



MangaDex
Title Tagging Guidelines

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Content Rating

- **Safe:** No obscene or vulgar depictions of the human body, including nudity, sexual content, provocative clothing, or suggestive scenes.
 - Examples of inappropriate content for this rating include scenes that focus on physical allure or romantic implications through clothing or behavior.
- **Suggestive:** Contains minor to moderate sensual elements such as flirtation, teasing, or implied intimacy. Minor nudity may be present (e.g., a bare back or shoulder) but is not the focus. No explicit sexual activity or sexualized nudity is depicted.
- **Erotica:** Features a significant amount of sensuality and sexual content that contributes to the story. Explicit nudity and sex scenes are included, but the plot and character development remain the primary focus. The intent is not purely for sexual arousal.
- **Pornographic:** Sexual content is the primary focus, and the main intent is to sexually arouse the audience. Any depiction of genitals in a sexual context (even if censored with whiteout, black bars, or mosaics) automatically falls under this category.

Publication Status

These tags refer to the publication status of the title **in the country of origin**, not on MangaDex.

- **Ongoing:** Still being actively published.
- **Completed:** Officially finished and no further chapters will be released.
- **Hiatus:** Temporarily paused with official notice from the author or publisher. The work is expected to resume.
- **Cancelled:** Discontinued and will not resume, possibly without official notice from the author or publisher.

Content Warnings

- **Gore:** Detailed depictions of violence or physical trauma, including excessive blood or bodily harm. The content should be tagged if it involves graphic and extended scenes of violence, not just brief or stylized depictions.
- **Sexual Violence:** Depicts themes or scenes involving rape, sexual assault, or any other non-consensual sexual acts. Incidents that involve coercion or forced intimacy should be tagged here.

Demographic

These tags are only applicable to titles where the original language is Japanese. They reflect the target audience of the magazine where the work was first published, regardless of the content.

- **Shounen:** Published in a magazine with a target of adolescent boys and young men, typically aged 12–18.
- **Shoujo:** Published in a magazine with a target of adolescent girls and young women, typically aged 12–18.
- **Seinen:** Published in a magazine with a target of adult men, typically aged 18 and above.
- **Josei:** Published in a magazine with a target of adult women, typically aged 18 and above.
- **None:** Published with no clear demographic target, with potential to appeal to a broad audience regardless of age or gender.

Format

- **4-Koma:** Comics that consist of four vertically arranged panels.
- **Adaptation:** A work that was originally created in another medium, such as a novel, animation or video game. Adaptations of anthologies should not use this tag.
- **Anthology:** A collection of short stories from various authors.
- **Award Winning:** A series that has won a recognized industry award.
- **Doujinshi:** Independently published works, often based on existing intellectual property (e.g., fan works).
- **Fan Colored:** An unofficial, fan-colored version of an originally monochrome series.
- **Full Color:** A series that was originally published in full color.
- **Long Strip:** Pages arranged vertically, designed to be read continuously without distinct page breaks.
- **Official Colored:** An official-colored version of an originally monochrome series, released by the publisher.
- **Oneshot:** A single-chapter work.
- **Self-Published:** A work uploaded by the original creator.
- **Web Comic:** A series published online on platforms such as Pixiv or Twitter.

Genre

- **Action:** Focuses heavily on combat and fight scenes.
- **Adventure:** Characters embark on a journey, whether for exploration or to achieve a specific goal.
- **Boys' Love:** Stories centered on romantic or sexual relationships between male characters. This genre encompasses various levels of explicitness.
- **Comedy:** Intended to entertain or provoke laughter.
- **Crime:** Focuses on criminal activities from either the perspective of law enforcement or criminals.
- **Drama:** Character-driven stories with emotionally intense situations and relationships.
- **Fantasy:** Stories set in fantastical worlds, often involving magic, mythical creatures, or medieval settings.
- **Girls' Love:** Stories centered on romantic or sexual relationships between female characters. Like Boys' Love, content may vary in explicitness.
- **Historical:** Set in the past, whether based on real-world history or a fictionalized historical period.
- **Horror:** Intended to evoke fear or suspense.
- **Isekai:** The protagonist is transported to another world, time, or virtual realm.
- **Magical Girls:** Focuses on girls (or occasionally boys) who use magical powers and often transform to battle evil forces.
- **Mecha:** Features large, often humanoid robots engaged in combat.
- **Medical:** Stories centered around the medical profession or healthcare.
- **Mystery:** Characters are faced with a problem or secret they must solve or uncover.
- **Philosophical:** Explores existential or moral questions through its characters or plot.
- **Psychological:** Focuses on the internal, emotional, and mental struggles of the characters.
- **Romance:** Centers on the development of romantic relationships.
- **Sci-Fi:** Stories centered on science and technology, often set in the future or in alternate realities.
- **Slice of Life:** Depicts everyday life with minimal drama or conflict.
- **Sports:** Focuses on athletic activities or competitions.
- **Superhero:** Features characters with superhuman abilities who are identified as heroes.
- **Thriller:** Dark, suspenseful stories that build tension and anxiety.
- **Tragedy:** Focuses on suffering and loss, often leading to emotional catharsis.
- **Wuxia:** Chinese fiction centered on martial artists in a fantastical setting.

Theme

- **Aliens:** Focuses on characters from other planets or dimensions.
- **Animals:** Stories involving non-human animals, often as main characters or with human-like traits.
- **Cooking:** Food preparation, enjoyment, or analysis is central to the plot.
- **Crossdressing:** Characters wear clothing traditionally associated with the opposite sex.
- **Delinquents:** Stories about high schoolers who defy societal norms, often involving fights and friendships.
- **Demons:** Intelligent, often malevolent, creatures from hell or dark mythology.
- **Genderswap:** Characters switch sex, either temporarily or permanently.
- **Ghosts:** Features spirits of deceased individuals.
- **Gyaru:** Focuses on the Japanese subculture of trendy, Westernized fashion and behavior.
- **Harem:** At least three female characters compete for the male protagonist's affection.
- **Incest:** Sexual relationships between family members.
- **Loli:** Features young or childlike female characters with suggestive undertones. This tag can only be used for works rated "Suggestive" or higher.
- **Mafia:** Centers around organized crime.
- **Magic:** Features mystical or supernatural elements.
- **Martial Arts:** Stories focused on combat techniques developed for self-defense or sport.
- **Military:** Involves armed forces, warfare, or military tactics.
- **Monster Girls:** Female characters depicted as supernatural creatures.
- **Monsters:** Non-human creatures that play a central role in the plot.
- **Music:** Music plays a significant role in the story or the characters' lives.
- **Ninja:** Covert operatives using martial arts and stealth techniques.
- **Office Workers:** Focused on workplace life and professional interactions.
- **Police:** Law enforcement characters involved in crime-solving.
- **Post-Apocalyptic:** Set after a catastrophic event that has devastated society.
- **Reincarnation:** Protagonists are reborn in another world or time.
- **Reverse Harem:** At least two male characters competing for the affection of a female protagonist.
- **Samurai:** Focuses on traditional Japanese warriors and their culture.
- **School Life:** Set in or around a school, with student characters.
- **Shota:** Features young or childlike male characters with suggestive undertones. This tag can only be used for works rated "Suggestive" or higher.
- **Supernatural:** Involves otherworldly elements such as ghosts, urban legends, or paranormal phenomena.
- **Survival:** Characters face extreme circumstances where they must fight for survival.

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- **Time Travel:** Characters travel through time.
- **Traditional Games:** Games that reflect the setting's culture or folklore.
- **Vampires:** Features blood-drinking, immortal beings with supernatural traits.
- **Video Games:** Stories centered around electronic gaming.
- **Villainess:** A subgenre of isekai where a female antagonist often has prior knowledge of the world she inhabits.
- **Virtual Reality:** Characters interact in a fully simulated digital world.
- **Zombies:** Reanimated corpses that play a central role in the story.

Relations

Paired Relations

- Prequel / Sequel
- Monochrome / Colored
- Serialization / Pre-serialization
- Doujinshi / Based On
- Adapted From / Spin Off
- Main Story / Side Story

Mirrored Relations

- Same Franchise
- Shared Universe
- Alternate Story