

# Twitter – in 1400 Characters

First in a Series of e-books

T-1 – Creating Your Account & sending  
your first Tweet.



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Gather together:

A username (Preferably at least a variation on your real name)

Choose a password you can remember.

Make sure you have an e-mail address and you know what it is.

Know where you live – you'll need to enter this.

A short biographical note about yourself of under 165 characters.

A photo you want for your avatar (preferably a head shot)

Choose the site you want to list for "more info" - probably your home page.

Go to <http://www.twitter.com>

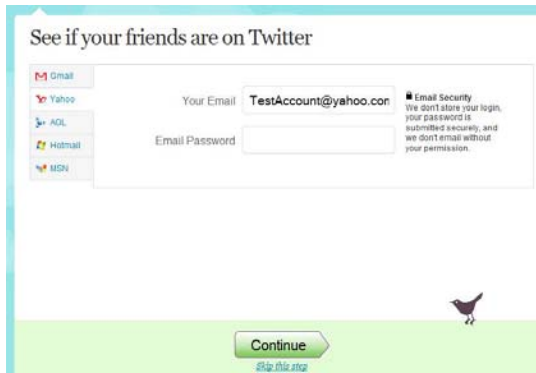


Click the big green Get Started – Join! Button.

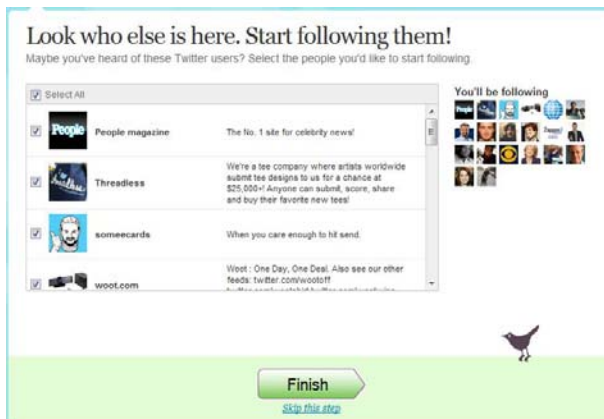
Enter the username and password you chose. Enter a valid e-mail address. Enter the “prove you are a human” code. If you want updates from Twitter, click in the check box for their newsletter. Click the green “Create My Account” Arrow.

A screenshot of the Twitter account creation form. The title is 'Join the Conversation' with a link 'Already on Twitter?'. Below the title is a link 'Already use Twitter on your phone? Finish signup now.' The form contains several input fields: 'Full name' with the value 'Test Account' and a green 'ok' status; 'Username' with the value 'T\_Account' and a green 'ok' status; 'Password' with masked characters and a green 'Strong' status; and 'Email' with the value 'TestAccount@yahoo.com' and a green 'ok' status. There is a checkbox for 'I want the inside scoop—please send me email updates!'. A CAPTCHA section shows the words 'shirts' and 'plank' with a 'Type the words above' field containing 'shirts plank'. A 'Create my account' button is at the bottom. A small bird icon is visible at the bottom right of the form area.

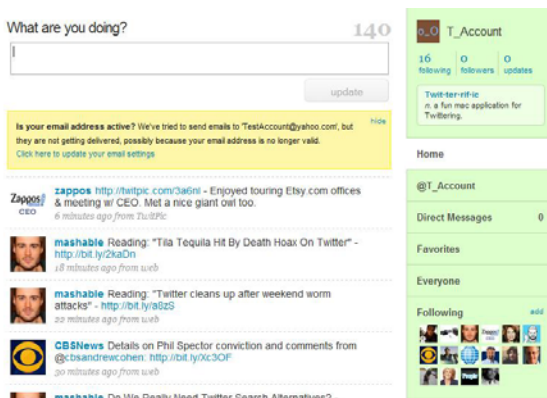
The next screen gives you the chance to login to several services, such as your Yahoo and Google accounts and scan your e-mail address book for friends already on Twitter. You can choose to do this, or hit the SKIP button at the bottom. This part is self-explanatory, so this short book hits SKIP. Click on the link directly BELOW the green “Continue” arrow.



Next you get a screen where Twitter suggests and auto-follows a group of popular Twitter users for you, if you want them to. OR you can click BENEATH the green Continue arrow to SKIP this step.



Click the green FINISH arrow, and you are done:



Type your thoughts in the “What are you Doing” box. Click Update.