

Archive of Our Own

A fan-created, fan-run, nonprofit, noncommercial archive for transformative fanworks, like fanfiction, fanart, fan videos, and podfic

more than **31,970** fandoms | **1,882,000** users | **4,734,000** works

The Archive of Our Own is a project of the [Organization for Transformative Works](#).

The AO3 is fan created:

Since 2007, we've been working to create a multifannish, all-inclusive, user-friendly place. A place that caters to fans and not to advertisers. A place that defends our fannish rights to remix, transform, critique, parody, improve, and derive pleasure from the culture that surrounds us. A place of our own.

The AO3 is fan run:

We envisioned and built the AO3 to have the features we wanted: user-created tags, powerful search abilities, multiple download formats for works, and authorial control to create, delete, or be forgotten. Above all, we strive for open communication. We announce disruptions and new features in advance; we explain site changes big and small. We take pride in our work and we do all of it for free.

The AO3 is nonprofit:

We rely entirely on donations to the Organization for Transformative Works, a legally registered nonprofit. We are transparent about our finances and tell our donors exactly where their money goes. (Servers, mostly.) We don't sell our users' data and we don't link account information to donor information. Anyone can browse or search the AO3, and accounts are free; we don't need to know who you are to welcome you.

The AO3 is noncommercial:

We believe in fandom as a gift culture. We think fanfiction can be a stepping-stone to professional writing, but it doesn't have to be. We want to see the Archive thrive; we want people to share their works, invite their friends, and keep coming back. We want to safeguard older works and fandoms for new generations of fans to enjoy. We want the AO3 to be for amateurs in the original sense of the word: to share with others what has been created out of love.



We're proud of everything our volunteers have achieved,
but we wouldn't truly be an archive of our own without

1.9 million
fans
per day

browsing

4.7 million
fanworks

including

38,000+
works with
art

9,000+
works with
video

22,000+
works with
audio

by
536,000+
fanwork
creators

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