

Austin Otaku's Guide to Being an Otaku

Terminology

- **Akiba** – Short name for Akihabara, otaku-central in Tokyo, known for maid cafes, anime shops, etc.
- **Baka** – “Stupid.” A common insult in anime
- **Bishojo** – “Beautiful girl”
- **Cosplay** – “Costume” + “roleplay” – dressing up like a favorite anime, manga, or game character
- **Dakimakura** – Hug pillow, usually printed with female anime/manga characters
- **Doujinshi** – manga’s version of fan fiction – independently produced manga
- **Fan Service** – the display of characters in risqué positions to give fans a thrill
- **Fan-sub** – subtitled versions of anime or manga produced by fans
- **Harem** – An anime or manga in which one male is surrounded by several beautiful women
- **Hikikomori** – A social shut-in.
- **Idoru** – “idol” – a highly produced singer/model
- **Kawaii** – “cute”
- **Kigurumi** – A form of cosplay that includes full-body covering, including a mask with anime facial features.
- **Moe** – Getting worked up over young beauties
- **Plamo** – Plastic models. Usually mechas.
- **Shojo/Shonen** – Girl/Boy – Can refer to the intended audience of a manga.
- **Tsundere** – refers to a character type that is cold and moody at first only to turn warm and loving later.



Otaku (おたく, オタク)
– *n.* fanboy, geek, nerd. Hardcore or cult fan. Can also mean “Japanophile.”

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Guide for the Otaku in Exile

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Anime

Watch, Rent, or Own Anime

There are several options for keeping up with anime.

Informative Sites:

- Random Curiosity
<http://randommc.animeblogger.com>
- Kawaii Kawaii Anime
<http://www.kawaii-kawaii.co.nr>
- Anime News Network
<http://www.animenewsnetwork.com>
- Anime Suki
<http://www.animesuki.com>

Legally Watch Online

- Crunchyroll
<http://www.crunchyroll.com>
- The Anime Network
<http://www.theanimenetwork.com>
- Funimation
<http://www.funimation.com>

Rent Anime Locally

- Dragon's Lair (on Burnet Rd.)

Own Anime

- Right Stuf
<http://www.rightstuf.com>

Connect with Other Otaku

Watch anime with the following groups:

- UT Anime Club
uts.cc.utexas.edu/~anime/
- Austin Anime Meetup Group
www.meetup.com/anime-501/



J-Dorama

Keep up with the latest in Japanese dramas with these links:

Information:

- Drama wiki (D-Addicts)
wiki.d-addicts.com/Main_Page
- Jdorama.com
<http://jdorama.com>

Watch Online

- Drama Crazy
<http://www.dramacrazy.net>
- My Soju
<http://www.mysoju.com>

Rent Locally

- Asahi Imports (on Burnet Rd.)

J-Pop and J-Rock

Listen Online:

- J1FM
<http://en.j1fm.com>

Purchase Online:

- CDJapan
<http://www.cdjapan.co.jp/>

Some of my Favs:

Anime

Bleach
Genshiken
Death Note
The Melancholy of Suzumiya Haruhi
Azumanga Daioh
Nodame Cantabile
Toradora!
Sayonara Zetsubou Sensei
Bakemonogatari

J-Drama

Nobuta wo Produce
My Boss My Hero
Kurosagi
GTO
Gokusen
Dragon Zakura
Galileo

J-Rock/J-Pop

Gackt
L'arc~en~ciel
Dir-en-Grey
UVERworld
Asian Kung-Fu Generation
MUCC
Utada Hikaru
High and Mighty Color

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