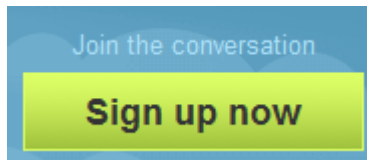


Lesson 1, Creating a Twitter Account


Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: **What are you doing?** You can find out what's happening at the library by checking our Twitter page!

(www.twitter.com/lisam) or (www.twitter.com/johntaube/acls-tweets)

To use the ACLS Twitter feature you first need to create an account with Twitter. Enter the URL in your address bar: www.twitter.com



Click the button to create an account.



The screenshot shows the Twitter sign-up page titled "Join the Conversation". At the top right, it says "Already on Twitter?". Below the title, it asks "Already use Twitter on your phone? Finish signup now." The form includes fields for "Full name", "Username", "Password", and "Email". Below the "Email" field is a checkbox for "I want the inside scoop—please send me email updates!". A CAPTCHA section features the text "apparently climate" and a "Type the words above" prompt. To the right of the CAPTCHA are links for "Can't read this?", "Get two new words", "Listen to the words", and "Powered by reCAPTCHA. Help". At the bottom is a green arrow-shaped button labeled "Create my account".

Fill in the necessary information and finish by clicking **Create my account**. Your Username must be unique and Twitter will tell you if the name you have chosen has already been taken. Remember to create a strong password. (After today, when you return to Twitter, just click the **Log in** link on the Twitter homepage and enter your username and password.) The captcha (a

combination of letters or numbers) must be entered also. This deters spammers from creating accounts.

You are now ready to enter your first post, or as Twitter calls it – **Tweet**.

Remember that text and characters can only add up to 140. As you type your Tweet, notice the text and characters are being counted as you type. At the end of entering your Tweet, click the **Update** button for it to be posted.

What are you doing?

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I'm still working on my class handouts for the Twitter class i'm gving in the fall of '09.

As you can see, I still have 49 characters left to use. Can I edit a tweet once I post it? No. Once it's out there, you can't edit it. You can delete an update by clicking the trash icon on the right end of the update, but you can't make changes. Be careful of what you tweet!
