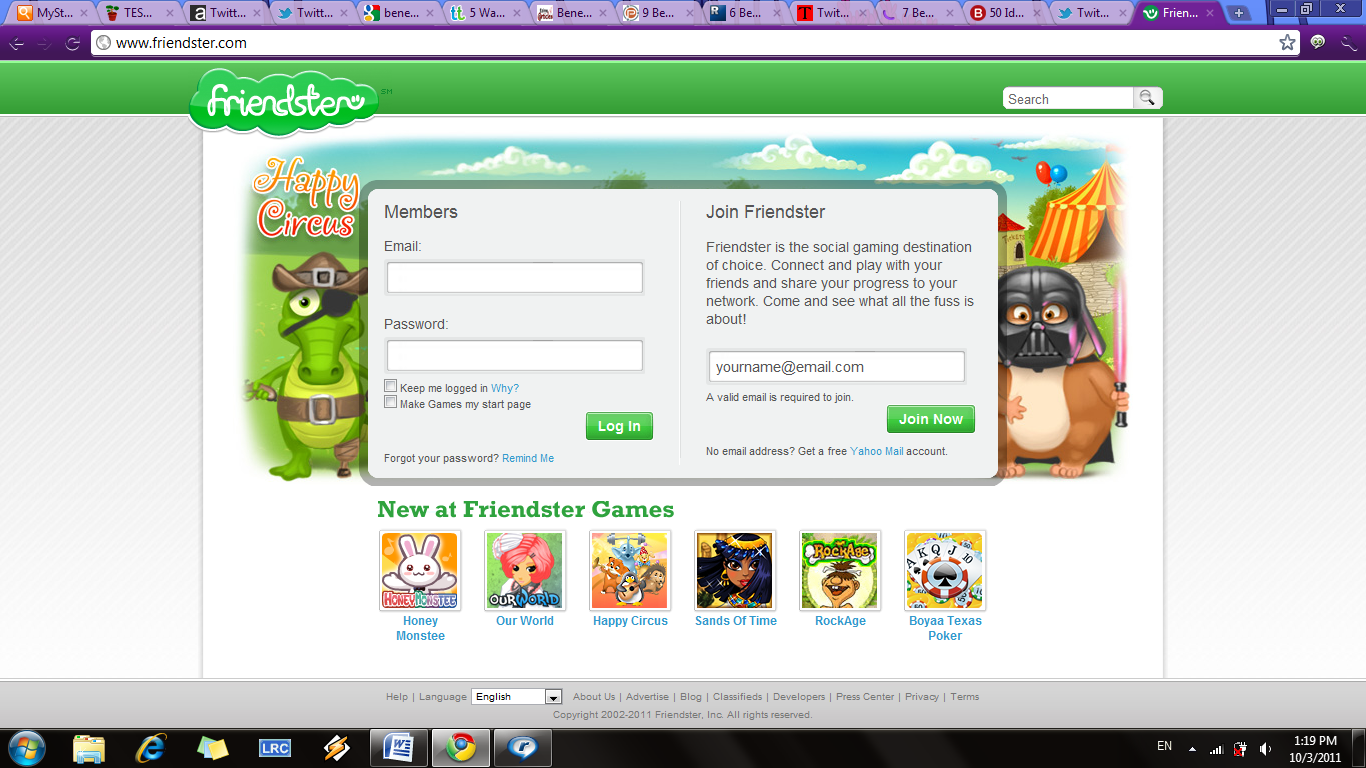


**WHAT IS IT?**

Twitter is a free social messaging resource which enables you to stay connected with anyone in real time. It is almost the same with Friendster and Facebook.

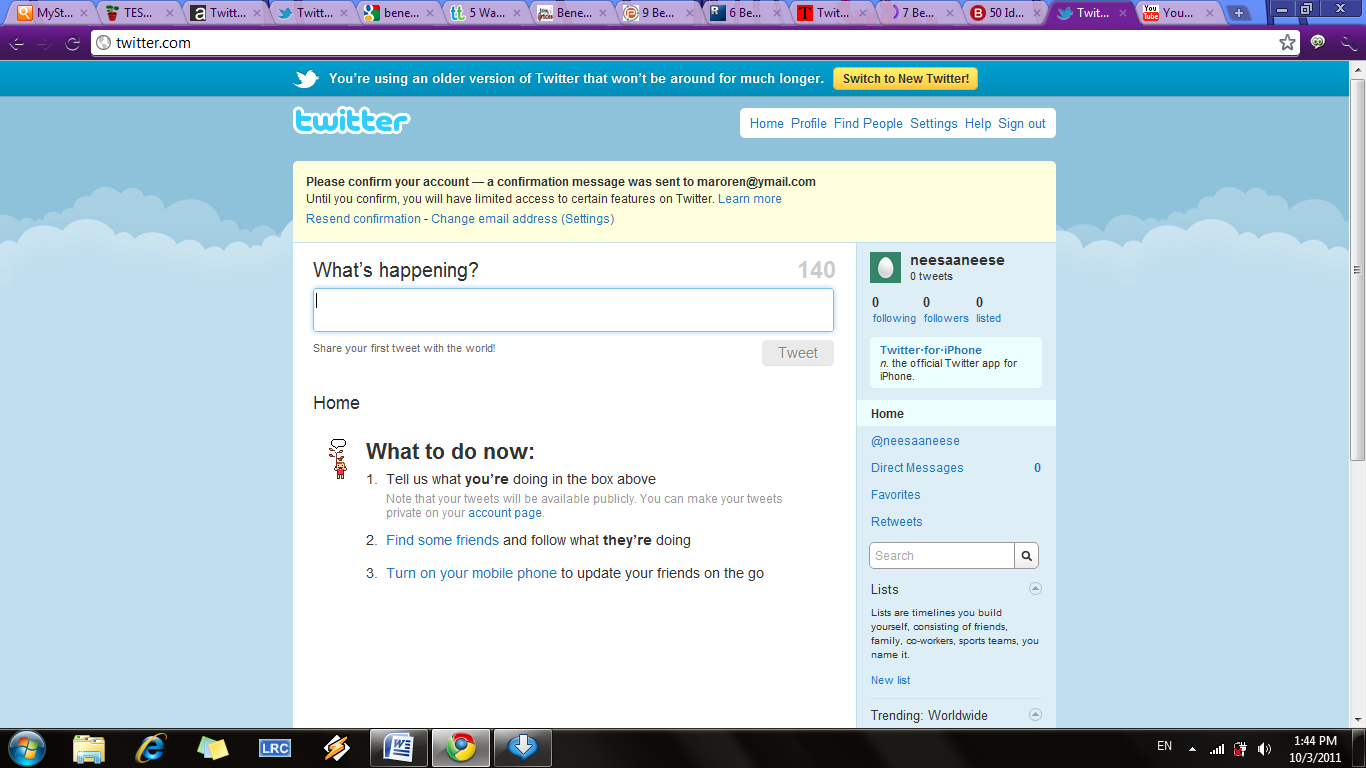
\*\*Friendster



\*\*Facebook



\*\*Twitter



The short format of the tweet is a defining characteristic of the service, allowing informal collaboration and quick information sharing that provides relief from rising email and IM fatigue. Twittering is also a less gated method of communication. You can share information with people that you wouldn't normally exchange email or IM messages with, opening up your circle of contacts to an ever-growing community of like-minded people.

You can send your messages using the Twitter website directly, as a single SMS alert, or via a third-party application such as Twirl, Snitter, or the Twitterfox add-on for Firefox.

**BENEFITS OF USING TWITTER**

* Classroom community.
* Exploring collaborative writing.
* Explore the potential of micro blogging in formal and informal settings.
* A tool for assessing opinion, examining consensus, looking for outlying ideas.
* Creating a learning experience.
* Reference services.
* It’s fun and gives students more insight into what's really going on in courses.
* It’s a good way of making a quick announcement.
* Teachers are connecting their students to the real world.

**DISADVATAGES OF TWITTER**

* Can be addictive.
* Writing to 140 characters could leads to bad grammar skills.
* Distract the students from focusing on ideas that it is explore in class.
* In schools also allows much faster spreading of rumours.
* Your potential response rate is going to be fairly limited.
* Can be ‘rude’ (lack of the courtesy): students should listen to what the teacher or lecturer is saying, not be twittering to their friends.
* The twittering going on in a lesson sometimes can be too distracting.

**TWITTER TOOLS AND PRODUCTIVITY APPS**

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| **TOOL** | **FUNCTION** | **PAGE** |
| [**Twittercal**](http://twittercal.com/) | **Twittercal is a service that connects your Twitter account to your Google Calendar and lets you add events easily, directly from your Twitter account.** | [Cal in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittercal.com/) |
| [**Twitpay**](http://twitpay.me/) | **TwitPay is a simple way to send payments via Twitter.** | [Pay in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitpay.me/) |
| [**Twibs**](http://twibs.com/) | **Find, follow and interact with businesses, apps and services on Twitter.** | [Twibs in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twibs.com/) |
| [**Twittermail.com**](http://twittermail.com/) | **Users can post to their Twitter account by sending a message to their own unique email address.** | [Twmail in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittermail.com/) |
| [**Twitzu**](http://twitzu.com/) | **Promote your business, special offers, promotions and events with Twitzu.** | [Twitzu in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitzu.com/) |
| [**Twuffer**](http://twuffer.com/) | **Twuffer allows the Twitter user to compose a list of future tweets and schedule their release.** | [Twuffer in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twuffer.com/) |
| [**TweetLater**](http://www.tweetlater.com/) | **This app allows you to post Tweets at a later time and date.** | [Tweetlater in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.tweetlater.com/) |
| [**GroupTweet**](http://grouptweet.com/) | **Send private Twitter messages to specific groups of friends.** | [Grouptweet in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://grouptweet.com/) |
| [**Twitter Alerts**](http://tweetbeep.com/) | **Keep track of conversations that mention you, your products, your company and anything else, via hourly email updates.** | [Beep in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://tweetbeep.com/) |
| [**TwitPic**](http://twitpic.com/) | **TwitPic lets you share photos on Twitter. You can post pictures to TwitPic from your phone, the TwitPic home page or your Twitter account.** | [Twitpic in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitpic.com/) |
| [**Your Twitter Karma**](http://dossy.org/twitter/karma/) | **Twitter needs a decent page for your followers, with the functionality to sort them by type. This Web app does that.** | [Karma in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://dossy.org/twitter/karma/) |
| [**Mr. Tweet**](http://www.mrtweet.net/) | **A personal networking assistant for Twitter, helping you identify relevant followers, recommending you to other users and regularly computing your Twitter usage statistics.** | [Mrtweet in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.mrtweet.net/) |
| [**Remember The Milk**](http://www.rememberthemilk.com/services/twitter/) | **Remember The Milk keeps track of your tasks. Simply add Remember The Milk as your friend, and you can add and interact with your tasks through direct messages and get reminders, too.** | [Rtm in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.rememberthemilk.com/services/twitter/) |
| [**StrawPoll**](http://strawpollnow.com/) | **StrawPoll is the coolest way to follow the opinions of people on Twitter. With this app, you can create your own poll.** | [Straw in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://strawpollnow.com/) |
| [**Twiddict**](http://www.twiddict.com/login) | **If Twitter goes down and you start to feel withdrawal symptoms, use this service to continue using it. Twiddict makes sure all your tweets end up going to the proper place.** | [Twiddict in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twiddict.com/login) |
| [**Twitter Friends Network Browser**](http://www.neuroproductions.be/twitter_friends_network_browser/) | **Browse through your Twitter friends, your friends’ friends, your friends’ friends’ friends…** | [5k in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.neuroproductions.be/twitter_friends_network_browser/) |
| [**Twitterfeed**](http://twitterfeed.com/) | **Post your RSS feed to Twitter automatically.** | [Twfeed in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitterfeed.com/) |
| [**Twitturly**](http://twitturly.com/) | **Twitturly is a service for tracking what URLs people are talking about, as they talk about them, on Twitter.** | [Twirrlu in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitturly.com/) |
| [**Twittonary**](http://www.twittonary.com/) | **The Twitter Dictionary, aka Twittonary, provides explanations of various Twitter-related words.** | [Dic in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twittonary.com/) |
| [**twtQpon**](http://twtqpon.com/) | **Enhance your social media marketing by offering discount coupons to the Twitter-sphere!** | [Twtq in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twtqpon.com/) |
| [**twenglish**](http://twenglish.com/) | **Twitter translator: Simply type in your tweet, and twenglish will twanslate your tweet for you.** | [Trans in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twenglish.com/) |
| [**twtcard**](http://twtcard.com/) | **Send a greeting card, a surprise message or an invitation on Twitter.** | [Twcard in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twtcard.com/) |
| [**Tweet What You Spend**](http://www.tweetwhatyouspend.com/) | **Cash-tracking made simple with Twitter.** | [Spend in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.tweetwhatyouspend.com/) |
| [**Twittertise**](http://twittertise.com/) | **Twittertise allows you to advertise on Twitter and track the success of your branded communications with customers.** | [Twitterise in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittertise.com/) |
| [**TwitWall**](http://twitwall.com/) | **With TwitWall, you can embed your favorite videos and widgets and upload your photos, MP3 music, podcasts, you name it.** | [Twitwall in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitwall.com/) |

**others:**  
[UnTweeps](http://untweeps.mobeezy.mobi/)  
Unfollow Tweeps who have not posted tweets recently.

[TwitRand();](http://twitrand.com/)  
Select a random Twitter follower, friend or retweeter.

[TwitBlocker](http://www.tangerineworks.com/twitblocker/)  
If you become overwhelmed by a Twitter user’s constant tweets, you can keep them quiet with a single click of a button.

[Twitterless](http://twitterless.com/)  
Twitterless tells you who stops following you and graphs your follower history over time, displaying the info in a variety of useful views.

[Twonvert](http://twonvert.com/)  
With Twonvert, you can easily convert your tweets into SMS shorthand language and say more with less character.

[Postica](http://www.posti.ca/)  
Create a sticky note for your tweets.

[twi8r](http://twi8r.com/)  
Translate from English to text message shorthand and vice versa.

**TWITTER STATISTICS AND ANALYTICS**

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| **TOOL** | **FUNCTION** | **PAGE** |
| [**Twitterholic.com**](http://twitterholic.com/) | **This website is constantly being updated to allow you to find the most popular Twitter users. Want to be on the list? Twitter constantly.** | [Holic in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitterholic.com/) |
| [**TweetStats**](http://tweetstats.com/) | **An app that tracks your number of tweets per hour and per month. It basically creates a graph based on your tweets.** | [Stats in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://tweetstats.com/) |
| [**Twitter Grader**](http://twitter.grader.com/) | **Twitter Grader measures the power of your Twitter profile. How high do yourrank?** | [Grader in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitter.grader.com/) |
| [**twInfluence**](http://twinfluence.com/) | **Similar to Twitter Grader, twInfluence lets you calculate the indirect influence of you and your followers on Twitter.** | [Inf in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twinfluence.com/) |
| [**TwitterCounter**](http://twittercounter.com/) | **A thorough analytical Web app.** | [Counter in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittercounter.com/) |
| [**tweetVolume**](http://www.tweetvolume.com/) | **Enter keywords or a phrase and see how often it appears on Twitter.** | [Volume in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.tweetvolume.com/) |
| [**Twist**](http://twist.flaptor.com/?tz=0) | **See trends on Twitter; find out what’s hot and what people are saying about it.** | [Twist in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twist.flaptor.com/?tz=0) |
| [**TweetRush**](http://tweetrush.com/) | **TweetRush provides estimated statistics on Twitter usage over a period of time.** | [Rush in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://tweetrush.com/) |
| [**Tweetwasters**](http://tweetwasters.com/) | **Just how much time do you spend on Twitter? Are you wasting time?** | [Waste in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://tweetwasters.com/) |

**FIND NEW TWITTER FRIENDS APPS**

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| **TOOL** | **FUNCTION** | **PAGE** |
| [**TwitterTroll.com**](http://www.twittertroll.com/) | **TwitterTroll.com is a real-time Twitter search engine to find new friends.** | [Troll in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twittertroll.com/) |
| [**Just Tweet It**](http://justtweetit.com/) | **Just Tweet It makes it easier for tweeters to find other tweeters with similar interests.** | [Tweetit in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://justtweetit.com/) |
| [**Friend or Follow**](http://friendorfollow.com/) | **Who are you following who is not following you back?** | [Fof in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://friendorfollow.com/) |
| [**Qwitter: Catching Twitter quitters**](http://useqwitter.com/) | **Qwitter emails you when someone stops following you on Twitter.** | [Qwit in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://useqwitter.com/) |
| [**Twubble**](http://www.crazybob.org/twubble/) | **Twubble is a Twitter extension that helps you find more friends.** | [Twubble in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.crazybob.org/twubble/) |
| [**Twitter Follower-Friend Ratio**](http://twitterratio.com/) | **Your Twitter ratio is the ratio of your followers to friends (i.e. people you follow). It is measured with the TFF ratio (Twitter follower to friend ratio). The higher the ratio, the more Twitter heat you pack.** |  |
| [**Nearby Tweets**](http://nearbytweets.com/) | **Who is tweeting close to you? This app helps you connect with them.** |  |

**SEARCH TWITTER APPS**

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| [**WhosTalkin**](http://whostalkin.com/) | **WhosTalkin is a tool that allows users to search for conversations on the topics they care about most.** | [Whos in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://whostalkin.com/) |
| [**Twitter Search**](http://search.twitter.com/) | **Search Twitter is an excellent search engine that allows you to find out what’s happening in the world beyond your personal timeline.** | [Searchtwitter in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://search.twitter.com/) |
| [**Flaptor Twitter Search**](http://twittersearch.flaptor.com/search/index.do) | **Comprehensive Twitter search.** | [Flap in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittersearch.flaptor.com/search/index.do) |
| [**Twitscoop**](http://www.twitscoop.com/) | **Input a Twitter username or keywords in the Twitscoop search box to track a conversation, topic or conference.** | [Scoop in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twitscoop.com/) |
| [**Twellow**](http://www.twellow.com/) | **With Twellow, you can search for someone on Twitter or browse through various tweet categories.** | [Twellow in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twellow.com/) |
| [**twitSeeker**](http://twitseeker.com/) | **twitSeeker is an alternate search engine for finding Twitter users and browsing the results in one interface.** | [Seeker in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twitseeker.com/) |

**TWITTER WEB-BASED MOBILE APPS**

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| [**Hahlo**](http://hahlo.com/) | **Hahlo is an excellent and fully featured Twitter client for your iPhone and iPod Touch.** | [Hahlo in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://hahlo.com/) |
| [**TwitterFone**](http://www.twitterfone.com/) | **Send messages to Twitter using your voice.** | [Fone in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twitterfone.com/) |
| [**PocketTweets**](http://pockettweets.com/) | **PocketTweets is a Web-based Twitter client for the Apple iPhone.** | [Pocket in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://pockettweets.com/) |
| [**TinyTwitter**](http://www.tinytwitter.com/) | **TinyTwitter works on any Java-enabled device and any Windows Mobile Pocket PC or smartphone.** | [Tiny in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.tinytwitter.com/) |
| [**TwitterBerry**](http://www.orangatame.com/products/twitterberry/) | **TwitterBerry is a mobile client for posting updates to Twitter from your BlackBerry.** | [Ora in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.orangatame.com/products/twitterberry/) |
| [**twitxr**](http://www.twitxr.com/) | **Share pictures and status updates from your mobile.** | [Txr in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twitxr.com/) |

**others:**

[Slandr](http://m.slandr.net/login.php?return=/index.php)  
Slandr delivers an enhanced mobile website for Twitter.

[Twitter2Go](http://twitter2go.com/)  
Twitter2Go provides a quick and simple way to update your Twitter status.

[Tapulous](http://tapulous.com/twinkle/)  
Discover, connect with and send messages to people nearby. Upload photos and update your Twitter account.

[Twittelator](http://www.stone.com/Twittelator/)  
Twittelator is an all-around great new application for your iPhone.

[TwitterFon](http://twitterfon.net/)  
TwitterFon is a simple, clean, easy to use and super-fast Twitter client for your iPhone and iPod Touch.

[iTweet 2](http://itweet.net/web/)  
iTweet 2 has built-in auto-refresh, search and hash tags. You can view user bios and locations and also view conversations with the “in reply to” links.

[GPS Twit](http://www.gpstwit.com/)  
Run GPS Twit on your phone to make it easy for your friends to find you.

[iTwtr](http://itwtr.com/)  
An open-source Twitter client for your iPhone.

**WORDPRESS TWITTER PLUG-INS**

[Twitter for WordPress](http://rick.jinlabs.com/code/twitter/)  
Twitter for WordPress displays yours latest tweets in your WordPress blog.

[Twitter Tools](http://alexking.org/projects/wordpress)  
This plug-in integrates your WordPress blog and Twitter account. Pull your tweets into your blog, and create new tweets from blog posts from within WordPress.

[Twitpress](http://www.thomaspurnell.com/twitpress/)  
Twitpress is a WordPress plug-in that submits a user-definable tweet to your Twitter account, notifying Twitter followers or friends that you have posted a new blog entry.

[SimpleTwitter](http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/simpletwitter/)  
SimpleTwitter allows you to add Twitter messages to WordPress templates (and not just in the sidebar).

[Tweet This](http://richardxthripp.thripp.com/tweet-this)  
A plug-in that adds a Twitter link to every post and page on your WordPress website, so that visitors can share your blog entries through their Twitter accounts. It also shortens URLs automatically.

[TweetBacks](http://yoast.com/wordpress/tweetbacks/)  
This plug-in imports any tweets that discuss your blog or post. The tweets appear as comments.

[TwitterCounter](http://ajaydsouza.com/wordpress/plugins/twittercounter/)  
Install TwitterCounter on your blog to display the number of followers you have on Twitter.

[MyTwitter](http://anwanore.com/projects/mytwitter)  
MyTwitter allows you to display your Tweets on your WordPress website and update your status on the MyTwitter settings page.

[TweetRoll](http://tweetburn.com/tools/tweetroll/)  
With the TweetRoll widget, you can display the number of your followers and friends.

[Twitt-Twoo](http://deanjrobinson.com/projects/twitt-twoo/)  
Twitt-Twoo is a simple little plug-in that allows you to update your Twitter status right from your blog’s sidebar.

**ADOBE AIR TWITTER APPS**

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| [**Toro for Twitter**](http://www.gen-6.com/toro/) | **Designed to be simple, Toro uses an experimental Twitter client library to remove the Twitter API limit.** | [Toro in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.gen-6.com/toro/) |
| [**twhirl**](http://www.twhirl.org/) | **Most of the features available on the Twitter website are accessible through twhirl, with usability enhancements.** | [Thwirl in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twhirl.org/) |
| [**Tweetr**](http://www.tweet-r.com/) | **Tweetr is a Twitter client that allows you to send and receive Twitter messages, but with some added cool features: support for taking photos with your webcam and sending files (up to 10 MB).** | [Tweetr in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.tweet-r.com/) |
| [**TweetDeck**](http://tweetdeck.com/beta/) | **TweetDeck aims to improve the existing functionality of Twitter by taking the abundance of Twitter feeds and breaking it down into more manageable bite-sized pieces.** | [Deck in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://tweetdeck.com/beta/) |
| [**DestroyTwitter**](http://destroytoday.com/?p=Project&id=DestroyTwitter) | **DestroyTwitter is a series of canvases that constantly update to keep tweets current and up to date using notifications that appear as soon as a new tweet is posted.** | [Destroy in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://destroytoday.com/?p=Project&id=DestroyTwitter) |
| [**TwitterLocal**](http://www.twitterlocal.net/) | **TwitterLocal is an Adobe AIR-based app that allows you to filter tweets by location.** | [Twlocal in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://www.twitterlocal.net/) |
| [**Spaz**](http://funkatron.com/spaz#download) | **Spaz is a well-designed and well-developed Twitter client.** | [Spaz in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://funkatron.com/spaz#download) |
| [**Snitter**](http://getsnitter.com/) | **Short for “Snooks’ Twitter,” Snitter is a cross-platform desktop Twitter client.** | [Snitter in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://getsnitter.com/) |
| [**Twitch**](http://richfish.org/twitch/) | **Some features of Twitch are TwitPic integration, URL shortening, the ability to combine friends and replies, reply-highlighting hash-tag support and more.** |  |

**FIREFOX TWITTER EXTENSIONS**

[TwitBin](http://www.twitbin.com/)  
TwitBin is a Firefox extension that allows you to keep up with all of your Twitter conversations directly from your browser’s sidebar. Send and receive messages, share links and more.

[Power Twitter](https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/9591)  
Power Twitter adds a multitude of features to the Twitter website interface.

[TwitterFox](https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/5081)  
This extension adds a tiny icon to the status bar that notifies you when your friends have updated their Twitter status. It also has a small text input field to allow you to update your own status.

[Twitzer](http://shorttext.com/twitzer.aspx)  
This Firefox extension lets you post tweets longer than 140 characters on Twitter.

[TwitterBar](http://www.chrisfinke.com/addons/twitterbar/)  
TwitterBar allows you to post to Twitter from the Firefox address bar.

[Twitter Search](https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/10279)  
This plug-in gives you quick access to the real-time Twitter search engine.

[Hoopla!](http://6brand.com/twitter-plugin-for-firefox-quicksearch)  
An essential Twitter plug-in for the Firefox quick search feature.

[TwitterEyes](https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/10415)  
TwitterEyes keeps track of your character count as you compose tweets and replaces characters if you need extra room.

**FINALLY, WORTH A LOOK**

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| [**Is Twitter Down?**](http://istwitterdown.com/) | **Is Twitter down just for me or for everyone? This great app gives you a simple answer: yes or no.** | [Down2 in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://istwitterdown.com/) |
| [**twistori**](http://twistori.com/) | **An interesting Twitter experiment: click on a keyword on the left, and see what tweets are currently being published that contain that word.** | [Tori in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twistori.com/) |
| [**Twittervision**](http://twittervision.com/) | **A real-time geographic visualization of tweets. Amazing.** | [Vision in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittervision.com/) |
| [**twittearth**](http://twittearth.com/) | **Similar to Twittervision (above) but with a sleeker interface.** | [Earth in 99 Essential Twitter Tools And Applications](http://twittearth.com/) |

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<http://www.videojug.com/film/how-to-use-twitter>