

Twitter at Handheld Learning 2008



Twitter is a free micro-blogging service that allows users to post “updates” via SMS, the Twitter.com site, or software. Updates can be up to 140 characters long and can be received in the same ways they are sent. Handheld Learning 2008 delegates are encouraged to use Twitter to log their learning, ask questions, and network with each other.

Steps for Getting Started:

1

Create an account at twitter.com. Be sure you are logged in. Go to Settings > Picture and upload a nice photo of yourself so other can recognize you at the conference.

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Go to Handheld Learning’s Twitter page at twitter.com/hhl. Click the *Follow* button.

Follow

Now updates sent through Handheld Learning’s Twitter account will appear in your Twitter timeline.

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Click **Settings** on the Twitter.com page and then click the **Notices** tab. In order for HHL updates to show up correctly, you need to change the @ **Replies** setting to **all @ replies**.

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If you want to post something that will appear in Handheld Learning’s timeline (including twitter.com/hhl), you need to include **d hhl** at the beginning of your update. Notice the space between the **d** and **hhl**. Also, enter a space after hhl before the text you’d like to enter.

Begin using Twitter before October’s conference to become familiar with sending and receiving updates.

Besides appearing on twitter.com/hhl, updates from Handheld Learning appear on handheldlearning.co.uk

Find and follow others on Twitter. Many users have dozens of others they follow.

Invite your friends (via email) to Twitter. twitter.com/invitations.

You can star your favorite Twitter updates to save them. Everyone can see your starred updates by clicking **Favorites** on your page.

You may wish to bookmark Twitter’s mobile website on your handheld device. Use m.twitter.com to send updates. Remember to start your update with **d hhl** if you want it to appear with other Handheld Learning Twitter updates.

There are many software applications for Twitter that allow you to send and receive updates using a desktop or mobile application. twitter.pbwiki.com/Apps

Watch the *Twitter in Plain English* video to help you understand Twitter: commoncraft.com/Twitter.

Twitter has been used successfully at various conferences to connect delegates before, during, and after the events. The posted updates often answer the question “What are you doing?” However, updates can also be musings, questions, responses to other tweets, and links to online resources.

What are you doing?

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d hhl I am learning so much about learning! Check out this link: <http://handheldlearning.co.uk>

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