



Creating your Twitter account

Creating a Twitter account is easy: just go to <http://twitter.com>, click on the green **Sign up now** button and follow the instructions. You will need to use an email address as the creation of a Twitter account requires email confirmation.

There are a few details we'd highlight in the account creation process:

- We'd recommend you skip **Step 1: Find sources that interest you**, **Step 2: Find your friends** and **Step 3: Search for anyone** by clicking on the blue **Next step** button to the bottom right of the screen.

Once you've created your account you can start making it your own:

- Clicking on **Settings** (top right) allows you to:
 - o set your location
 - o set your time zone
 - o protect your tweets (we don't recommend this)
 - o enable geotagging
 - o set the language you're tweeting in (useful for Twitter for language learning)
- Clicking on **Profile** allows you to personalise your Twitter account by:
 - o adding a picture of yourself or an image that you'd like to represent you
 - o putting in a link to your web page, blog or Facebook page if you have one and are happy to share this information
 - o writing a 160 character description of yourself that you'd like others to see
- Clicking on **Mobile** lets you register your mobile phone. This is useful as it will allow you to send tweets as text messages and, depending on your network, view tweets as text messages too.
- Clicking on **Notices** allows you to receive notification of new followers and direct messages via the email address you have used to create your account.