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People love to use abbreviations in mails, however these are often confusing for other (especially new) users:

- **AFAIK** ... As far as I know
- **ATM** ... At The Moment
- **AYSOS** ... Are you stupid or something? ... but never used on Apache mailing lists.
- **BTW** ... By the way
- **CLI** ... [CommandLine](#)
- **DYOR** ... Do your own research
- **FS** ... Flexibility Syndrome
- **FWIW** ... For what its worth
- **FYI** ... For Your Information
- **IANAL** ... I am not a lawyer
- **IIRC** ... If I recall correctly
- **IIUC** ... If I understand correctly
- **IMHO** ... In my humble opinion
- **IoC** ... Inversion of Control
- **JFDI** ... Just ... do it!
- **KISS** ... Keep it simple, stupid
- **NIH** ... Not Invented Here
- **NPOV** ... Neutral Point of View
- **OTOH** ... On the other hand
- **POV** ... Point of view
- **PDQ** ... Pretty Damn Quick
- **SOC** ... Separation of Concerns
- **WDYM** ... What Do You Mean
- **WDYT** ... What Do You (all) Think
- **YAGNI** ... You Ain't Gonna Need It
- **+1, -1**, etc. ... Voting indicators, see <http://apache.org/foundation/voting.html>

Pre-Subject Acronyms

- **[ANN]** ... announce
- **[FYI]** ... for your information
- **[HEADS UP]** ... this is unimportant but you should look anyway 😊 - *thanks to Steven Noels for this brilliant definition* 😊
- **[IMP]** ... IMPortant (I like [HEADS UP] much more... - SN)
- **[OT]** ... off-topic
- **[PATCH]** ... from bugzilla, indicates someone submitted a patch
- **[RT]** ... random thought
- **[SUMMARY]** ... summing up of a problem and proposed/working solutions to it (if possible, summaries should be done on this Wiki, with the SUMMARY mail containing only a link)
- **[WOT]** ... way off-topic. Wide open throttle elsewhere.

some special ones

- **Antwort** ... Re: in German
- **AW:** abbreviation of antwort
- **AW: AW: AW: AW: AW:** ... a bunch of Germans having a discussion
- **AW: Re: AW: Re: AW:** ... Germans talk to other people too

(thanks to Jeremy Quinn for these)

- **FWAYRATJ** ... Frankly, Why Are You Reading All This Junk (just made it up 🙄)
- **DO NOT REPLY** ... from bugzilla, an attempt to initiate a discussion when day is slow.

You might also want to look at [All Acronyms](#)] and [<http://www.all-acronyms.com/?g=9>].