

Chat, E-Mail and chat room slang and acronyms

- AAK Alive And Kicking
- AAR At Any Rate
- AAS Alive And Smiling
- ADN Any Day Now
- AFAIK As Far As I Know
- AFK Away From the Keyboard
- AFN that's All For Now
- AOTA All Of The Above
- a/s/l or asl Age/Sex/Location - (used to ask a chatter their personal information)
- Avatar - Graphical representation (a picture) often used in chat rooms to depict a person that is in the room and chatting.
- AV
- b4 Before
- BAK Back At Keyboard (I'm back)
- BBL Be Back Later
- BBS Be Back Soon
- BCNU I'll Be Seeing You.
- b/f Boyfriend (also shown as bf, B/F, or BF)
- BFN Bye For Now
- boot To get kicked out of a chat room, or have to restart the computer because you couldn't talk in the chat room anymore.
- BR Best Regards
- BRB Be Right Back
- BRH Be Right Here
- BTA But Then Again....
- BTW By The Way
- btw BeTWeen you and me ...
- chat room A web page where people gather using software that allows them to 'talk' to one another in real time.
- CU See You - also posted as cya
- CNP Continued in Next Post (seen more on message boards than chat)
- CP Chat Post
- CUL8R See You Later
- CUOL See You On Line
- CYA See Ya
- dd, ds, dh Darling or Dear: Dear Son, Dear Daughter, or Dear Husband. Usually exchanged in family chats.
- DEGT Don't Even Go There (I don't want to talk about it)
- DIKU Do I Know You?

DIS Did I Say
D/L, DL, d/l, dl Downloading, or Download it.
EM E-Mail
EMA E-mail Address (example: ?ema or ema? = what is your email address)
EOT End Of Thread (meaning end of discussion)
ez or EZ easy
F2F Face To Face
FAQ Frequently Asked Question
FISH First In Still Here (someone who is on line TOO much)
FITB Fill In The Blanks
flame to insult someone. Used when a person asks a stupid question, or says something rude to irritate the users of a chat room or message board.
FOCL Falling Off Chair - Laughing
forum What today's message boards are called. Often using php as defining language to quickly write 'real time' messages and replies to a web site (or page)
FUBAR "Fouled" Up Beyond All Repair / Recognition
FUD Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt
FWIW For What It's Worth
FYI For Your Information
GA Go Ahead
GAL Get A Life
gest Gesture ... a small multimedia file played over the internet, usually expressing an emotion or comment.
g/f Girlfriend (also shown as gf, G/F, or GF)
GFN Gone For Now
GGOH Gotta Get Outta Here
GMTA Great Minds Think Alike
GR Gotta Run
GR&D Grinning, Running, and Ducking.
GTR Got To Run
GTRM Going To Read Mail (leaving chat room to check email)
H&K Hugs and Kisses
hack person who breaks into software, or disrupts a chat room.
HAGD Have A Good Day
HAGO Have A Good One
HB Hurry Back
Hosts Refers to the people that are running the chat room, they usually have the ability to kick a person off due to rude behavior.

HTH Hope That Helps
 huggles Hugs
 IAC In Any Case
 IB I'm Back
 IC I See
 IDN I Don't kNow
 IDK I Don't Know
 IDTS I Don't Think So
 IANAL I'm Am Not A Lawyer (expect an uninformed opinion)
 IC I See
 ICQ I Seek You. A computer program used to communicate
 instantly over the Internet.
 ILU or ILY I Love You
 IM Instant Message
 IMHO In My Humble Opinion (or In My Honest Opinion)
 IMO In My Opinion
 IOH I'm Out of Here
 IOW In Other Words
 IRL In Real Life
 IYO In Your Opinion
 JAS Just A Second
 JIC Just In Case
 JK Just Kidding
 JMO Just My Opinion
 JW Just Wondering
 k, K, or kk O. K.
 KIT Keep In Touch
 LOL Laughing Out Loud
 LTNS Long Time No See
 LTS Laughing To ones Self
 LY I Love Ya.
 LYL Love You Lots
 A web page where people write comments, and those
 Message comments are than added to that web-page for others
 Board. to view. Used to carry on conversation, request
 information, and relay messages.
 Refers to a new user of that chat program, goes back to
 MUG Excite VP days when the AV (or icon) that represented
 someone new was a picture of a coffee mug.
 NE1 Anyone
 newbie refers to a person who is new to an area or technology.
 Also seen as nube, nooby, nubie, nb, etc.
 NIMBY Not In My Back Yard
 nm, or NM Never Mind

NP, np No Problem
NRN 1. No Response Necessary
2. Not Right Now
NT No Thanks
OBTW Oh, By The Way.
OIC Oh, I See
OF Old Fart, someone who has been around for a while.
OJ or OK Only Joking or Only Kidding
OL the Old Lady
OM the Old Man
OMG Oh My Gosh
OT Off Topic
oth or OTH Off The Hook: Something is really popular
otr or OTR Off The Rack: Saying that something is outside the ordinary.
OTE Over The Edge (beyond common sense or beyond good taste)
OTOH On The Other Hand ...
OTOMH Off the Top of My Head ...
OTW On The Way ... I've sent a file to you, it's "On the way"
PANS Pretty Awesome New Stuff (often referring to computer technology)
PCMCIA Personal Computer Memory Cards International Association
PCMCIA People Can't Master Computer Industry Acronyms (slang)
PEBCAK Problem Exists Between Chair And Keyboard
peeps People. example: "There sure are a lot of peeps in this room" - meaning a lot of people are in the chat room.
peep this Hey, listen to this
PLZ Please
PMJI Pardon Me for Jumping In (when you enter into a new conversation)
POTS Plain Old Telephone Service
POS Parents are looking Over my Shoulder.
POTS Parents Over The Shoulder - (My parents are watching, I can't really talk)
PPL People
QT Cutie
RFC Request For Comments (used more in newsgroups, a page or pages that supply technical information)
rl or RL Real Life (as opposed to being online)
r m or RM Ready Made: pre-existing
ROFL Rolling On Floor, Laughing
RSN Real Soon Now

r/t Real Time (also: RT, or rt)
RU aRe yoU?
SH Same Here
SMS Short Message Service (more cell phones and pagers than chat rooms and the Internet)
SN Screen Name. The name or moniker selected by person in an IM or chat program.
SO Significant Other
SOTA State Of The Art (latest technology)
SPST Same Place, Same Time
STW Search The Web
SY Sincerely Yours
SYL See You Later
TAFN That's All For Now
TC Take Care
TGIF Thank Goodness It's Friday
THX Thanks!
TIA Thanks In Advance
TM Text Message (often refers to communications with text over cell phones)
TMI Too Much Information
TNT 'Til Next Time
TPS That's Pretty Stupid
TPTB The Powers That Be
TRDMF Tears Running Down My Face: Can be with either laughter, or due to sadness.
TTFN Ta-Ta For Now
TTTT These Things Take Time
TTYL Talk To You Later
TY Thank You
TYT Take Your Time
TYVM Thank You Very Much
VPPH Virtual Places Page Host
usa or USA Until Sides Ache
UV Unpleasant Visual
UW yoU're Welcome
WB Welcome Back
WC Welcome
WEU What's Eating You?
WFM Works For Me
WIIFM What's In It For Me?
WTG Way To Go
WTGP? Want To Go Private? (move to a private chat room)
YAA Yet Another Acronym

YBS You'll Be Sorry
 YL Young Lady
 YM Young Man
 YMMV Your Mileage May Vary
 YR Yea, Right. (sarcastic)
 YVW You're Very Welcome
 YW You're Welcome

Emoticons: (symbols used to display feeling)

Note: For these little things called "emoticons" Often the idea is to turn your head sideways, and it makes a picture on a lot of the smiley faces. ;-) for example where the ; (semi-colon) are the eyes, the - is the nose, and the) is the mouth. Also, you see some people use the hyphen (-) to show the nose, while others will show the same expression without the nose. Example: ;-) and ;) signify the same thing.

s, *S*, <s>, = smile	*g*, <g> = grin	xoxo = hugs and kisses	huggggggsssss = hugs
w, <w> = wink	*g*, = giggles	*k*, *K* = kiss	;-)~~~~~ = giving someone the raspberries.
(((((person)))))) = giving them a virtual hug.	\~/ = glass with a drink	^5 = high five	?^ = What's Up?
/? = a cup of tea	[]> + Cup of coffee	@@@ = Cookies	@-/- = a rose
:-) .. smile	;-) ... wink	<:- ... curious	:~) ... cute
:- (... sad	8-) ... wears glasses	:-} ... embarrassed	:-/ ... perplexed, confused
:-, (..or ;`-(.... to cry	:-< ... pouting	>:- (... angry	0:-) ... angel
:- ... bored or no opinion	:-> ... grin/mischievous	-) ... dreaming	:-O ... shouting, or shocked
:-o ... talking, or surprised	>:- ... mad / angry	:-D ... big grin or laugh	==:-O ... scared
:-x ... keeping mouth shut	:o) ... smiles (w/nose)	:-)))))) ... lots of smiles	;-P ... sticking tongue out :P ... sticking tongue out
# 8 -) ... nerd	&-(... crying	!:-) .. I have an idea	;-{) ... person with a mustache
;-)~ ... sexy tongue - or drunk	;-) ... being cute	c["] ... coffee mug	[_]> ... another cup or mug

:-> ... grin/mischievous	<:- ... curious	- ... sound asleep	:-x .. I'm keeping my mouth shut
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0 can be O or vice versa, (the letter and the number are often interchangeable)

1 = won or one, (1dr = wonder)

2 = too, to, or two,

3 = the letter E, (so 's33 U' means See you)

4 = for, four, or a prefix or suffix of 'fore. (b4 = before, 4warned = forewarned),

8 is usually either a pair of eyes, glasses, or ate, although it gets used a lot for making pictures,

9 is a good thing (he was dressed to the 9s means he was all dressed up),

B = be,

C = see, (IC means I see)

G = gee,

K = OK, (so k, or kk means I'm OK)

M = am,

N = in,

O = oh,

R = Are,

U = You,

g = grin,

s = smile