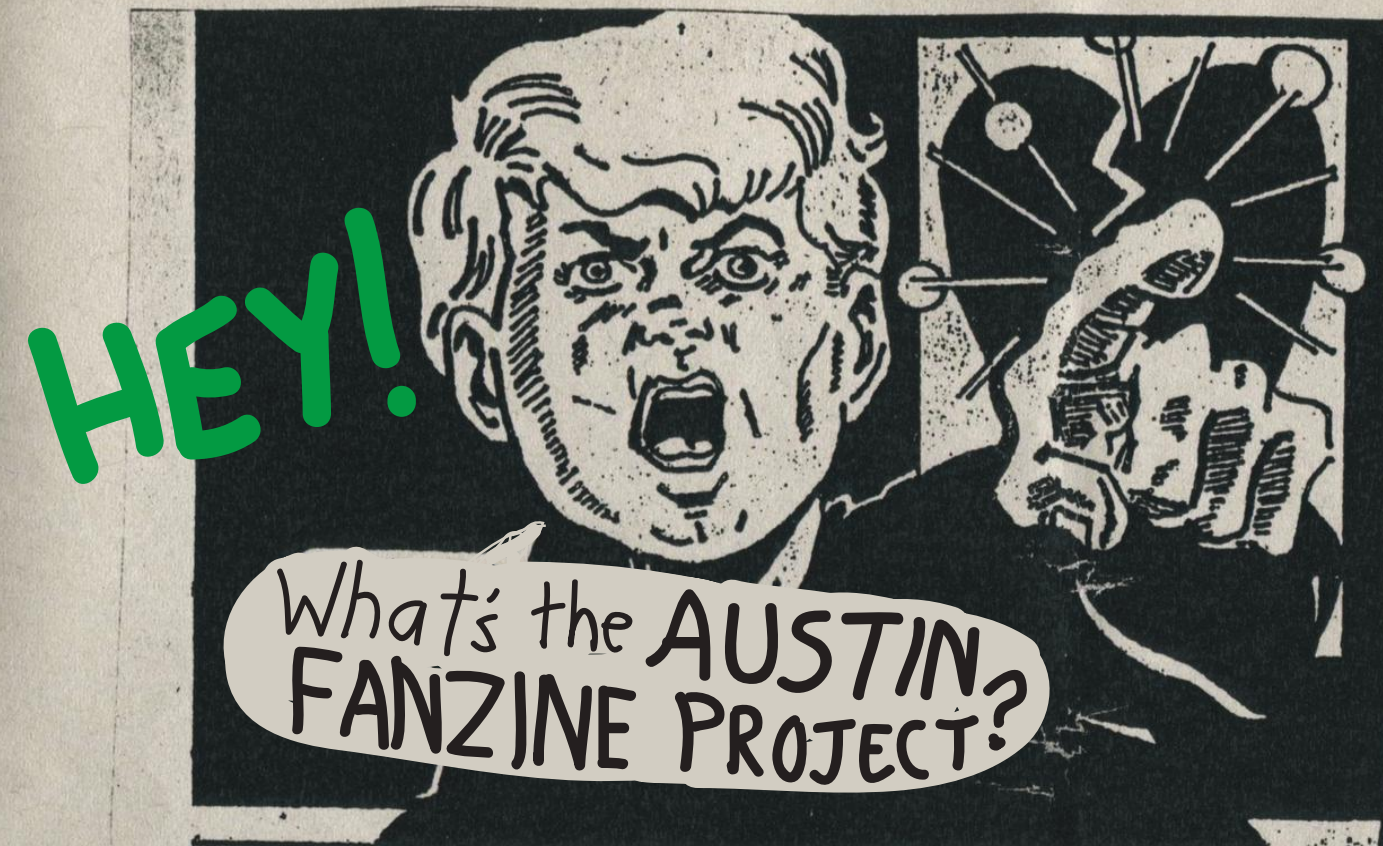


Austin FANZINE Project

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-The Challenge: Normalization of Crowdsourced Zine Transcription



OK, SO LAST ISSUE I SAID go see 'em live!

Austin Fanzine Project is an ongoing digitization project working towards providing the user with a historic snapshot of a volatile local subculture: the Austin underground music scene of the 1990's. Since its inception in 2012, the Austin Fanzine Project has expanded beyond its initial goals of fanzine digitization to providing enhanced user access and community involvement through the adoption of data visualization techniques, crowdsourced transcription and indexing efforts and, most recently, a collaboration with the Early Modern OCR Project.

The Challenge: The Austin Fanzine Project has begun to crowdsource transcription of its currently digitized fanzines through use of the open source, collaborative transcription platform FromThePage. While FromThePage offers suggestions and tips to guide users in their transcription efforts, it has become necessary to provide these volunteers with a task framework specific to the collection, so that the resulting crowdsourced data is consistent, accurate, and true to the intent and feel of the original cultural material.



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Transcription Example:

Geek Weekly #6

"flying on a weird gust since 1994."



Michael Corcoran Interview
Memphis
Man Drinks Liquid Nitrogen

<---Original Zine Page

Text Entered by User:

Geek Weekly #6
<i>"flying on a weird gust since 1994."</i>
[image: photo, black lab pup lying on grass]
<i>[[Michael Corcoran]] Interview
[[Memphis, TN|Memphis]]
Man Drinks Liquid Nitrogen</i>

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Resulting Transcription---

My Products: I created the following materials, to be made available to volunteers on Austin Fanzine Project's transcription site on FromThePage . . .

A set of zine transcription guidelines

A set of guidelines for zine tagging and indexing (presented as an optional 2nd step)

An updated categorical subject index to be used in zine tagging