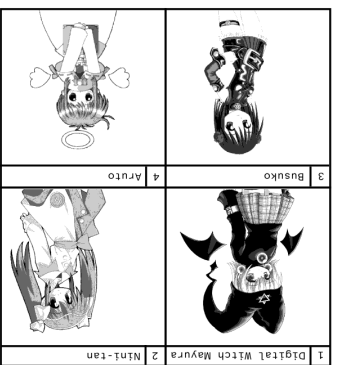


Their images are so iconic, even the people reporting them don't know of their origin!



You've probably seen one before without even realising it. Some of the most popular ukagaka - usually called "ghosts" in English - are anime girls that are often floating around on pinterest and aesthetic posts.

a familiar face? (๑_๑)

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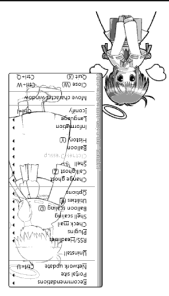
"UKAGAKA"

anyway?

a simple reference point for an obscure but fun hobby!

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They also have some other functions such as being able to read your emails, link you to websites, or write your schedule in their calendar.

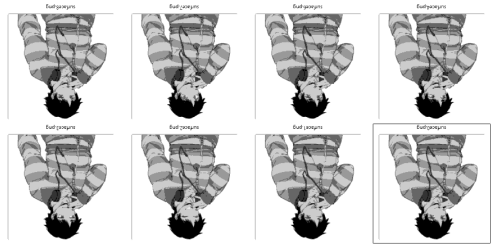


A ghost is essentially a desktop pet that (usually) sits at the bottom of your screen, and talks. Text appears in speech bubbles every couple of minutes or so, with the dialogue mostly randomised, although it can be also effected by time, date or any other special case the programmer decides on.

so what do they do? (͡° ͜ʖ ͡°) ?

1	Wiki	2	Forum
<p>ukagakadreamteam.com/wiki/home</p>		<p>forum.ukagakadreamteam.com</p>	
3	Webring	4	Dev tutorial
<p>ukagakawebring.netlify.app/</p>		<p>ashido.com/ukagaka/</p>	
5 My Ghosts			
<p>wizardbeetlez.bearblog.dev/projects/</p>		<p>This link will take you directly to where I keep a list of all my projects (including ghosts!)</p> <p>Alternatively you can find all of my stuff at:</p> <p>ilovetoxicwaste.net</p>	

More complex shells may involve the ability to dress them up or multiple alternate shells that can be used instead of the default.



The "shell" of the ghost is the artwork you look at. Shells can have simple to complex animation depending on what the creator wants, but most will just have a moving mouth when they talk, blinking eyes, and different emotions on the same character base.

ghost... in the shell? (͡° ͜ʖ ͡°)

modern times (͡° ͜ʖ ͡°)

These days, plenty of new English language ghosts exist and they're all very easy to run on a modern pc!

Most run off of the one program - called SSP (known as a "baseware") - so the only other thing you need to download is any ghost you'd like.

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There are plenty of English language resources now available to get you started with using SSP and downloading ghosts!

Ghosts are a fun, simple way to engage with someone's original character, or explore a new form of fan art through fan-made ghosts. They also help brighten up your computer by just looking pretty ^_^

Some other reasons many remain untranslated is because the English ghost community is still pretty small, and that many old ghosts are made on the older versions of software that may no longer be in use by modern users.

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