

Twitter For Teachers



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What is Twitter?

- Micro-blogging
- Messaging
- Sharing
- Networking



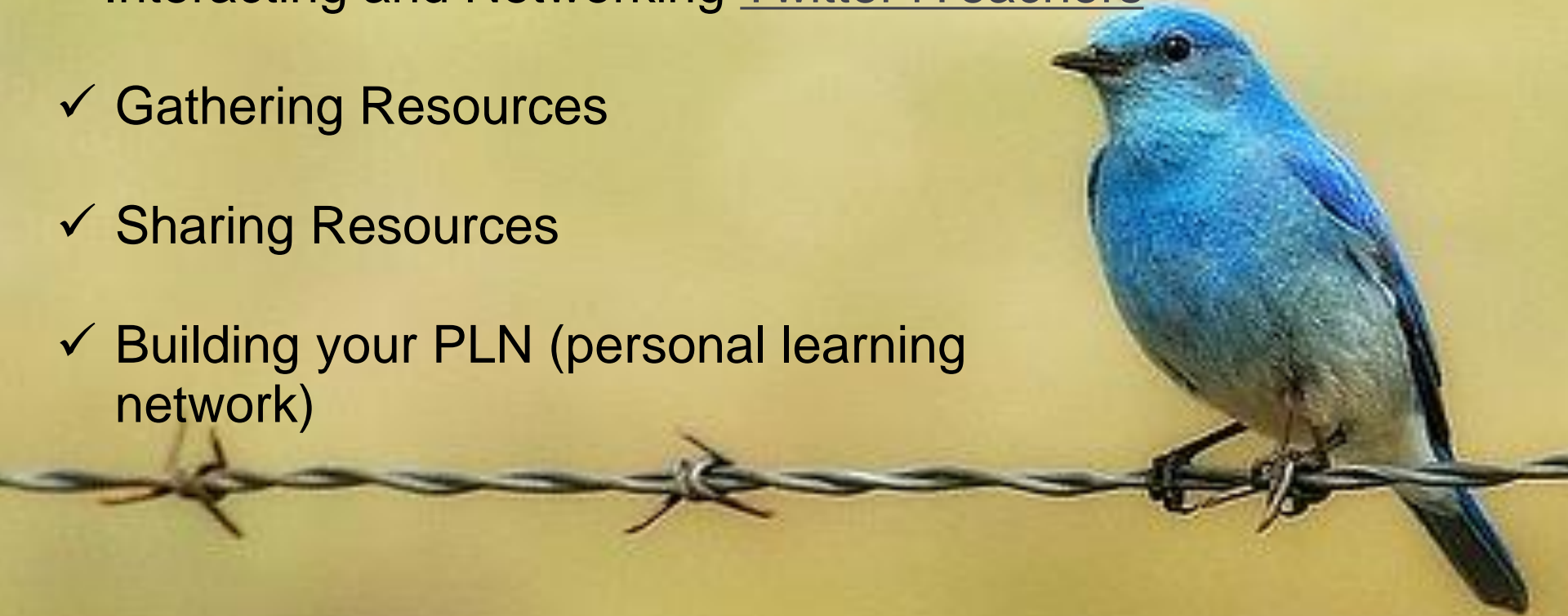
How does Twitter work?

- Users post "tweets" to their account
- Followers can see these tweets
 - can be public or private
 - can include #hashtags or @mentions
 - can also include links, pictures, videos, etc.



Why should you use Twitter?

- ✓ Interacting and Networking [Twitter4Teachers](#)
- ✓ Gathering Resources
- ✓ Sharing Resources
- ✓ Building your PLN (personal learning network)



Perceptions of Twitter

What we perceive...



What it can be...



Getting started

1. Set up your account at www.twitter.com
Enter your name, email, and a password.
2. Choose a username
Your real name is best—if it's available
Variation of your name
Nickname is okay
Keep it simple
3. Click Create my account



Your Profile is IMPORTANT!

Tweak your settings

- Upload your picture
- Enter your info - bio is important, but brief
(160 characters or less)



My Profile @stemjen

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727 TWEETS 125 FOLLOWING 100 FOLLOWERS

Tweets

- Jen Schofield** @stemjen 3h
What's the best advice you'd give a Twitter newbie? Teaching Twitter 4 Teachers next week. Share!
Expand
- Bill Ferriter** @plugusin 14 Nov
Crappy #edtech choices happen when schools start by asking, "What do we want to BUY?" instead of, "What do we want kids to DO?" #cpchat
Retweeted by Jen Schofield
Expand
- Jen Schofield** @stemjen 12 Nov
@RCMclean snapguide is a database of tons of people showing you how to do things. From knitting to playing basketball.
View conversation
- Edudemic** @Edudemic 8 Nov
Udemy Launches iPad App To Enhance Mobile Learning ow.ly/f5Yv1
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- Jen Schofield** @stemjen 9 Nov
Apps I just discovered today that ROCK! Videolicious, Nearpod and Snappguide. Educators rejoice!

Tweets, hashtags and trends...?

Common Twitter Terms

- tweet
- retweet
- mention
- direct message
- Hashtag
- trend
- twittersphere
- #followfridays
- #teachertuesdays



Using Twitter Commands

Twitter is a conversation

General tweets - all see

Address someone specific, but all see - use **@mention**

@stemjen how are you?

Direct message - private to you and that person

d stemjen can you bring my laptop?

#Hashtag will mark a tweet or categorize it

ex. *#tctcpd12* - click the hashtag to see what others are saying about that topic



I'm ready to Tweet!

Remember tweets are 140 characters or less - no life stories here, people!

Find people at wefollow.com, search by hashtag (#edchat)

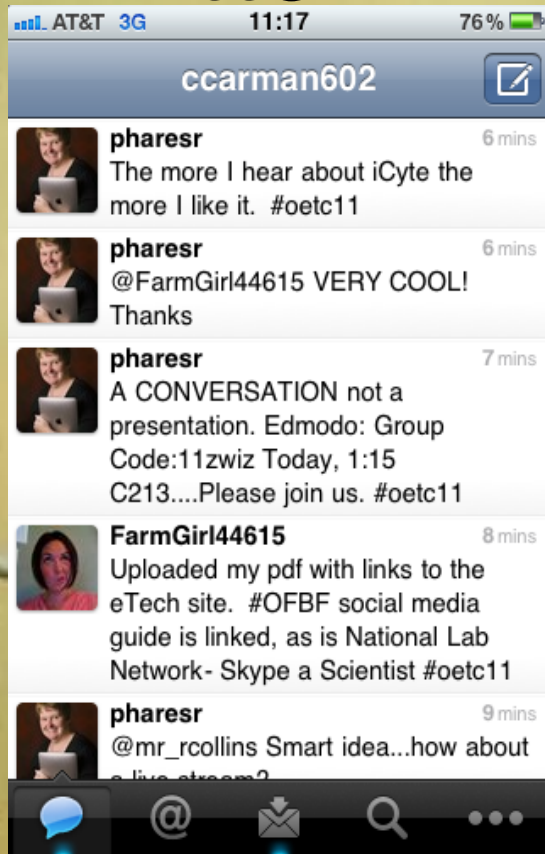
How often? Depends on the value.

- Skip blow by blow of your life...most people aren't interested
- Be interesting, helpful or entertaining
- Be careful! Anyone can get a Twitter account
- If tweeting locations - tweet *after* you have gone, not before
- Leave a positive digital footprint - remember even Admin's tweet...

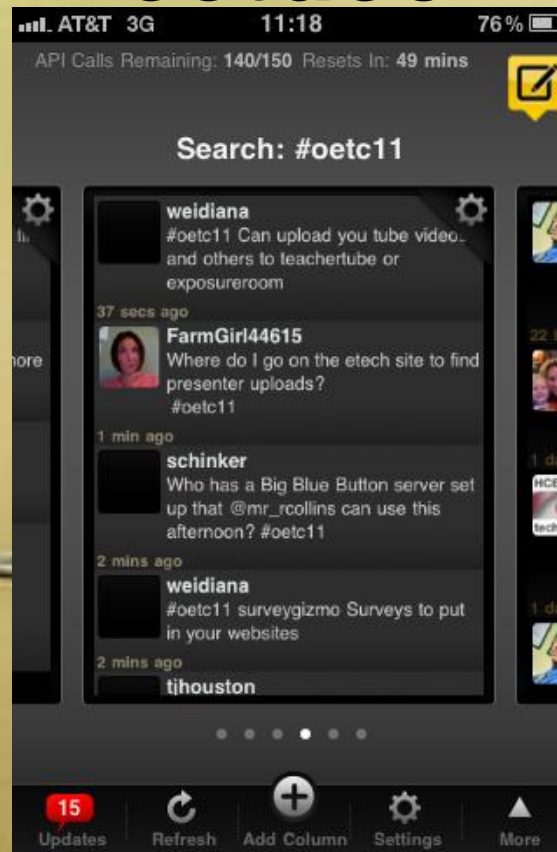


Example of mobile apps for Twitter: *iPhone/iPad/Blackberry*

Twitter



Tweetdeck



HootSuite



Rules for happiness on Twitter

1. Upload a picture for your 'avatar' so people can see who they're talking to.
2. Put something in your 'bio' so people can get some idea of what you're about.
3. Be interactive
4. Be yourself, not phony.
5. Don't be all about yourself, take an interest in others.
6. Share resources and ideas, instead of everyday mundane occurrences.
7. Retweet other people. If you like it, retweet it.
8. Follow people with similar interests, jobs, etc.
9. Don't follow celebrities - they don't follow you, but they will jam up your feed.
10. Look for people who are interactive, and tweet about things that are up your alley.

Who should I Follow??

@OHEducation

@rbryne - technology for teachers

@Edudemic

@edutopia

And me of course @stemjen



What educators use Twitter?

The Educator's PLN - <http://edupln.com>

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This is a ning site dedicated to the support of a Personal Learning Network for Educators

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How can Twitter be used in school?

- Direct communication
- Reminders/Announcements
- Polling
- Collaboration www.tweetworks.com
- News and Views
- Practice a foreign language
- Writing in brief



Hashtag Resources

The Most Popular Hashtags

#followfridays – Other tweeters suggest good people to follow

#teachertuesdays - Teacher Tuesday where educators suggest others to follow

Education

#edchat – Education, worldwide (lots of US teachers). A really useful hashtag if you are interested in tweeting with a wide range of educators worldwide.

#schools – Massively wide ranging but used far less than #edchat or #ukedchat

#teaching – This hashtag seems to largely be used for jobseeking, FYI

#lrnchat – Learning chat

#kinderchat – hashtag for discussing kindergarten aged children

#EdChatIE – The educational hashtag for Ireland for all three levels

#ukedchat – UK Education

#GlobalEd – Education with a global dimension

Specific Areas / Roles

#pgce – this is a widely used hashtag and is a great way to share ideas and support

#gtchat – for tweets related to gifted and talented education

#esl – English as a second language, this seemed to have more relevant tweets than #EFL

#Bullying – especially good for finding bullying resources or help and support if bullying is an issue though it is not confined to school bullying

#cpchat – connected principals discussion

#ntchat - new teachers, (#nqtchat seems to have lapsed)

#spedchat – special educational needs. Live chat every Tuesday night at 8:30 EST for special education related topics

#homeschool – everything related to home schooling, seems to be far more widely used than #hsc

#playoutdoors – outdoor play and learning ideas

#TLChat – is the hashtag for Teacher Librarians' discussions/resources

#ESDGC – Education for sustainability and global citizenship

#slide2learn – iDevices and learning

#vitalcpd – effective use of technology in the classroom

Subject Specific

#mathchat – mathematics

#scichat – science

#engchat – English

#artsed – the arts in education

#musedchat – music

#eltchat – english language teacher

#STEM – widely used for posts and resources in STEM education

#SSChat – social studies chat

#RETeacher – Religious Education

#HistoryTeacher – History

#GeographyTeacher – Geography

#ASEChat – Association of science and education weekly chat Monday 8-9pm GMT

#PhysicsEd – Physics

Technology

#edtech – a very wide range of tweets relating to the use of technology in education.

#elearning – eLearning topics

#mlearning – the use of mobile technologies in education, also #mobilelearning though this is less used

#edapp – educational apps

#gbl - games based learning

Questions?



Resources gathered from:
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