

# GE NEWS

## WOMEN TALK SCI FI



### The Twelve Doctors of Christmas



one's partridge in a pear tree



two's turtle doves



three's french hens



four's calling birds



five's gold rings



six's geese-a-laying



seven's swans-a-swimming



eight's merry milking



nine's lonely dancing



ten's (time) lords-a-leaping



eleven's parting piping



twelve's debut drumming



# All I want for Christmas!!



Sonic Screwdriver Tooth Brush



My Little Pony mugs!



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# A 'Different' Christmas Poem Nightmare Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all  
through the house  
Not a peripheral was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The modem was hung by the keyboard with care  
In hopes that a download soon would be there.

The pirates were nestled all snug in their beds  
While visions of unprotects danced in their  
heads.

And the wife in her kerchief, and I in my cap  
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap

When up on the hard drive there arose such a  
clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the  
matter.

Away to the monitor I flew like a flash,  
Sat down at the keyboard, gave the spacebar a  
mash.

The sight on the screen, a flicker with snow  
Gave the luster of power surge to the menu  
below.  
When, what to my wandering eyes should  
appear,  
But an autoexec.bat that seemed rather queer.

With a little print driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment I had seen a new trick.  
More rapid than eagles my cursor it came;  
My voice box whistled, and shouted, and called  
me by name.

"Now format, now rename, copy, and enter!  
On num lock, on caps lock, on scroll lock, and  
printer.  
To the top of the page, to the top of the doc,  
Now tab it and bold it and merge it and block."

As utilities that build up the CPU speed  
Clash with just the programs I need,  
So up to the screen top the curser it flew,  
With a RAM full of memory and an extension  
board too.

And then, in a twinkling I heard on the speaker,  
The grinding of the hard drive growing much  
weaker

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As I tried to reboot and turn it around,  
The attributes changed from blue into brown.

I hit the control, the alt, and delete.  
The message it gave me, I cannot repeat.  
It asked me to Ignore, Retry, or Abort.  
It told me the parallel had become the comm  
port.

Its lights how they twinkled; its pixels how  
merry.  
Its prompts were all scrambled, like a bowl  
full of cherries.  
It sounded just like it wanted to blow;  
The screen was suddenly white as the snow.

It scrolled the directory before my eyes  
With programs I didn't even recognize.  
It wouldn't see D; it wouldn't see E.  
I couldn't get out of B into C.

Norton's tried to read it;  
It finally found the FAT;  
But alas!, the disk was faulty,  
And couldn't reformat.

Away flew the DBase;  
Away flew the Doses;  
Away flew the WordStar;  
Right out with the Windows.

The spreadsheets were spreading;  
The footers were heading;  
What once had been memory,  
Was close to forgetting.

When the grinding was over,  
And the smoke had all cleared,  
I looked at the unit,  
And it was just as I feared.

The 335 meg wonder had crashed in the  
night.

I'll never be able to block out that sight!  
So tell everyone to avoid my plight;  
Back up! Back up! Merry Christmas! Good  
Night!

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# THE EVOLUTION OF THE

# GEEK



When one hears the word geek, images are conjured of pocket protectors and rightstuds made out of old comic books. That old notion of geek-dom has since evolved into a new, tech-savvy, and dare we say cool geek.



## GECKEN

The term "geek" finds its origins in the 1500s, when it meant someone who was considered a fool. It is also thought to have come from the word, "gecken", used in 18th century Austria-Hungary to refer to circus performers whose acts included biting the head off of a live chicken.

## COMPUTER GEEK

## INTERNET GEEK

Internet geeks became widely popular during the 90s dot-com boom. This group includes programmers, web site builders and LISP speakers.

## GEEKUS PRIME

It was not until the 1950s that the term "geek" became associated with those who were passionate or obsessed with technology, or specific sub-cultures.



Includes: History geeks, Science geeks and Math geeks.

## ACADEMIC GEEK



## STEVE URKEL UBERGEEK



## TECH GEEK

These geeks became prevalent starting in 2004, obsessed with the ever-expanding collection of Apple products, tweeting, social networks and blogging.

Includes: Most fantasy-book geeks like Harry Potter, Twilight, Narnia and Lord of the Rings.



## BOOK GEEK



## POLITICS GEEK



## POP CULTURE GEEK

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## COMIC BOOK GEEK



## OTAKU GEEK



## WORLD OF WARCRAFT GEEK



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GEEK



## VIDEO GAME GEEK



## FILM GEEK

Includes: Sci-Fi geeks, Horror geeks, Zombie geeks, Tarantino geeks and Rocky Horror geeks.



## MUSIC GEEK

Music geeks specialize in bands and genres of music never heard of before, such as Swedish fugal opera.



## STAR WARS GEEK



## STAR TREK GEEK



## FOOD GEEK



## DESIGN GEEK



## THEATRE GEEK



## FANTASY FOOTBALL GEEK



## GLEE GEEK



## THEATRE GEEK

## GEEK CHIC VARIANTS

### A NEW DEFINITION

In the past, being described as a geek was considered an insult, for it reflected a certain manner of social skills or status. Today, it is used to describe someone impressioned or obsessed by a particular area or interest. This reclamation of "geek" has even gone so far as to filter into commerce, with the ever-popular "Geek Squad" from Best Buy.

## GEEK CHIC

At the beginning of the 21st century, a new trend embraced the stereotypical qualities of a geek. This look became especially popular amongst hipsters, who delighted in the irony of a hip-geek aesthetic.

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# The Sacred Order of Geeks

Spanned from the union of yesterday's memes and obsessive technophiles, the mythical empire of Geekdom has been steadily expanding for decades, evolving and diversifying at each turn. Though hailing from different territories of geek, each new variety marches under the same banner. Check out some of the diverse inhabitants of Geektopia and see where you fit in.

## Das Übergeek

The one geek to rule them all

Has multiple Linux builds on multiple hard drive partitions

Fluently codes in 5+ languages while listening to recordings of Neil deGrasse Tyson breathing



## Apple Fanboy Geek

Uses the word "intuitive" as often as possible

Doesn't technically know what a megahertz is, but waxes nostalgic for all 300 his bright-orange iBook boosted

Though unemployed, can be spotted wandering around the Apple Store helping customers

## Chic Geek

Paired offords with shorts before seeing it on The Sartorialist

Knows the chefs by name at top-rated restaurants

Has never set foot in an Old Navy



## Cosplay Geek

Flashes battleaxe / cleavage in every photo

Will have you know that anime is more than "just hentai porn"

Can be spotted downing Redbulls after pulling an all-nighter putting the finishing touches on a codpiece

## Star Wars Geek

Knows that the 12 parsecs of Han Solo's Kessel Run are a distance, not time, measurement

Owens an old VHS cassette of Return of the Jedi with suspiciously worn out sections of tape due to excessive rewinding and rewatching

At war with Trekkie Geeks



## Trekkie Geek

Knows over 10 ways to say "honor" in Klingon

Only consumes "hard" science fiction, none of that "soft" drivel

At war with Star Wars Geeks

## Pop Culture Geek

Knew about Britney Spears' divorce before even she did

Has applied to The Real World for five consecutive years

Knows the entire history of the Kardashians dynasty



## Sports Geek

Owens a baseball card collection more impressive than any 13-year-old boy's

Though not physically able to play sports, detests his alpha male counterparts every holiday season

Knows what beer pairs best with each professional sports league

## Film Geek

Knows who Jim Jarmusch was before Coffee and Cigarettes

Won't permit the eating of food during screenings

Will tell anyone who'll listen that "3D is destroying film's artistry"



## Encyclopedia Geek

Spends upwards of two hours every day browsing random Wikipedia articles

Kills conversations daily with phrases like: "That reminds me of Ibn Battuta's 14th century exploration of Galata"

Thinks Jeopardy! is too mainstream

## Music Geek

Knows the difference between math rock and surfrock

Stores online playlists for obscure 70s ambient electronics vinyl

Claims to possess a vinyl of spin from Donald Fagen's saxophone



## Gamer Geek

Shouts "I man!" after every chugged Mountain Dew Code Red

Thinks Final Fantasy VII is the greatest story ever told

Plays DDA: Xtreme Beach Volleyball for the "physics engine"

## Gadget Geek

Likes any device that can be described as "modular"

Brings a solar-powered shower camping

Subscribes to Popular Mechanics and shops at The Sharper Image



## Comic Book Geek

Claims to have once touched a copy of Action Comics No. 1

Knows the entire history and mythology of the Marvel and DC universes

Can accurately predict the outcome of any hypothetical battle between any two superheroes

## Craft Geek

Calls televisions "picture boxes"

Can knit from zero to bivyknit in 0.6 seconds

Is on a first-name basis with the staff at Jo Ann Fabrics and Home Depot



## Internet Geek

Identifies with other 4chan or Reddit, but never blogs

Takes an unhealthy amount of pride in discovering new content before anyone else

Reads infographics about geeks



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