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 <u>caters to fans</u> and not to advertisers. A place that <u>defends our fannish rights</u> 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 <u>built the AO3</u> to have the features we wanted: <u>user-created tags</u>, 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 <u>disruptions</u> and <u>new features</u> in advance; we <u>explain site changes</u> big and small. We take pride in our work and we do all of it for free.

The AO3 is nonprofit:

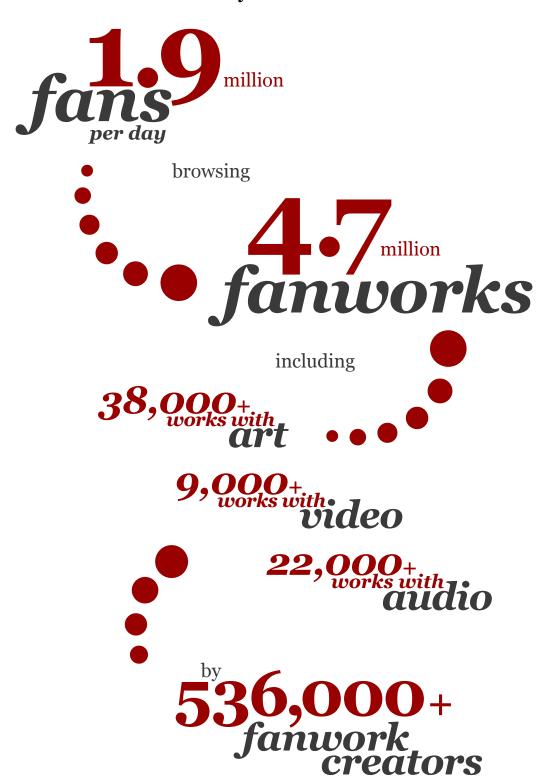
We rely entirely on <u>donations</u> to the Organization for Transformative Works, a legally registered nonprofit. We are <u>transparent about our finances</u> and tell our donors exactly where their money goes. (<u>Servers</u>, mostly.) We don't sell our users' data and we don't link account information 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 <u>safeguard</u> <u>older works and fandoms</u> 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



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