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CH34T SH33T

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LEET SPEAK CHEAT SHEET

CHEAT YOUR WAY FROM N00B TO L33T

1f y0u c4n r34d 7h15 y0u r34lly n33d 70 637 4 l1f3! (If you can read this you really need to get a life!) Well... Thank you... I guess? If you're like me, chances are you had no problem reading that sentence. I'm sure you'd agree it's a slightly insulting sentence to say the least. But the truth is most people struggle to understand what it's all about, if they're able to understand it at all. That's why I thought it might be helpful to create this l33t sp34k ch34t sh33t (or leet speak cheat sheet!) that'll help you cheat your way from n00b to l33t in no time.
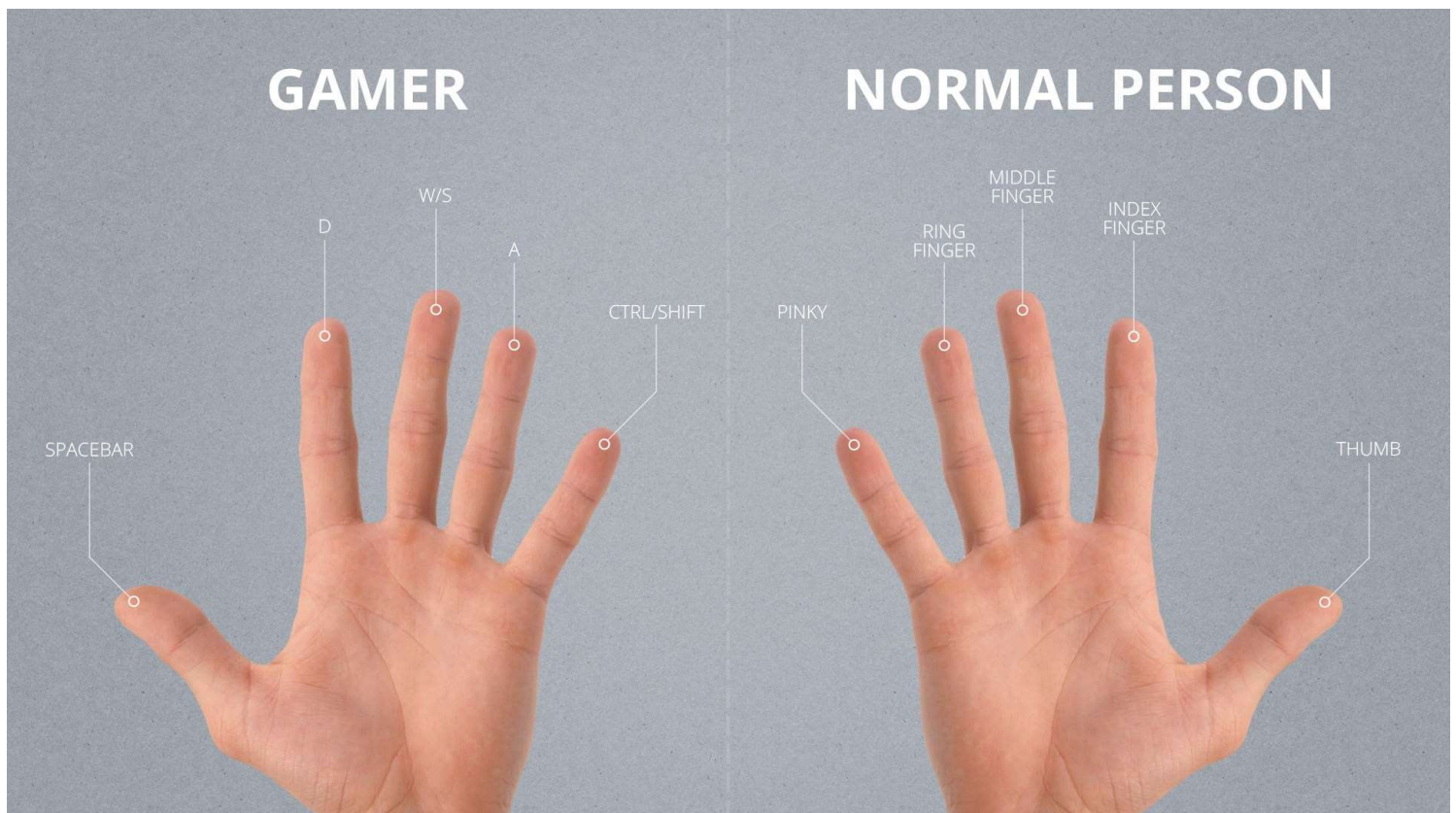
HISTORY

Almost a decade before <u>Tim Berners-Lee's World Wide Web (http://webfoundation.org/about/sir-tim-berners-lee/)</u> saw its first light of day back in 1991, leet speak was born. Back then when the internet was coming up, most search functionalities simply looked for keywords in text to show relevant documents. Hackers weren't very keen on having their information displayed on websites, bulletin boards, newsgroups or any other place, so they started to replace certain letters in words. It started out with simple vowel substitutions like a 4 instead of an A, or a 3 instead of an E. This meant that topics like cracking or hacking remained undetected.

One other (conspiracy) <u>theory (http://www.verbatimmag.com/27_1.pdf)</u> is that leet speak was invented as a way to beat automatic government surveillance programs, such as the legendary <u>Echelon program</u>

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ECHELON).

In that period leet speak existed only in small circles, and was only used when necessary. It originated within bulletin boards, where someone having an ""elite"" status meant he or she was allowed access to file folders, games and chat rooms. But it wasn't until the addition of internet connectivity to one of the most influential titles in the video games industry, Doom and Doom II (http://www.idsoftware.com/) that the use of leet speak exploded.

From there on leet speak evolved from a method to mislead search functionalities into a language for online gamers to describe formidable prowess or accomplishment. Phrases such as "1 4m 3l33t!" (I am elite!) were thrown around to demonstrate someone was an experienced gamer (or hacker).

LEET SPEAK ALPHABET

The leet speak alphabet in its simplest form substitutes vowels, but it can be pretty complex when substituting consonants as well. The table below shows several ways every letter of the alphabet can be replaced, starting with the most common substitutions at the top, moving to more fancy ones further down.

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NUMBERS AND LEET SPEAK

It's not only letters that are substituted with numbers, numbers can be substituted by letters too. Although substituting numbers by letters isn't as common as the fore mentioned in leet speak. But for those of you who seek more obfuscation and frustration, the list below will definitely help you with that, and will probably help you get quickly accepted amongst the gaming community.

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SUFFIXES

In addition to substituting letters and numbers, more advanced leet speak uses various suffixes. In most cases this ads more complexity and thus makes sentences and words harder to read and understand. The most common suffixes are z's and ed's, that can simply be added to words like lol (lolz) without changing its meaning. Other more complex suffixes are described below.

Suffix	Explanation	Example
-zorz	Puts extra emphasis on a word (mostly used to add sarcasm)	To pwn someone, means you defeated him, to pwnzorz someone means you really defeated him
-xor/-zor	Derivation of agent nouns from a verb stem. Substitution for -er or -r	The word "hacker" could be transformend into h4ck3r, but by using this suffix, it becomes h4x0r (The o is often replaced by a 0)
-age	Derivation of a noun from a verb stem	When you pwn someone, that was total pwnage
-ness	Derivation of a noun from an adjective stem	You sir, possess lots of leetness
-ed	Replacing the -e of past participle endings with an apostrophe or omiting it completely	The word "pwned" becomes "pwn'd" or might become "pwnd"
-&	Words containing -and-, -anned- or - ant- (or similar sounds) are replaced by ampersands (&)	Sandbox becomes &box, banned becomes b&

LEET SPEAK VOCABULARY

Of course any word or sentence can be transformed into leet speak, but there are some words unique to it. Below you'll find all of these words, their meaning and even some sound bites to help you fully master leet speak. Be aware these are a combination of regular words transformed into leet speak, but also various terms used by online gamers.
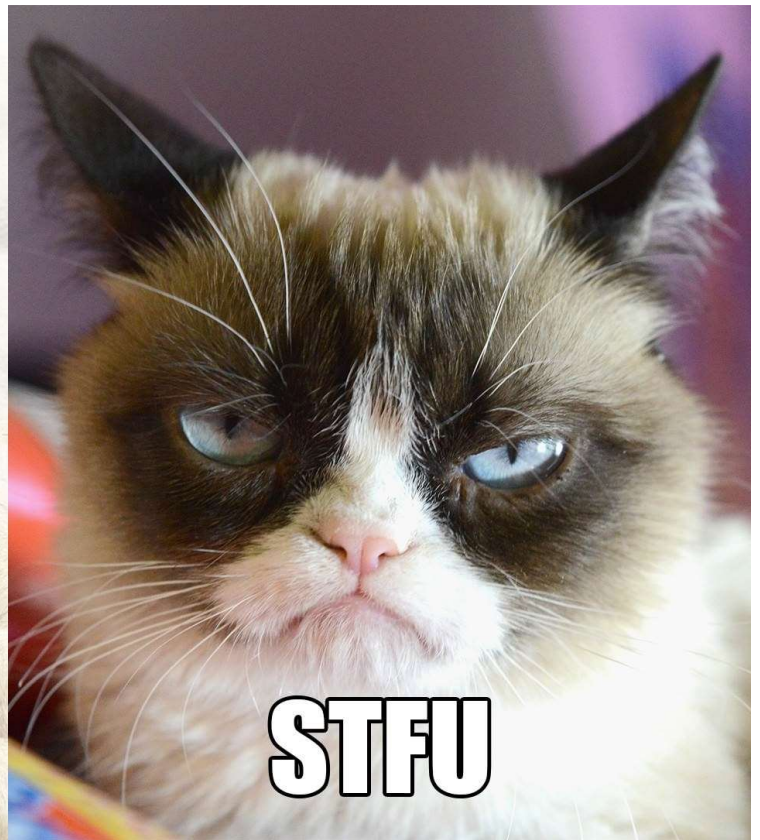
Term	Definition
0wn, p0wn, pwn, pwned, pwnd, owned, pwning, pwnage, 0w|\\\|, 0wn3d, 0wn4ge, p0wn4ge	To own someone, or to beat someone's ass in a very humiliating way
13wt, l00t	Loot or treasure, the reward you get when steeling someone else's stuff
ai	Artificial Intelligence; Characters that seem human
aiming bot	A piece of software that automatically aims and locks on targets or other players to kill them more easily
boomstick, BFG, big fucking gun	A weapon that inflicts an awesome amount of damage
boss	The "bad guy" that has to be beaten to win the game. Bosses usually occur at the end of games, or at the end of crucial chapters of a game
bot, NPC, monster, mobs	Non-playable character, or a robot, is a character controlled by the computer
bug, glitch	An error in computer code that causes unwanted behavior
bunny hop, bunny hopping	Rapidly jumping up and down and moving all over the place so you're a more difficult target to kill

Term	Definition
camper	A gamer that stays in the same spot, waiting for other players to walk by and then shooting them
cheater	Someone who doesn't play fair. Often times unskilled players call skilled players (l33ts) cheaters, because they can't stand how good they really are.
ctf	Capture the flag, a game type in which players have to capture each others flags
d00d, d00dz	Dude, as an expression of comradery
easter eggs	Usually small hidden features inside a game that don't contribute to the actual gameplay or storyline, but are there mostly for amusement purposes only
em	Them
exp, xp	Experience Points, the level of experience a gamer has in a certain game
f00	Fool, or an unskillful player
flak	Debris from an explosion
fragging, dropping, capping, icing, wasting	Killing another player
god mode	This mode renders players invulnerable, so they can't be killed and/or have unlimited ammunition or money

Term	Definition
h4x0r, haxor, HaXXor, h4XXor	A real hacker or someone with really awesome gaming skills
high-ping bastard, HPB	People with a crappy internet connection
instagib	A game mode in which players usually have just one weapon with unlimited ammo
j0	Yo! Hi! Hello! What's up!
j00	You
kicked	If you cheat in a game and get banned from playing that game, you're kicked from it
l33t, 1337, leet	Elite, skilled player
l4m3r, llama, lame	A lamer is person who has very little energy and is always cutting corners
level up	Improving your character's ability and skills
lobby	A chat room in a multiplayer game
low-ping bastard, LPB	People with a really fast internet connection
m4d	Mad, mostly used as an adjective like "I h4z g0t m4d sk1llz!". Or even marked for death
MMORPG	Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game
n00b, nwb, noob, tool t00l, newbie, boon, b00n, tool, t00l	An unskilled player or newbie
np	No problem

Term	Definition
omg, 0mg, 0mfg, OMG, OMGWTFBBQ	Oh My God, or with a bit more emphasis, Oh My Fucking God. Used to describe jawdropping events that weren't anticipated
patch	A software update for a game that fixes bugs and glitches
PC	A playable character that is controlled by a real human being
ph33r, ph34r	Fear, as in "Fear me!"
Pr0n, n0rp	A deliberate misspelling of the word porn
r0x0r, r0x0rz	Rocks, as in, OMG that dude rocks!
sk1llz, sk1ll, sk1ll3d, m4d sk1llz	Skills
spawn, sp4wn, respawn	When you're killed in a game, you're brought back to life so you can participate again
sry, srry, soz, sozz	Sorry
sux0r	Sucks, as in something that isn't entirely rosy
taunt	Provoking, usually done when killing an opponent and telling him/her you're more l33t the he/she is
teh, t3h	A popular misspelling for the word "the"
telefrag, teleportation frag	Killing someone by teleporting yourself to the exact same location as your opponent. Sometimes it kills both players, in some games though it's a method used by more skilled players to kill others

Term	Definition
über, |_|83r	The most awesome
w00t	Yay! An expression of great joy and happiness
noobcannon, n00bc4nn0n	A weapon that inflicts a lot of damage, but doesn't require much skill to use
gibs, gibbed	Wet bodily fragments, to gib someone is to kill someone and then the corpse explodes
lag	Slow internet connectivity, reducing response times and creating sluggish gameplay
clan	A group of gamers that teamed up and fight together
kewl	Cool
sploitz	Exploits, vulnerabilities in computer software abused by hackers
spray, spraying	Firing lots of bullets in the hope of killing someone, instead of aiming accurately
ph4t, phat, ph@	Awesome or cool
trolling	Making fun of someone
wallhack	Cheat software that enables players to see and shoot through walls
rank h00r, stat h00r	Someone who cares too much his stats in a way that it affects his normal game play

ABBREVIATIONS

Leet speak has come a long way since the '80s and has evolved a bit over time. This is especially true in online gaming, where you'll find a mix of leet speak and abbreviations. This too can be a bit confusing, since there are so many variations. Most of them are undoubtedly used in various chat rooms, instant messengers, Facebook, WhatsApp or any other form of digital communication. That's why some of the obvious ones are omitted to present you with only the more colorful abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Meaning
A&D	Attack and Defend
AFAIK	As Far As I Know
AFK	Away From Keyboard
ATM	At The Moment
BAF	Bring A Friend
BBIM	Be Back In a Minute
BBL	Be Back Later
BBS	Be Back Soon
BRB	Be Right Back
BS	Bullshit
BTW	By The Way
CU	See You
DM	Death Match
DMG	Damage
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FB	Flash Bang grenade
FFA	Free For All
FFS	For Fuck's Sake
FH	Full Health
G2G, GTG	Got To Go

Abbreviation	Meaning
GA	Go Ahead
GD	God Damn
GF	Good Fight
GL	Good Luck
GGA	Good Game All
HP	Hit Points
IIRC	If I Recall Correctly
IMO, IMHO	In My Opinion, In My Honest Opinion
IRC	Internet Relay Chat
IRL, RL	In Real Life, Real Life
JJ, JK	Just Joking, Just Kidding
KOS	Kill On Sight
LFC	Looking For Clan
LMAO, LMFAO	Laughing My Ass Off, Laughing My Fucking Ass Off
LOL, l0l	Laugh(ing) Out Loud
LOS	Line Of Sight
Lvl	Level
M8	Mate, teammate
Med	Medic

Abbreviation	Meaning
Mod	A modification of a game, usually created by gamers instead of the original developers
MP	Multiplayer
MTFBWY	May The Force Be With You
N1	Nice one
NP	No Problem
NT	Nice Try
O RLY, ORLY	Oh, really?
OMG, OMFG	Oh My God, Oh My Fucking God
OMW	On My Way
OOR, OOS	Out Of Range, Out Of Sight
OSOK	One Shot One Kill
PITA	Pain In The Arse/Ass
PK	Player Killing
PMSL	Pissing MySelf Laughing
Port	Teleport
PPL	People
Res, Rez	Resolution
ROFL	Roll On the Floor Laughing
ROFLMAO	Rolling On the Floor Laughing My Ass Off

Abbreviation	Meaning
ROFLOL, r0fl0l	Rolling On the Floor Laughing Out Loud
RP	Role Play
RT	Roger That
Sig	Signature
SP	Single Player
STFU	Shut The Fuck UP
Sup	What's Up
TBH	To Be Honest
Thx, Thnx, Ty	Thanks, Thank you
TTFN	Ta Ta For Now (Goodbye for now)
GG, VGG	Good Game, Very Good Game
WB	Welcome Back
WTF	What The Fuck
WTG	Way To Go
WYG	What You Got?
YW	You're Welcome
OFC	Of Course
SMH	Shaking My Head
NC	No Comment

Abbreviation	Meaning
RUSOS	Are You Stupid Or Something
w/e	Whatever
nd	And
YARLY	Yeah, really!
RPG	Role Playing Game
RTS	Real Time Strategy game, as in it is not turn-based, but all players perform actions simultaneously
FPS	First Person Shooter, Frames Per Second

L33T M4TR1X

As you've read above, leet speak is mostly substituting letters to a certain degree. The more you substitute letters, the more obscure it becomes. In addition leet speak, or more specifically a combination of leet and game slang, also has its own words and abbreviations. It's not always clear however, whether a word is meant as a compliment or an insult. That's where the leet matrix comes in, containing various common expressions together with their level of politeness and positivity. Words in the lower left

section have a pretty negative meaning and are meant as an insult. However when someone uses a word in the upper right section, you're probably doing a good job.

4 LEVELS OF LEET

You've probably noticed by now there's many different ways you can use leet speak. Ranging from basic vowel substitutions to really advanced combinations of various punctuation marks and glyphs. The way I see it, there's four distinct levels.

Basic Leet

Basic Leet is nothing more than substituting every vowel for a number. This causes some confusion, but is actually pretty readable and understandable. So an A becomes a 4, an E becomes a 3, an I becomes a 1 and an O

becomes a 0 (a zero). The letter U is an exception as there isn't an obvious number to replace it with. So in Basic Leet U's are either unchanged, or you can replace it with (_).

Intermediate Leet

If you've read any of the above carefully, you've probably already surpassed the Basic Leet level. Good for you! In that case the obvious next step is replacing consonants with either numbers or various punctuation marks. So in Intermediate Leet for example the letter B could be replaced by an 8, or by I3. Just like the letter G could be replaced by a 6 or a 9, or the consonant S by a 5.

Advanced Leet

Advanced Leet is where things get really exciting. Speaking (or actually writing) in advanced leet takes time to master, but guarantees people unfamiliar with leet have a hard time reading it. Advanced Leet is in fact a combination of Basic and Intermediate Leet, but uses punctuation marks for vowels as well. So instead of an A becoming a 4, it could become an @ or /-\.

Full Retard Leet

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LEET SPEAK TRANSLATOR

To put any of the above in perspective, you can use the Leet Speak Translator below to turn any text you'd like into Leet. This translator converts normal words or text into leet speak. You can even select any of the four levels. The Leet Speak Translator makes it easier to actually talk in leet to others, since you only have to copy and paste text. So go on, get your 1337 on, and start converting!

Put in any normal text...

◉ Basic Leet   ○ Intermediate Leet   ○ Advanced Leet   ○ Full Retard Leet

And get l33t here...

A WORD OF CAUTION

When you start off learning leet speak, it quickly feels like the only way to communicate with fellow gamers. However, using leet speak exclusively in forums, games or other chat rooms is mostly looked down upon. So it's best to just converse in normal English, and occasionally throw in some leet words or abbreviations. This'll show others you truly are leet and not just some n00b who poses as a l33t.

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