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Usenet Acronyms Dictionary

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All the acronyms that are commonly used on Usenet and I know are on here, so don't e-mail me asking what something means. Additions and corrections, however, are welcome. E-mail me at tajwileb@ihug.co.nz

AFAIK As Far As I Know

AFK Away From Keyboard

ANSI American National Standards Institute

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

ATM At The Moment (or Asynchronous Transfer Mode, or possibly Automatic Teller Machine).

BFD Big F**king Deal

BFN Bye For Now

BBS Bulletin Board Systems

BIOYA Blow It Out Your A**

BOHICA Bend Over, Here It Comes Again

BRB Be Right Back

BTDGTS Been There, Done That, Got the T-Shirt

BTSOOM Beats The S**t Out Of Me

BTW By The Way

CLI Command Line Interface

CFV Call For Voting

CRAFT Can't Remember A F**king Thing

CUA Commonly Used Acronym(s) OR Common User Access

DARFC Ducking And Running For Cover

DETLA Double Extended Three Letter Abbreviation

DH Dear Husband (also Dear Hubby, Duh Hubby and of course Dick Head)

DIY Do It Yourself

EAK Eating At Keyboard

ESAD Eat S**t and Die
ESADMF Eat S**t and Die Mother F**ker
ETLA Extended Three Letter Abbreviation (ie more than three letters)
FAQ Frequently Asked Questions
FIK F**ked If I Know
FLA Four/Five Letter Abbreviation ([ETLA](#) and [DETLA](#) are preferred since they are self-referential.)
FOAD F**k Off And Die
FOD FOD
FOFL Falling On Floor Laughing
FULSP F**k You Little S****y Pervert
FTP File Transfer Protocol
FTF Face-To-Face (as [IRL](#))
FU F**ked Up
FUBAR F**ked Up Beyond All Recognition
FUD (spreading) Fear, Uncertainty, and Disinformation
FWIW For What it's Worth
FYI For Your Information
GAL Get A Life
GG Gota Go
GR&D Grinning, Running, & Ducking (alternatively **GD&R**)
GUI Graphical User Interface
HAGD Have A Great Day
HAND Have A Nice Day
HTH Hope This Helps
HTML HyperText Markup Language
HTTP HyperText Transfer Protocol
IAE In Any Event
IANAL I Am Not A Lawyer (also **IANAx**, such as **IANACPA**)
ICBW I Could Be Wrong (sometimes It Could Be Worse)
IIRC If I Recall Correctly
IMAO In My Arrogant Opinion
IMHO In My Humble Opinion
IMNSHO In My Not So Humble Opinion
IMO In My Opinion
IOW In Other Words
IRL In Real Life
ISDN It Still Does Nothing
ISWYM I See What You Mean
ISTR I Seem To Recall
LART Luser Attitude Readjustment Tool
LMAO Laughing My Ass Off
LOL Laughing Out Loud
MHBFY My Heart Bleeds For You
MHOTY My Hat's Off To You
MUD Multi-User Domain/Dungeon

NFW No F**king Way
NRN No Reply Necessary
NYCTMI Now You Come To Mention It
ob Obligatory
OIC Oh, I See!
OOI Out Of Interest
OOTB Out Of The Box (brand new)
OTOH On The Other Hand
OTTH On The Third Hand
PCMCIA People Can't Memorize Computer Industry Acronyms
PDA Public Display of Affection
PITA Pain In The Arse
PDQ Pretty D**m(ed) Quick(ly)
PMFJI Pardon Me For Jumping In
PKB Pot, Kettle Black (as in "Look at the pot calling the kettle black.")
FAQ Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers.)
ROFL Rolling on the Floor Laughing
ROLF Basically ROFL, but laugh and floor are switched, meaning an unfunny, offensive, corny, stupid joke.
ROTFL Rolling On The Floor Laughing
ROTFLMAO Rolling On the Floor, Laughing My A** Off
RFC Request For Comment
RSN Real Soon Now (can be meant sarcastically)
RTFM Read The F**king Manual
RTFFAQ Read The F**king [FAQ](#)
RYFIM Read Your F**king Information Manual
SFAIAA So Far As I Am Aware
SCNR Sorry, Could Not Resist
SITD Still In The Dark
SNAFU Situation Normal, All F**ked Up
TANSTAAFL There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch
TIA Thanks In Advance
TIC Tongue In Cheek
TLA Three-Letter Acronym (such as this, see also [ETLA](#) and [DETLA](#))
TRSZ The Red Salamander Zaruga (Hey, he offered me chocolate :-).)
TTFN Ta ta For Now
TTYL Talk To You Later
TWIMC To Whom It May Concern
TYVM Thank You Very Much
UCE Unsolicited Commerical E-mail
URL Universal Resource Locator (sometimes called Uniform Resource Locator)
WTH What The Hell
WTF What The F**k
WWW World-Wide Web
WYMM Will You Marry Me? (Currently restricted to alt.fan.pratchett [AFAIK](#).)
WYSIAYG What You See Is All You Get

WYSIWYG What You See Is What You Get

YABSA Yet Another Bl**dy Stupid Acronym

YHBT You Have Been Trolled

YKYHBxTLW You Know You Have Been x Too Long When (eg, **YKYHBPDTLW** - You Know You Have Been Playing Doom Too Long When...)

YMMV Your Mileage May Vary

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[Dictionary of Computer Language](#) A searchable dictionary of computing terms.

[Webster's Dictionary](#) A searchable general dictionary.

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