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Queer Webcomics Archives

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Research Question (Kae)

Are queer identities represented in the Global Webcomics Archive? Are queer identities beyond gay and lesbian represented in the Global Webcomics Archive?

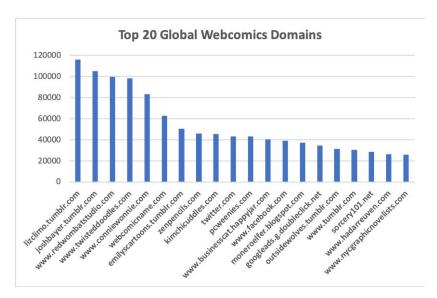
Queer identity words glossary

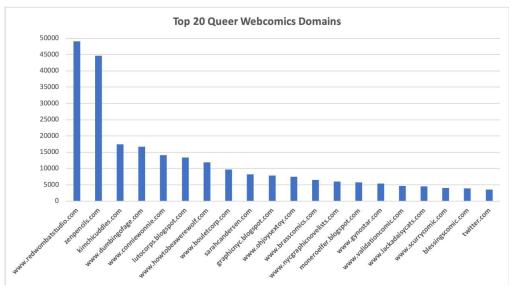
- SOGIE
- BlaQ/BlaQueer
- Aliagender
- Boi
- Demiromantic
- Demisexual
- Polygender, Pangender
- Neutrois
- Omnigender
- Polysexual
- Aromantic
- Intersex
- Asexual
- Dead name

- Androgyne
- Agender
- Bigender
- Genderqueer
- Genderfluid
- Masculine of Center (MOC)
- AFAB and/or AMAB
- Same-Gender Loving
- Two-Spirit
- Femme
- Butch
- Nonbinary
- Polyamory
- Monogamy / Nonmonagamy

- Drag King
- Drag Queen
- Transsexual
- Transgender or trans
- Pansexual
- Bisexual
- Queer
- LGBTQ
- LGBT
- Lesbian
- Gay

Global Webcomics Web Archive Collection (Wei)





Data source: Ruest, Nick, Green, Karen, Wenzel, Sarah, & Abrams, Samantha. (2020). Global Webcomics Web Archive collection derivatives [Data set]. Zenodo. http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3633737

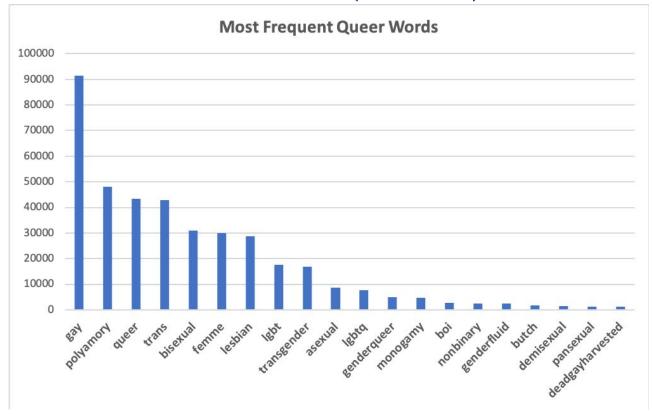
Top 20 Webcomics Domains: General vs. Queer-related

Top 20 global webcomics domains	Top 20 queer webcomics domains 🔻
lizclimo.tumblr.com	www.redwombatstudio.com
joshbayer.tumblr.com	zenpencils.com
www.redwombatstudio.com	kimchicuddles.com
www.twisteddoodles.com	www.dumbingofage.com
www.conniewonnie.com	www.conniewonnie.com
webcomicname.com	lutocorps.blogspot.com
emilyscartoons.tumblr.com	www.howtobeawerewolf.com
zenpencils.com	www.bouletcorp.com
kimchicuddles.com	sarahcandersen.com
twitter.com	graphicnyc.blogspot.com
pcweenies.com	www.ohjoysextoy.com
www.businesscat.happyjar.com	www.brasscomics.com
www.facebook.com	www.nycgraphicnovelists.com
moneroelfer.blogspot.com	moneroelfer.blogspot.com
googleads.g.doubleclick.net	www.gynostar.com
outsidewolves.tumblr.com	www.validationcomic.com
www.tumblr.com	www.lackadaisycats.com
sorcery101.net	www.scurrycomic.com
www.hadarreuven.com	blessingscomic.com
www.nycgraphicnovelists.com	twitter.com

Txt files are converted into csv files, and text information are parsed to extract the top global domains by Wei

Kritika's text mining results are used to rank the top 20 queer webcomics domains

Queer Webcomics (Kritika)



Tools & Skills: use command lines & other approaches, such as regular expressions (by both Kritika and Francis)

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Word Cloud of Top Domains (Francis)



Tools and Skills: Python mainly

Word Cloud of Queer Words (Francis)





wc_results

lower_wc_results

Lessons we learnt

- Qualitative analysis (Everything is not enough time)
- Image Analysis Tool (ask Nick)
- Limitations of Keyword searching (wrt regex)