



Twitter is a free micro-blogging service that allows users to post updates via SMS, instant message, the Twitter.com site, or Twitter software. Updates can be up to 140 characters long and can be received in the same ways they are sent. [Handheld Learning 2007](#) delegates are encouraged to use Twitter to log their learning, ask questions, and network with each other. Below are the steps for setting up Twitter and tips for using the service.

# 1

To get started, create an account at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com). Be sure you are logged in.

# Why

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.

Go to Handheld Learning’s Twitter page at [twitter.com/hhl](http://twitter.com/hhl). Click the *Follow* button.



Once Handheld Learning receives your Follow request, HHL will follow your account in return. You can enter updates at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com).

What are you doing?

Characters available: 49

Twitter is a great way to process and communicate my learning with my network of followers.

# 2

To view Twitter updates (referred to as “tweets”) from everyone following Handheld Learning, bookmark or subscribe to [twitter.com/hhl/with\\_friends](http://twitter.com/hhl/with_friends).

# Tips

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

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

Invite your friends (via email) to Twitter. [twitter.com/invitations](http://twitter.com/invitations).

Use an RSS aggregator to subscribe to [twitter.com/hhl/with\\_friends](http://twitter.com/hhl/with_friends). Bloglines is a free online RSS reader that has an excellent mobile version at [bloglines.com/mobile](http://bloglines.com/mobile).

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

There are many software applications for Twitter, allowing you send and receive updates using a desktop application. [twitter.pbwiki.com/Apps](http://twitter.pbwiki.com/Apps)

You may wish to send and receive updates through SMS or IM. Go to [twitter.com/devices](http://twitter.com/devices) to enable these services.

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You may wish to bookmark Twitter’s mobile website on your handheld device. Use [m.twitter.com](http://m.twitter.com) to send updates. Use [m.twitter.com/hhl/with\\_friends](http://m.twitter.com/hhl/with_friends) to read updates.