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## Networks, Nuggets & Nonsense: an Introduction to Twitter



“Those who criticise use of Twitter at work haven't seen the tectonic plates moving...

...social networks such as these are the way businesses will be run in the future...”

Victor Keegan, *The Guardian*

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2009/jan/29/twitter>

“Watching from the outside, Twitter is like the dumbest thing you’ve heard of...

...and yet to dismiss Twitter is a mistake because it’s an incredibly powerful tool for your personal learning and connecting with others”

Sue Waters, The Edublogger

<http://suewaters.wikispaces.com/twitter>

“...think of it as a place, a hallway perhaps. There are a lot of doors with some pretty smart people behind some of them as well as a few jerks here and there...

...every once in a while when you're doing your research or just finished teaching... you pop out of your office and say something brief about it...

...[Twitter's] enough to share the new thing you tried while teaching that turned out to be awesome”

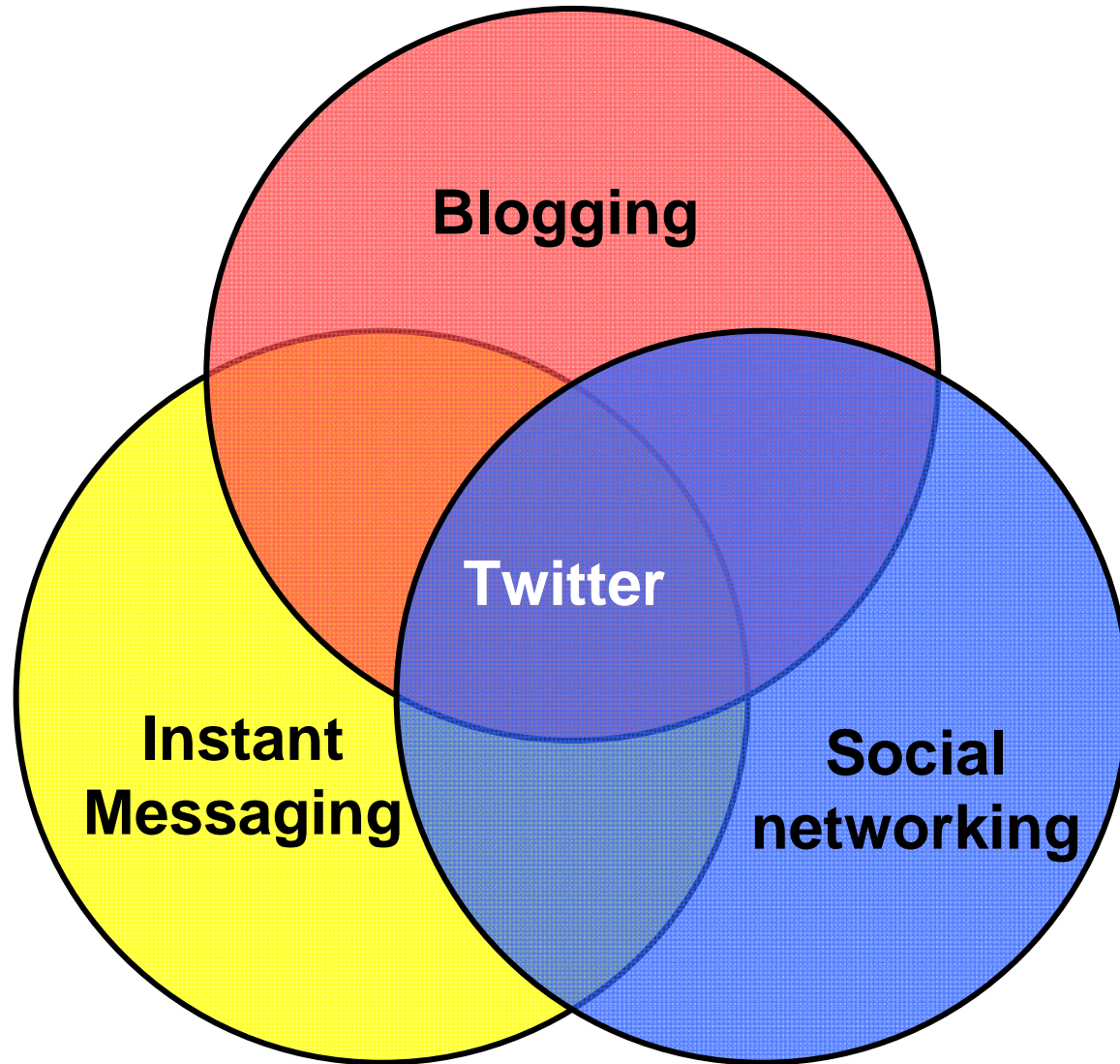
Lanette Cadle, Lecturer

# And finally...

“Twitter is like sex... you can't understand what it's for by talking about it, you've just gotta do it...”

(attributed to) **George Siemens**

# Micro-blogging?



twitter

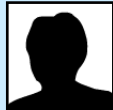
# Profile



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Most recent update

Bio



Update



Update



Update



Update



Update





**mattlingard**

**Name** Matt Lingard  
**Location** London  
**Web** <http://madrattlin...>  
**Bio** Learning Technologist  
wondering why the one line bio  
is 160 characters??

111 [following](#) 217 [followers](#)

Wondering if they'll be seafood at the #pelc09 conference dinner :)  
<http://tinyurl.com/bhrlfh>

*31 minutes ago from twirl*

**Updates** 1,550

**Favorites**

@romieh thanks! btw are you heading down to #pelc09 weds pm?  
*about 2 hours ago from twirl in reply to romieh*

stunned at hearing of the death of Olivia Harris, LSE anthro prof  
<http://tinyurl.com/dyqx1w>  
*about 2 hours ago from web*

**Following**



[View All...](#)

MoodleMoot 2009 #mmuk09 conference post <http://is.gd/tpQa>  
finally...  
*about 3 hours ago from twirl*

RT @moodleman: A must read of school ICT managers: Why  
Schools should use Open Source Software - <http://milesberry.net/?p=516>  
*about 4 hours ago from twirl*

[RSS feed of mattlingard's updates](#)

Looking at case studies and thinking we should write some Bath:  
<http://is.gd/tpCm> Sheffield: <http://is.gd/tpC4>  
*about 4 hours ago from twirl*

beautiful day, shame to be inside All quiet in the office Where is  
everyone? Enjoying the sun? Coffee time  
*about 5 hours ago from twirl*

What IS gazza talking about? #motd2  
*about 15 hours ago from twirl*

What are you doing?

140

Latest: @mrsrowe canada? about 2 hours ago

update



**Joe Librarian** Halfway to #ItsGrimUpNorth. Motorway service station outside Rochdale. Afternoon special offer: Tripe butty and cup of tea. Ah, that be good  
4 minutes ago from TwitterFon



**digitalmaverick** @iusher Don't know if its quite what you meant but... how would you assess that video? As a video? As a piece of athletics?  
7 minutes ago from web in reply to iusher



**cristinacost** @PatParslow #educamp in Graz 6&7 Nov. <http://www.iunig.at/index.html> (more info will b released soon via @mebner ) it will be gr8 fun  
9 minutes ago from TwitterFox in reply to PatParslow



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9 minutes ago from twhirl



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16 minutes ago from Spaz in reply to cristinacost



**briankelly** Now back home from #mnw2009 Feeling exhausted - but should I go to The Bell tonight to get back to UK time zone?  
17 minutes ago from TwitterFon



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18 minutes ago from TwitterFox



mallingard

111 following 218 followers 1,551 updates

**Twitterrific**

». a fun mac application for Twittering.

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# It's all about following...

Follow

Follow

## Finding people

Follow

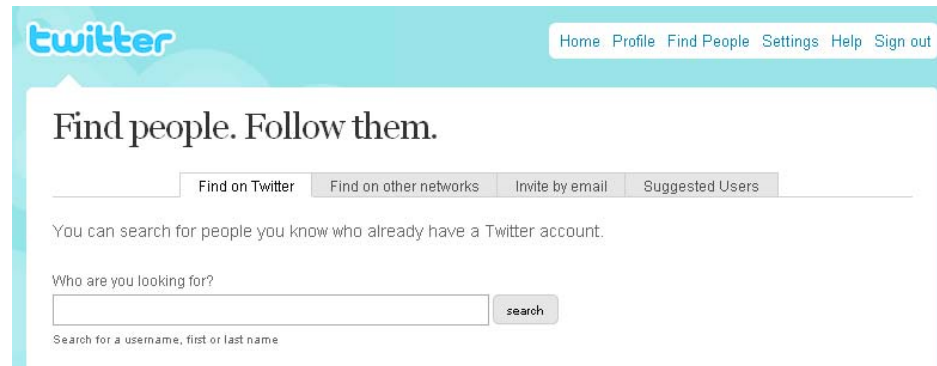
### Who?

### How many?

Follow

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# ...and being followed!

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Device Updates

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# Twitter Love Song

Martin Weller @mweller

<http://blip.tv/file/1367367/>

short video on the history of the internet:  
<http://vimeo.com/2696386>



*7:11 PM Jan 7th from web*



gsiemens

sounds of the bazaar going live in 30  
min. Stream: <http://tinyurl.com/6df6ar>  
join chat too here: <http://tinyurl.com/sounds08> #oebo8

*1:29 AM Dec 5th, 2008 from TwitterFox*



cristinacost

Cristina Costa

@mattlingard looking for open source CMS at the moment. Research on web suggests Drupal sites ugly with few decent themes. Is this the case?



10:47 AM Jan 23rd from whirl



**andymee**  
Andy Mee

Trying to find (UK+) examples of uni student social networking as inhouse implementation -  
Community@Brighton Redgloo  
Warwick blogs -more?

12:57 PM Oct 27th, 2008 from web



**francesbell**  
Frances Bell



RT [@authenticdasein](#): <http://tinyurl.com/9tacnt> OU's darwin devolver. Journey back



*about 22 hours ago from twirl*



[mattlingard](#)  
Matt Lingard

[@mattlingard](#) fantastic, passed it on to our biologist who think it great. Twitter IS marvelous!



*about 19 hours ago from web in reply to mattlingard*



[jenobaditch](#)  
Jennifer Obaditch

twitter

Login Join Twitter!

LinkedIn and Facebook: NO offers of work EVER. Twitter: Offers! (plural) 1 today related to #jiscbids (alas interest conflict, turning down)

*9:21 AM Feb 3rd from web*



Joe\_Librarian

John Kirriemuir

twitter

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out

Live demo of chat between second life  
and moodle with moodle archival  
amazing sloodle #mmuk09

<http://twitpic.com/2zylf>

12:12 PM Apr 8th from Tweetie



jamesfk

James Forbes Keir

#mmuk09

1200 tweets



# Events, Hashtags, Search



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Trending topics: [Happy Earth Day](#), [#lonk](#), [#saelections](#), [#www2009](#),  
[#earthday](#), [Susan Boyle](#), [Budget](#), [#opengov](#), [#maternalhealth](#), [Liverpool](#)

**Twemes**  
twitter memes - global tags for twitter

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Twemes on your phone: [m.twemes.com](#)

**mmuk09** [start:live update](#) | [comment](#) | [widget](#)

**eGJD:** RT @vaughany New blog post: What I learned at #mmuk09: <http://is.gd/ru4z>  
11:02 PM April 8, 2009 | [reply](#) | [block eGJD](#)

**eGJD:** Nice to still see a few #mmuk09 Tweets coming in.. but hey don't forget to chill over the Easter Break though guys!  
10:58 PM April 8, 2009 | [reply](#) | [block eGJD](#)

**jamesfk:** @thepurpleblob pretty sad!;) think you were next to @moodler in the last #mmuk09 session? #3geeksontrain  
11:04 AM April 8, 2009 | [reply](#) | [block jamesfk](#)

**aaricia69:** My post is ready:<http://tinyurl.com/mmuk09>  
#mmuk09  
09:18 AM April 8, 2009 | [reply](#) | [block aaricia69](#)

**divingstone:** @moodlefairy I wasnt trying to do the 'virtual worlds sales pitch' so interesting to know if you are converted... even a little bit? #mmuk09  
08:58 AM April 8, 2009 | [reply](#) | [block divingstone](#)

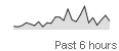
**Hot Picks**  
None today!  
[Suggest a Hot Pick](#)

**latest flickr photos**

## #hashtags

What's happening right now on twitter

**#jobs** 381  
New hiring: Web Application Engineer - Aetna Information Technology - Hopewell, NJ <http://jobcircle.com/z2153376>  
[#jobcircle](#) [#jobs](#) 2 minutes ago



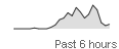
**#earthday** 266  
RT @ZenDoc Its #EarthDay Birthday Yeal A Great Day to join the EarthDay Network at [www.earthday.ning.com](http://www.earthday.ning.com). Come Celebrate w us! [#earthtweet](#) 2 minutes ago



**#saelections** 254  
So seems @giselle06 and (maybe) @nedend and I were the only people to get a free toilet bowl cleaning strip at [#saelections](#) 2 minutes ago



**#www2009** 229  
Yay, my slides on Web data provenance are on the Slideshare main page in the [#www2009](#) spotlight section 3 minutes ago



**#bbctwit** 131  
[@BBCClick](#) [#bbctwit](#) 1No about a minute ago



**#fb** 237  
Talking with Mac people about buying a computer is like talking to Amway people about detergent. Want some honest pros and cons. [#fb](#) 2 minutes ago



twitter

Over to you...

# People to Follow

## LSE:

- mattlingard
- jsecker
- lsecareers
- lse
- romieh

## Organisations:

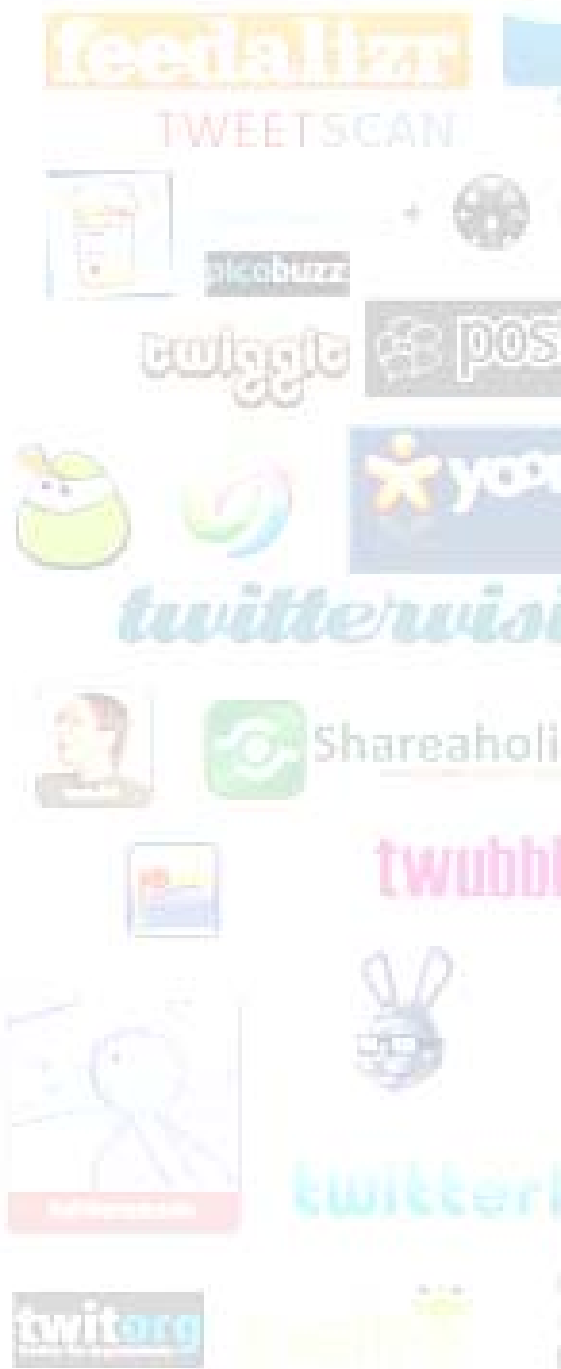
- nrparmar
- andyramsdn
- 3Quarks



## Other

- anthonymcneill


## This room:

- Pass me your Post-its!




 **twhirl** u.0.9 used 50/100 re  **mattingard**


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 **ianibbo** Resisting the strong temptation to start mucking about and re-organising my own delicious bookmarks at the cmd line with pydelicious  
 Ian Ibbotson about 5m ago via web


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 **jontr** @jamesclay it was all downhill after that...  
 jonTrinder about 6m ago via TweetDeck in reply to jamesclay


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 **Joe Librarian** Aware that in a Glaswegian University, people are currently running up and down corridors 'cos of impending interview.  
 John Kirriemuir about 8m ago via web

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 **cristinacost** ALT-C 2009 Papers <http://tinyurl.com/bo3elf> via [www.diigo.com/~cristinacost](http://www.diigo.com/~cristinacost)  
 Cristina Costa about 9m ago via diigo








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 **digitalmaverick** Sarkozy proposed TWO HOURS after meeting Bruni? WOW <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/7885580.stm>  
 Drew Buddie about 10m ago via web

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Filter

 filtered: 471 matches

 Home      

14:59 user's tweets received





### Share this Post



# Feed Twitter!



**About**

**AUG 22 2008** **50 Ideas on Using Twitter for Education**  
Posted by Carol as [Other Stuff](#)

Based on a list

**First Steps**

1. Build a name for your site
2. Add a link to your site
3. Don't post too often
4. Point to your site
5. Share your content
6. Don't post too often
7. Be wary of spam
8. But have fun
8. Promote your site
9. Be helpful
10. Talk about your site

**Ideas About Writing**

11. Instead of asking questions
12. Have a variety of content
13. When promoting a blog post, ask a question or explain what's coming next, instead of just dumping a link.

**Add a Bookmark to Diigo**

Url:

Title:   **Twitter this!**

Private  Unread

Description:

Tags:

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Add to a List  Share to a Group





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## Hi mattlingard! Here's the latest from your contacts

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2009

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Checking jaiku in case twitter fails on me tomorrow :D)

By [mattlingard](#) a moment ago in london. [Add Comment](#) [Delete](#)[Take-apart phone launching this year and 49 more](#)Fetched from The Register 2 hours, 55 minutes ago. [Add Comment](#) [Unsubscribe](#)


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Comment from [jameslay](#) on [davefoord](#) 4 hours, 2 minutes ago.**zzzz** In the MoLeNET Mentors meeting in Leeds.By [jameslay](#) 4 hours, 41 minutes ago in Leeds. [2 Comments](#) [Unsubscribe](#)

Have just been for a walk in Leeds. First time in ages seeing Leeds city centre on foot and in daylight!

By [jameslay](#) 6 hours, 6 minutes ago in Leeds. [Add Comment](#) [Unsubscribe](#)

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classical tv Experience ENO's La Bohème www.ClassicalTV.com  
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show ALL BLIPS FAVORITES



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### ahoova new artist.. love her!

Ladytron – Seventeen - Soulwax Remix | play  
POSTED ON FEB 13 AT 2:47 AM | BUY MP3



1K

### luiz\_com\_z Well, I'm on my way. o/

Ramones – Here Today , Gone Tomorrow | play  
POSTED ON FEB 13 AT 2:47 AM | BUY MP3



50

### bkweb "You look so fine and I really wanna make you mine"

Jet – Are You Gonna Be My Girl | play  
POSTED ON FEB 13 AT 2:47 AM | BUY MP3 | GET RINGTONE



250

### maydbs

Room Eleven – Sad Song | play  
POSTED ON FEB 13 AT 2:47 AM | BUY MP3



500

### Radiobread mmmm Bob Dylan's 115th Nightmare - The Gay Blades..

The Gay Blades – Bob Dylan's 115th Nightmare | play  
POSTED ON FEB 13 AT 2:47 AM | BUY MP3



mattlingard

0 props



You have 11 props to give out  
DJ since Feb 12, 2009

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Playlist	0
Blips	1
Replies	0
Props	0
Favorite DJs	30
Listeners	0

#### FAVORITE DJs

