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Thread: [AA Weekly Poll #13: Streaming vs Downloading](#)

Angel Beats! - June 16, 2012, 10:47 pm

Hey AA, it's time for our weekly poll. For this one you are choosing your preferred method of watching anime! (Streaming vs Downloading specifically)

[Last week's poll results:](#)

By one vote, watching anime on a laptop was the most popular way to watch anime on AA!

This week's poll: Do you normally stream your anime, or watch a local copy (Download/dvd/etc...)?

This poll is really straight forward and only has 2 options. You're choosing which method of watching you use the most.

Streaming

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) Includes all forms of watching anime over the internet, or anything like that. Netflix, streaming sites, anime channels, and on-demand are all forms of this.

Downloading

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) Any sort of local copy. I'm using the term downloading because that's the most popular way of receiving said local copy, but for today, any sort of local way of watching anime without the need for internet connection goes here

Feel free to leave a comment as to why you picked what you picked. This is not a debate thread. Poll is public and single choice only. Poll will close in 5 days.

I think it was sp3ctr3's turn but he forgot, and he's not on skype atm for me to remind him so whatever. Twice the fama for AA ^.^"

Know a good poll topic? [PM me](#) or [PM Sp3ctr3](#) and your topic may (actually almost probably will, we're running out of ideas; SERIOUSLY, pm us) be the next AA poll!

Dr Achtogonapus - June 16, 2012, 11:02 pm

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Angel Beats! - June 16, 2012, 11:04 pm

(Jun 16, 2012 11:02 PM)Dr Achtogonapus Wrote: ([CITE](#)) I prefer to stream. Otherwise my second preferred option is to purchase.

Same, crunchyroll 4 lyfe! If it's not available to stream legally I'll usually pirate it, and buy any show that I like if it's not too expensive and actually available to buy.

Roflkittiez - June 16, 2012, 11:22 pm

Download all the way. Its free, fast, better quality, and since their files I can watch them on my TV or when I dont want fuck my bandwidth.

Dr Achtogonapus - June 16, 2012, 11:23 pm

Oh yeah for sure. I buy all my anime through right stuf. They always have great deals. Just check out the bargain bin.

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I normally buy there as well although I have bought some series on iTunes because I had credit w/ nothing else to buy.

2awesome4u - June 16, 2012, 11:31 pm

I always stream Anime episodes because my internet sucks when downloading stuffs.

KinGxKeV - June 16, 2012, 11:46 pm

I stream the majority of my anime but there are some series I have downloaded so I can watch them whenever

KernelMode - June 16, 2012, 11:48 pm

I always stream. If I can't find it on youtube (in good quality)/netflix/hulu/crunchyroll then I download.

Programmargorp - June 17, 2012, 12:09 am

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Fox - June 17, 2012, 1:19 am

I download all of my anime because you could watch them anytime, even without an internet connection.

I'm also able to share them and/or convert them so that I could watch them on other devices such as my iPhone.

Snowybaby - June 17, 2012, 1:28 am

Most of the time I stream episodes, but sometimes if I have time I will download them so I don't have to watch ads on hulu.

?hadow - June 17, 2012, 1:29 am

Downloading, but it doesn't seem have to counted my vote in the poll. Unfortunate.

b a e - June 17, 2012, 3:08 am

I prefer to stream because I get these sudden impulses to watch anime, and by the time I download the anime I Want to watch I feel like doing something else.

SIM-524734 - June 17, 2012, 4:04 am

I prefer my anime streamed if possible, but if I can't find a good stream, I will always download it :)

Professor Pantsu - June 17, 2012, 4:30 am

It's 2012, there's no reason not to download everything. Steaming is shit in, the quality is shit, the built in internet media players are shit and the whole idea of streaming anime is shit. It's not like you can't watch anime when it downloads or delete it when it's done if you're worried about waiting or HDD space. All those people who slave over the anime subbing it and encoding it put it up for download themselves, why not use their nice, high quality, well organized and propertied name files when they're always available. With streams half the time you don't know the fansubbers unless they throw their name in the video itself, you're not even supporting the fansubbers when you stream.

Montie-Kin - June 17, 2012, 7:01 am

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Maybe because you don't know how to watch anime. I'm on a shit tier satellite connection and I still can watch 720p anime on the spot while it's downloading on my piece of shit laptop with a beautiful quality. I bet you get your music from youtube.

Belgio - June 17, 2012, 8:29 am

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30gb a month? What the hell?

I download my anime as you can't beat that 1080p Blue Ray quality. I occasionally stream when I am unsure about and a anime and want to see if its any good.

ven0m - June 17, 2012, 8:54 am

I prefer downloading all the episodes and then watching them on my free time.

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You can watch anime as it downloads you know, at a much higher quality. And if you need the HDD space you can just delete them. It's not like HDD space isn't cheap.

Verts - June 17, 2012, 9:11 am

I just download them. Personally buffering is my arch nemesis. Plus it is so much faster to download the entire series in say 10 minutes (which most 4gb series take for me) than watching one episode for 40 minutes including the 10 min buffering. I guess it is just personal preference though.

?aragon - June 17, 2012, 9:16 am

Sad to see that so many people actually stream.

Sir Smiles - June 17, 2012, 9:36 am

I don't have the post requirement to vote on the poll, but if I could I would definitely vote for downloading. I choose downloading purely for quality reasons.

Osu|Mofo - June 17, 2012, 9:43 am

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Elfen Lied - June 17, 2012, 10:54 am

I download becuae the quality is much better. I also buy anime dvd's but that comes into downloading too. I used to stream when I started watching anime but now I don't

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Same, if it's not on CrunchyRoll I download. Because, all of the free streams are either bad quality, or buffer, or don't work on iPhone. I would download, but converting MKV to mp4 just takes waaaay too much time. But, I'm waiting for the Asus Transformer Infinity to come out, that will play MKV files :)

rinluvr - June 17, 2012, 1:01 pm

I used to do nothing but download until I got that little warning letter from my ISP. Now I either stream on either Netflix or Crunchyroll.

Chaos Theory - June 17, 2012, 1:39 pm

Download. In the highest form of HD I can. I've got fairly epic internet speed most of the time so I can afford to do that luckily.

It's just so much more convenient. No buffering, no damn commercials or advertising, and you can easily stop and go whenever you want without having to find your place again.

Not against streaming though, I've done a lot of that too. Downloading just makes life easier.

Prox - June 17, 2012, 3:52 pm

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SIM-1000141 - June 17, 2012, 9:36 pm

To be honest, I prefer downloading because in the end you get better quality / can watch it whenever but I love streaming on movie-distro (quality's good too), so it's 50/50. Overall I love downloading then watching on my kindle fire the most.

Generation - June 17, 2012, 9:41 pm

Downloading it for me ensures the movie will not have any interruptions or shit like that can bother me (such as possible ads, lags, buffers, and other stuff)

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I watch from my tablet or ipod, and neither even have a 720p resolution, so CR is just about as good as it's gonna get for me. Interesting though. But I still prefer to support the content I'm consuming whenever possible.

syntaXeRRoR - June 17, 2012, 10:19 pm

Downloading. I can't stream since I seed anime that I downloaded and it slows down my internet so streaming is not an option.

Montie-Kin - June 17, 2012, 11:09 pm

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Incest - June 17, 2012, 11:22 pm

Downloading/hard copies.

I download at night, and watch during whenever the fuck I want. It's higher quality, and I have the luxury of not using bandwidth when I'm (or someone in my house is) doing some other internet-intensive.

Streaming hardly offers a fraction of the shows I watch (CR's selection is improving though every

season).

The last thing is archiving. I'm surprised that more of you guys don't care about keeping anime. A lot of anime fans I know are obsessed with their collections, and trying to store as much as they can. If I want to watch something 4000 times, then I only have to download it once this saves me 3999 downloads basically.

While yes it's nice to "support" the anime business, you could just as easily buy a \$10 series/movie every month. Heck, I buy more than \$10 worth of hard anime/month and I don't really enjoy dubs.

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Guy: Damn, he sounds cool. Though, I don't get the downloading hd anime brag. Anyway, what's his name?

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Guy: Why the fuck would he care?

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Guy: Why don't you talk about his cheap laptop then? I mean, he sounds like a spoiled kid...

Me: I just don't care. I don't even know him. He's just some random guy. I heard he was Dutch so I can't just walk to his house either. I wonder if he would do something about me walking up on him unexpectedly.

Guy: Probably nothing.

Me: Yeah, I agree.

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DoubleRainbow - June 18, 2012, 12:07 pm

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Orihime-chan - June 18, 2012, 12:45 pm

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lucemferro - June 18, 2012, 9:23 pm

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Angel Beats! - June 19, 2012, 8:30 am

(Jun 18, 2012 11:03 PM)?hadow Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So what side are you on? Being both a supporter and a pirate.

Supporter when I can, pirate when I can't. Depends if crunchyroll/hulu/youtube actually has the series I'm looking for w/ subs available to stream legally.

GL1TCH3D - June 19, 2012, 11:24 am

I download most of my anime simply because I can then share it with my friends. With our limited bandwidth here in Canada, sharing helps a lot.

Incest - June 19, 2012, 7:24 pm

(Jun 18, 2012 09:31 PM)La Fama Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ... while illegal fansubs are destroying it ...I find this statement slightly absurd. You're saying that illegal fansubs are destroying the anime business. Illegal fansubs are the reason why Crunchyroll exists. If there wasn't illegal fansubs, there would only be a select few on AA; those who can watch RAWs.

You're basically saying that movie pirates are destroying Hollywood. Hell no, they have more money than god.

I've given quite a bit of money to the "anime" industry as a whole, and it's all because of illegal fansubs. If they weren't around, I would still be watching Naruto on TV.

anasianguy - June 19, 2012, 10:20 pm

To tell the truth I would go with downloading as because I usually would like to watch it on my 62" tv but sometime when I'm not home or have an errand to run I would transfer the files to my phone and take it on the go mostly with my limited data plan I can't take the luxury of watching a good anime without the worry of my data eating up by the minutes.