

Welcome! People use Twitter to follow the sources most relevant to them and access information as it happens—from breaking world news to updates from friends. In just a few short steps, you'll be among these esteemed ranks.

Creating Your Account

Navigate to <http://twitter.com/> and click the yellow button on the right hand of your screen, or simply navigate to <https://twitter.com/signup>. (Fig. 1)

1. Fill in the first field with your full name. (Fig. 2)
2. Select a username. Try to pick something that describes you - whether it's a nickname, an interest or a hobby. (Fig. 3)
3. Enter a password. **Be tricky!** Make sure your password contains letters, numbers, and symbols. (Fig. 4)
4. Enter your email address. (Fig. 5)
5. Fill in the Captcha to prove you're human, not a machine! (Fig. 6)
6. Pick Sources that Interest you (Fig. 7)
7. Search for Friends and Follow them (Figs. 8-12)
8. Post your First Tweet! (Fig. 13)

1 Fig.1 - Signup Button



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Fig. 2 - Full Name

Using your real name increases your relevancy and familiarity with your followers.

Full name ✔ ok

Fig. 3 - Username

I chose the name 'n00binat0r' to make sure everyone knows that I'm new to Twitter. This will be the name your followers use when sending @replies, direct messages, or Retweets. It will also form the URL of your home timeline. A preview of that URL is shown below for the username @n00binat0r.

Username ✔ ok
Your URL: <http://twitter.com/n00binat0r>

1 **Please note:** You can [change your username](#) in your account settings at any time, as long as the new username is not in use. Usernames must be fewer than 15 characters in length, and cannot contain 'admin' or 'twitter' in order to avoid brand confusion.

Fig. 4 - Password

Please do not use a password based on a word found in the dictionary.

Password ✔ Very Strong

Fig. 5 - Email

We use this to confirm your account before you can finish the signup process.

Email ⇒ we'll send you a confirmation
 I want the inside scoop—please send me email updates!

Fig. 6 - Captcha

Please note: if you are having difficulty reading the words, you may request a new captcha, or you can select an audio captcha.

Type the words above Can't read this?
↻ Get two new words
🔊 Hear a set of words
Powered by reCAPTCHA.
Help

Finding Sources That Interest You

- 1 Twitter is more useful and fun when you're getting regular updates relevant to your interests, so try the following:
 1. Select some of your interests from the left-hand side of the screen.
 2. Browse the sources listed accounts you might like to follow. (A new list of suggested sources is generated every time you click an interest.)
 3. Clicking the 'follow' button next to a user's name will add them to the list of users you are following. This is indicated by the number in the green square above the list.
 4. After you've followed users suggested in one area of interest, select another and find more sources to follow!
 5. When finished, click the blue 'Next: friends' button in the lower right hand side of your screen.

Fig. 7 - selecting and following sources of interest

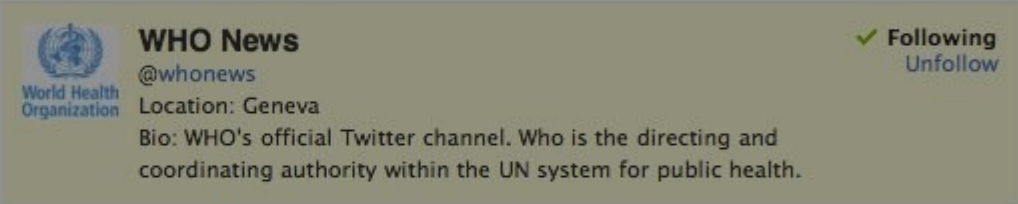
Find sources that interest you You're following **2**

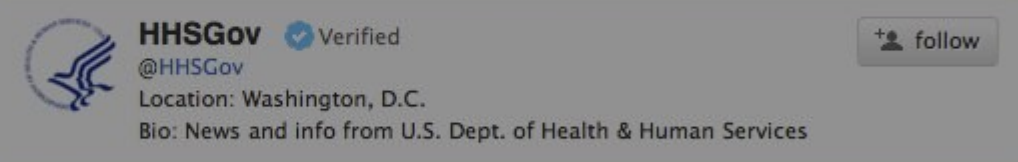
1 suggestions → 2 friends → 3 search → twitter

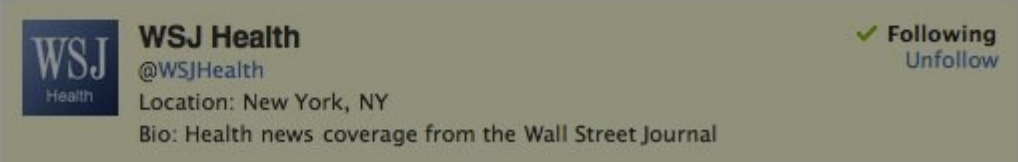
Look who else is here! Follow the ones you like.

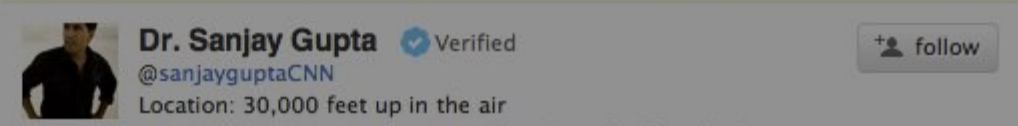
- Art & Design
- Books
- Business
- Charity
- Deals & Discounts
- Entertainment
- Family
- Fashion
- Food & Drink
- Funny
- Health**
- Music
- News
- Politics
- Science
- Sports

Sources in Health

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WHO News ✓ Following
@whonews
Location: Geneva
Bio: WHO's official Twitter channel. Who is the directing and coordinating authority within the UN system for public health.
Unfollow
- 

HHSGov ✓ Verified
@HHSGov
Location: Washington, D.C.
Bio: News and info from U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
+ follow
- 

WSJ Health ✓ Following
@WSJHealth
Location: New York, NY
Bio: Health news coverage from the Wall Street Journal
Unfollow
- 

Dr. Sanjay Gupta ✓ Verified
@sanjayguptaCNN
Location: 30,000 feet up in the air
+ follow

Getting Personal: Contact Import

If you choose, Twitter can scan your email address book in order to find contacts that are also using Twitter. It's a fast and easy way to find your friends.

1. Simply type your email address and your email password into the boxes, then hit 'Find friends.' **Twitter does not store your login, and we will not use your email address without your permission.**
2. When you see a list of the friends and colleagues found in your address book, follow them!
3. Follow all of them by selecting the blue 'Follow All' button on the right hand side of the results
4. Or if you'd like to see updates only from specific people, you can choose to ask to follow your email contacts individually using the grey 'send request' button next to their information.
- 5.
6. Click the 'Next: others' button at the bottom of your screen.
7. A box will pop-up with your remaining contacts who are not on Twitter. To invite them to join Twitter, check the boxes next to the contacts you wish to invite - or click "select all" at the top. **Please note:** if you click 'select all' and proceed, it will invite *all* contacts in your address book.

Fig. 8 - contact import

Many of your friends and colleagues already use Twitter. Find and follow them.

Find your contacts from

- Gmail
- Yahoo
- AOL

Your email
myemail@gmail.com

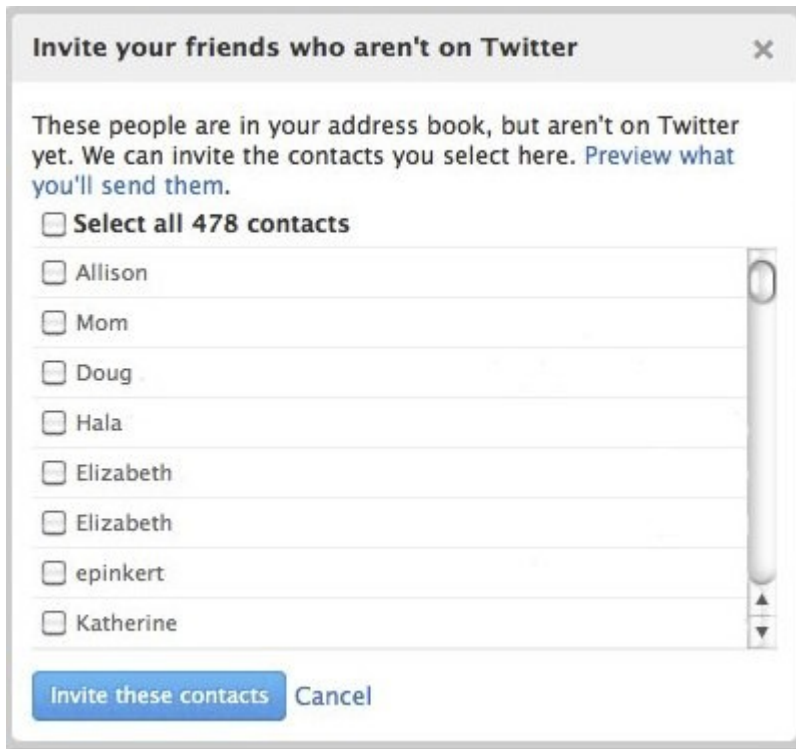
Your password
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[Find friends](#)

🔒 Email Security
We don't store your login and your password is submitted securely. We store email addresses from this import to help you connect with other Twitter users. We won't email these addresses without your permission. [Learn more.](#)

Fig. 9 - following users surfaced via contact import

Fig. 10 - Inviting friends not on Twitter



Finding Friends with Twitter Search

To complete signup, search for anyone else you would like to add on Twitter. This example will demonstrate searching for Biz Stone, who did not show up in my contact import.

1. Type the name of the person you're searching for into the search box.
2. A list of matching accounts will show. Click the 'Follow' button next to any you wish to begin Following. A confirmation message will appear.
3. When finished, click the blue 'Next step: you're done!' button to finish the sign up process. You will be taken to your home page, known as your timeline, where you can now share information via Tweets, as in the example shown below.
4. Press 'update' and you've successfully posted your first Tweet. Congratulations and welcome to Twitter!

Fig. 11 - finding users via name search

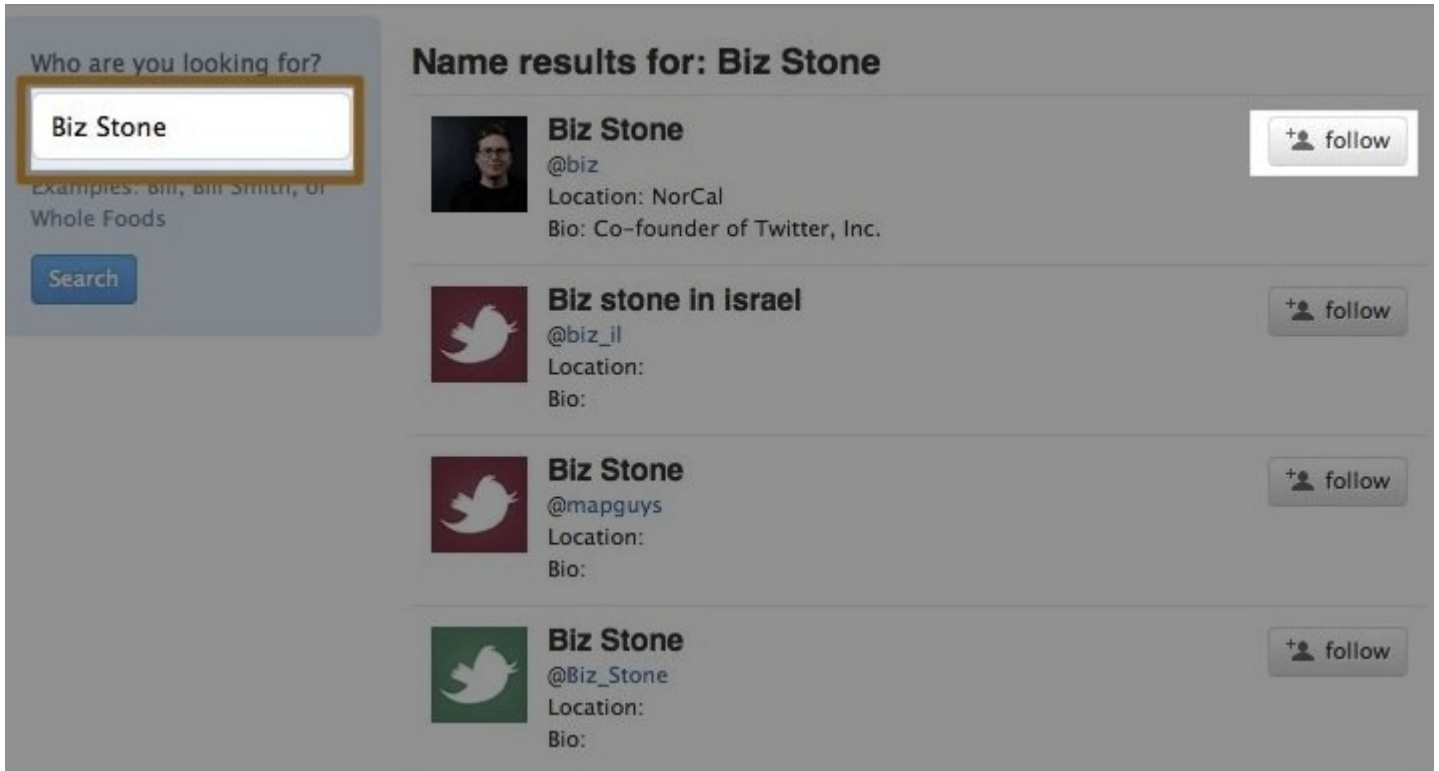


Fig. 12 - Following users surfaced via name search

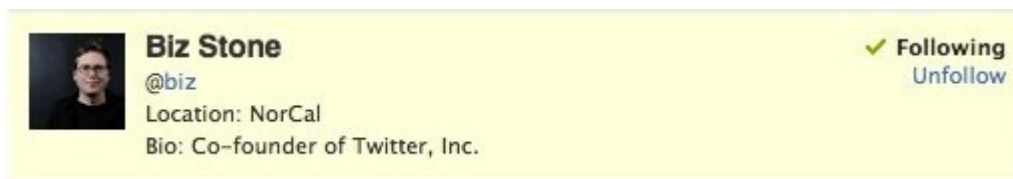


Fig. 13 - Posting your first Tweet!

