incredibly obscure.
- IOH — "I'm outta here"
- IOW — "in other words"
- IRC — "**I**nternet **R**elay **C**hat"
- IRL — "in **real life**"; often used in online games to refer to life outside of the game, see RL.
- IRT — "in reply to"
- ISTR — "I seem to remember/recall"
- ITT — "In This Thread"; first used on forum.canucks.com in White Noise.
- IYDMMA — "if you don't mind me asking"
- IYKWIM — "if you know what I mean"

J

- JJ — "just joking"
- JK, J/K — "just kidding"
- JOOC — "just out of curiosity"

K

- **K** — "OK/Okay"
- **KNF** — "kernel normal form"; kernel source file style guide [1] (*<http://www.openbsd.org/cgi-bin/man.cgi?query=style&apropos=0&sektion=9&manpath=OpenBSD+Current&arch=i386&format=html>*)
- **KISS** — "keep it simple stupid"

L

- **L8** — "late"
- **L8R** — "later"; as in "see you later", often used together with CU, as in CUL8R.
- **LD** — "link dead"; used in online games when a user has been disconnected, but their persona or character remains in the game.
- **LEET, L33T, 1337, 31337** — "elite", also another kind of slang where numbers and symbols replace similar-looking characters.
- **Lewt** — "Loot" Often used as "Lewt fast n' Bewt ass."
- **LIGAFF** — "like I give a flying fuck"
- **LIGAS** — "like I give a shit"
- **LMAO** — "laughing my ass off"
- **LMFAO** — "laughing my f**king ass off"
- **LOL** — "laughing out loud", or "lots of laughs"; as a reply to something amusing. Also "lots of love" (not as common). LOL is also said to be derived from the Dutch word 'lol' which is translated as 'fun' in english.
- **Loxxen** — an altered form of LOL, with virtually the same meaning, but slightly enhanced.
- **LTNS** — "long time no see"
- **LYL** — "love ya lots"

M

- **M473z** — "matez" pronounced may-tez, a term referring to a good friend, closer than a m8
- **M8** — "mate"; as in "buddy" or "pal"
- **MFC** — "merge from current"
- **Mod** — "Moderator" or "Modification"
- **MOTD** — "Message of the Day"
- **MYOB** — "mind your own business"

N

- **N/A** — "not applicable"
- **NBD** — "no big deal"

- NFBSK — "Not for British school kids", originally from message boards at snopes.com, used sometimes in place of NSFW.
- newb — "short for newbie; meaning someone who is new, usually at a game."
- NI — "no idea"
- N1994, N199312 — [Leet](#) speak for "nigga/nigger"
- NM or N/M — "never mind" or "not/nothing much". Also "No Message", used on message boards to indicate that all the text is in the post's title, and that it need not be opened itself.
- noob, n00b — "often confused with newbie; original meaning is someone who, regardless of being in a community a long time, refuses to learn(in conjunction with games), refuses to follow/learn the rules, acts idiotically, or generally is a nuisance."
- n0083127z; "nooberts" a mutation of n00b, often used to describe someone who is not only being stupid, but is also less highly esteemed or less powerful than you
- NOYB — "none of your business"
- NP — "[no problem](#)"
- NPA — "not paying attention"
- NS — "nice shot"; used sincerely in competitive and cooperative online games such as GunBound. Also, "No Shit"; sometimes used as "NSS" for "No Shit, Sherlock"
- [NSFW](#) — "not safe for work"; indicates that a link should be avoided due to pornography or other content unsuitable for the workplace. Used by [Fark](#) and some message boards. See also [SFW](#).
- NT — "no text"; used on [Internet forums](#) or [Usenet](#) to indicate that a post has no content. Also, "nice try"; used by gamers.
- NVM — "never mind"
- NWS — "not work safe"; see NSFW.

O

- O — "oh"
- OBTW — "oh, by the way"
- OIC — "oh, I see"
- OMG — Exclamation, "oh my God/goodness!"
- OMGWTFBBQ — "Oh my God, what the fuck, bar-be-que."; used in a humorous manner in reference to those who abuse Internet slang. Originally "Oh my God, what the fuck, be back quick", often used when a fellow chat buddy announces something of particular interest has just appeared on television
- OMFG — Exclamation, "oh my fucking God/goodness!"
- OMFL — Exclamation, "oh my fucking [lag](#)!"
- OOC — "out-of-character"; usually in [MMORPG](#) or [MUD](#) settings when a player isn't acting out his/her part. It was also used in [fanfiction](#) to indicate likewise. Also, "out of curiosity".
- OP — Original Poster
- OT — "off topic"

- OTOH — "on the other hand"
- OTW — "on the way"
- OXO — "Norwegian/Danish shortening of the word "også", which translates to "too" or "also""

P

- P2P — "Peer-to(2)-Peer". Also "pay-to-play" for games with subscription fees like Everquest, RuneScape or Dark Age of Camelot.
- PCBD — "Page Cannot Be Displayed"; Internet Explorer error when a link or URL is invalid or the web server times out.
- PEBKAC — "Problem Exists Between Keyboard and Chair", referring to in human error. See PICNIC and ID10T.
- PFO — "please fuck off"
- PITA — "pain in the ass"
- PICNIC — "Problem In Chair, Not In Computer", referring to in human error. See PEBKAC and ID10T.
- pls, plz — "please"
- PM — "private message"
- pmg — can sometimes be seen instead of "omg", which means "oh my God"
- pmsl — pissing myself laughing. synonomous with lmao
- PO, PO'd — "piss off", or "pissed off"
- POS — "parents over shoulder"; warning, by kids, that parents may be watching. Also, "piece of shit".
- POV — "point of view"
- pro; pr0 — "professional"; meaning someone is really good, usually at a game.
- pron, pr0n — "porn"; used to avoid automated filters on certain words.
- PvP — Player versus player

Q

R

- R — "are"
- RE — rematch; often used in online games
- RD — "Red Dwarf"
- R8 — "right"
- RL — "real life"; often used in online games to refer to life outside of the game, see IRL.
- ROFL, ROTFL — "rolling on the floor laughing"; as a reply to something extremely amusing, see http://www.rofl.alturl.com
- ROFLMAO, ROTFLMAO — "rolling on the floor laughing my ass off"; as a reply to

something extremely amusing. (www.rofl.alturl.com)

- **ROR** — "raughing out roud", an Japanese ([English](#)) variant [LOL](#).
- ROTFLMHO — "rolling on the floor laughing my head off"; as an reply to something funny, alternative to ROTFLMAO.
- RTFA — "read the fucking article"; applies mostly to [Slashdot](#) threads, for users who make comments on a story without having read it first.
- **RTFM** — "read the fucking manual" or "read the fine manual"; the frequent reply to a request for basic help from newbies who have not attempted to find the answer for themselves.
- RTFP — "read the fucking post"; derived from RTFA and also used on [Slashdot](#).
- RTFS — "read the fucking/fine source", frequently used when documentation is lacking or completely absent.
- RU — "are you"

S

- S — "smile", usually written *S* or <S> to separate it from the surrounding text.
- sif — "as if"
- sifn't — "as if not", used in reply to "sif".
- SCNR — "sorry, could not resist."
- SH — "shit happens"
- SMD — "Suck my [dick](#)"
- SMDVQ — "Suck my dick very quick"
- SO — "[significant other](#)"; a termed encapsulating a girlfriend, boyfriend, or spouse.
- **SFW** — "safe for work"; material (pictures, webpages) that is safe for the office. Used by [Fark](#). See also [NSFW](#). Alternate meaning (which may not be appropriate in the office): "so fucking what?"
- Smeg — Meaning the same as "fuck" or "bugger" (popularized by [Red Dwarf](#), a British TV sitcom).
- **SSIA** — "subject says it all"; used in newsgroup postings and the like.
- STFU — "shut the [fuck](#) up"
- STFW — "search the fucking web"
- SUAGOOML — "Shut Up and Get Out of My Life"
- sup? — "what's up?"
- SWAK — "Sealed With A Kiss"

T

- TBH — "to be honest"
- thanx. thnx, thnz, thx, thz — "thanks"; this can be combined into 'kthx' (OK, thanks), 'plzkthx' (Please, OK, thanks), and 'kthxbye' (OK, thanks, goodbye).

- TFA — "the fucking article"; a shorter form of "RTFA," mostly used on [Slashdot](#)
- THX — "thanks"
- TIA — "thanks in advance"
- [TLA](#) — "Three letter [Acronym](#)" as in [TLA](#) is a [TLA](#) for [TLA](#)
- TMAI — "tell me about it"
- TMR@IA — "The monkeys are at it again"; usually used to blame the staff of online gaming communities for any screw ups in-game.
- TMI — "too much information"
- TPTB — "the powers that be"
- TTFN — "ta ta for now"
- TTYL — "talk to you later"
- TTYS — "talk to you soon"
- TY — "thank you"

U

- u — "you"
- UL, U/L — "[upload](#)"; sending data to a remote host.
- ur — "you're" or "your"
- URYYFM — "you are too wise (two Y's) for me"
- USUX — "you sux"

V

- VFM — "value for money"
- VoIP — "Voice over Internet Protocol", or phone conversations over broadband connections.
- VWEG — "very wicked evil grin"

W

- W8 — "wait"
- WAI — "what an idiot"; also, Japanese for "Yay" as influenced by the anime culture
- wat — "what"
- WB — "welcome back"
- WBAGNFARB — Would Be A Good Name For A [Rock] Band. Used when you find some term while reading something that you feel would be good name for a band. This practice was inspired by columnist [Dave Barry](#) and used broadly by his fans.
- WD — "well done"
- WDUWTA — "what do you wanna talk about?"
- WEG — "wicked evil grin"

- w312d — "word"
- WG — "wicked grin"
- WOMBAT — "Waste of Mind, Brain and Time"
- WRT — with respect to, with regard to
- WTF — "what the fuck?"; Also "who the fuck?", "why the fuck?", etc. given the context.
- WTFPWND — see pwn
- WTG — "way to go!"
- WTH — "what the heck?", or "what the hell?"
- wut — "what"
- W/ — "with"
- W/E — "whatever"
- W/O — "without"
- WYSIWYG (pron. "wizzywig") — "What you see is what you get". In the print industry, it means that printed output will look identical to its screen representation. More recently used to refer to the style of making webpages that arose through the use of HTML-generators such as MS Frontpage, Dreamweaver, etc. and implies that the output is usually crude and does not transfer well across all settings.

X

- X>* — definition of something [X] is better than everything [*]. Often [X] is a user's handle and [*] is an organization or another user. Sometimes crackers will use this as a boast and an insult when defacing a web site, meaning that they are better than the organization and/or the web sites administrators.
- XD — An ascii face resembling someone laughing when turned vertically.
- -xx0r — a suffix that makes you sound cool

Y

- YAF — "You're a fag!"
- YHBT — "you have been trolled"
- YHL — "you have lost"
- YMMV — "your mileage may vary"
- YNK — "you never know"
- YOMANK — "you owe me a new keyboard"
- YW — "you're welcome"

Concepts

Others express concepts peculiar to the Net. Many of these terms are considered "leet".

- **Oday** — software or media that is illegally obtained before or on the day of the official release.
- **cluebie** — a clueless newbie (but sometimes apparently confusingly used to mean "a newbie with a clue, but not close to a guru")
- **guru** — an expert in some technical topic, such as **C programming** or **Unix** system administration
- **FAQ** — frequently asked question, or a list of frequently asked questions with answers. Never seems to be written in small letters.
- **flamer** — one engaged in **flaming** (see article). Also ominously close to the term **lamer**.
- **gamez** — illegally obtained games (c.f. **warez**).
- **hijack** — to start an offtopic discussion, ex. "hijack a thread" on a message board.
- **j00** — **Leet** speak for "you". The zeros stand for letters O.
- **j00r** — Leet speak for "you're" or "your".
- **kewl, kool** — alternate form of "cool".
- **lollerskates** — pun on the word "rollerskates"; similar usage to LOL.
- **lurker** — one who reads an email list or a message board but does not participate in the discussion.
- **luser** — "lame user" -> "loser", often derogatory for all users.
- **noob** — shorthand/leet spelling of "**newbie**". Also spelled 'n00b', with two zeroes rather than two O's (see **leet**) or 'newb'. In some internet circles, the term 'noob' or 'n00b' has a negative connotation, generally not associated with 'newb' or 'newbie', where being a n00b carries a connotation of ignorance and laziness. A n00b may be too lazy or stupid to **RTFM** or otherwise attempt to find out about a subject oneself, even if the information is within easy reach, and instead chooses to bother others. A newbie, on the other hand, is simply someone new to a subject, with no particularly negative connotation.
- **oh noes!!!!111111** — oh no, wow, **omfg**; extra exclamations and ones are necessary; usually humorous.
- **oh noes, my megahurtz have been stolended!111!!!!1111** (and other forms) — same as oh noes!!!!111111
- **own, Own, owned** — to defeat someone (used commonly when playing **Counter-Strike**) or to humiliate someone tactically in a debate; something that is extremely cool (ex. BMWs totally own).
- **pron** — a change of spelling coming from the warez scene meaning porn. Internet search engine trigger word, commonly misspelled on porn and non-porn sites to avoid search engine classification "adult site".
- **pr0n** — same as pron
- **pwn, pwned** (also p0wn or p0wned or pwnt) — deliberate typo of the word own. To "pwn something" means to have complete control over it, and to be "pwned by something" means to be dominated by it. (see **leet**)
- **qool, qoolz** — "cool"; in the American sense.
- **qwn, qwnt, qwned** — deliberate typo of pwn, which is a deliberate typo of own.

- roffle — alternate version of "ROFL"
- roffle out loud — a form of "ROFL" or "LOL", intended to mock those who use many acronyms in speech.
- r0x0rz (also rox0rs and other forms) — leet speak for "rocks".
- sroucks — means even when something rocks, it sucks (or something in between), or vice versa. Often used in a sarcastic way, as to let others be in doubt if it's praising or just the opposite.
- sux — shorter version of sucks.
- sux0rs — leet speak for "sucks".
- troll — a person who deliberately stirs up trouble (see article).
- **WADR** — with all due respect.
- waffles — pun on "ROTFLMAO"; used similarly.
- warez — illegally obtained software.
- w00t, woot — leet speak exclamation of excitement or happiness; closely related to, "hell yea!", used after gaining root, can be short for "woohoo" or "We Owned the Other Team"
- ZOMG — Bastardization of 'OMG', meaning 'Oh My God'. Pronounced 'Zoe My God'.

Effects on language

Internet abbreviations are often made up on the spot, therefore many of them can be confusing, obscure, or even nonsensical. This type of on-the-spot abbreviating leads to doldrums of such things as: OTP (on the phone), PO (pissed off), or the less common, OPTD (outside petting the dog). Another thing common to Internet communication is the truncation and morphing of words to more typing-friendly forms. These may one day creep into common usage and end up in the dictionary. Some examples of this are:

- addy for address (addys is the plural)
- ima for "i'm going to"
- pic for picture (pics or pix is the plural)
- prog or proggy for computer program
- proolly for probably
- puter for computer

A special case of this 'teh'. This is the corruption of 'the', and often pops up spontaneously when typing fast. So common is it, in fact, that it has made the jump to purposeful usage. Typically it is used in situations where one is being self-consciously enthusiastic, mimicking the less-grammatical Internet newbie: "That movie was teh suck!!", "The fight scene with all the Agent

Smiths was TEH AWESOME", etc. The three most common usages are "teh suck," "teh lame," and "teh shit," although "teh shit" has the same meaning as cool or "teh cool." This sarcastic usage originates with JeffK.

Similarly, the word "liek" is used as a sarcastic misspelling of like, as in "I LIEK PIE". It is often used as an insult to one's intelligence and/or typing ability.

The word newbie is almost exclusively used for all sorts of new users of an Internet forum or starters in a particular field of activity. It is not a pejorative term per se, but can be when combined with RTFM etc.

"own" is becoming a mainstream word, describing a state of complete domination. Its purposefully misspelled variant, "pwn", is also used. This is due to a perception of a hole being filled in the English language: a slang term for "completely dominate".

See also

- Abbreviation
- Acronym
- African-American Vernacular English
- Emoticon
- Leet
- List of computing and IT abbreviations
- Slang

External links

- A comprehensive dictionary of Net slang and associated Net lore is Eric S. Raymond's The Jargon File, found at <http://www.catb.org/~esr/jargon/>.
- FOLDOC - Free On-line Dictionary of Computing (<http://foldoc.doc.ic.ac.uk/foldoc/index.html>)
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- <http://www.urbandictionary.com/> (**Warning** Possibly offensive and sexual words on this site)

- [NetLingo.com The Internet Dictionary](http://www.netlingo.com) (*http://www.netlingo.com*)
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