

1. What was your initial response to Twitter?

1. feh, ya distraction
2. Made no sense.
3. With little interest
4. too trendy
5. What possible purpose could this serve? Vanity trash.
6. A fun SN tool, but didn't see how it was going to help me professionally.
7. much like Facebook status update
8. why would anyone really care?
9. Not interested
10. Awesome
11. What is the point?
12. didn't need it
13. A little confusing, not sure I fully grasp the idea behind it
14. Very confusing
15. Surprised that anyone cared about; that it was primitive
16. ambivalence.
17. This is like a complicated message board. What's the point of this?
18. What is this? It's a little confusing....
19. Something like, "Oh good, another app for me to play with for a few days and then forget about for year, when it will inevitably become incredibly popular"
20. what the ????
21. Another narcissistic time-waster.
22. Fluttering about
23. cool
24. I didn't really "Get it" at first...
25. a little wary about what I was getting into
26. Ridiculous who would want to do that
27. I thought it was lame and then I tried it again later and liked it.

2. Now what do you think?

1. its a pretty good tool to keep in touch with what my pals are up to
2. Cool. A good place to hang with my friends. Opinion changed because a) friends were there playing and b) nice middle ground between email/blogging/IM

3. Of course. People need to share their experience with others.
4. I began to use it more when Twitter was accessible via gmail (I have gmail majority of the time I am online)
5. interesting but need coworkers or friends who use it
6. Interesting, kind of voyeuristic, strangely appealing, amazing what you can learn about people in 140 characters or less, somewhat stream of consciousness, somewhat useful.
7. And now I see it as a priceless tool. I don't know how to do my job WELL without it.
8. changed slightly...I would love to use it if I knew exactly who was reading my "tweets". I do see this as a useful thing for journalists, but I would like to better control my audience for personal use.
9. I've found interesting nuggets of info (howard rheingold rocks!) but I don't use twitter myself
10. Curious
11. Awesomer
12. I think it provides a valuable service, but I am not sure if it is better/adds to the facebook network I already have.
13. enjoy using it--exposure to it changed my mind
14. I have a better understanding but why not use facebook or msn? are we recreating the wheel?
15. Still confusing
16. Surprised how useful it is.
17. i love it. it's definitely a networking tool. like a miniblog so to speak.
18. I'm still trying to figure that out - but I'm trying to keep an open mind. I keep comparing it to Facebook (b/c that's all I can really compare it to) and have a hard time finding the benefits of Twitter over it. But it IS kind of cool how I can "follow" people in the industry and people that I admire (but don't necessarily know personally). Maybe I just need to explore the site and its functions some more?
19. Oh, it's like Facebook news feeds with wall-to-wall posts, only adding friends are a little more complicated. A little disappointing.
20. It's been around for at least a year, is it popular yet? Is it anything more than an amusing diversion? It seems to have some useful applications, but I'm still not really convinced.
21. Likin' it - it's like checking in with your network of friends at a click
22. Looks like a promise online presence monitor. Reading about uses; availability of a desktop interface (not web; not SMS)
23. It's the first place I go when I have an idle moment online
24. coolest ever
25. It is the most powerful professional development tool ever.

26. I love it! I have learned so much about things I am very interested in.

3. Please rate your experience

	Extremely	Very	Moderately	Neutral / I might change my mind	Not really	Definitely not!	Rating	
Average Response								
Count								
Useful tool? (for life, work, school)	17.9% (5)	25.0% (7)	28.6% (8)	28.6% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.68	28
Easy to use? (set up?)	39.3% (11)	32.1% (9)	17.9% (5)	3.6% (1)	7.1% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.07	28
Weird?	3.6% (1)	17.9% (5)	32.1% (9)	21.4% (6)	25.0% (7)	0.0% (0)	3.46	28
Cool?	21.4% (6)	28.6% (8)	32.1% (9)	10.7% (3)	3.6% (1)	3.6% (1)	2.57	28
Evil?	0.0% (0)	3.6% (1)	14.3% (4)	14.3% (4)	35.7% (10)	32.1% (9)	4.79	28

4. Twitter is, essentially, a microcontent delivery system. As a content delivery system it is defined by the way it is used (as opposed to the nature of the content delivered). Rather than evaluating the content, do you have any ideas about how Twitter might be used - for education, media, publishing, personal use, work, study, etc?

1. Not much thought to how it *could* be used; am satisfied it's allowed for a tighter-but-still-loose connection with some friends, old and new.
2. Group cohesion in geographically-distributed work teams. The social-cohesion channel, not the task-focus channel.
3. To promote ideas that one may be interested in sharing with others. - To immediately share topics, articles or links of interest. - To actively and quickly respond to others within a community. This is essentially a public conversation that anyone can participate in via various methods ranging from mobile devices to desktop or web-based interfaces.
4. heard it referred to as a "microblog"

5. I think it is great for all of those things, but I can think of easily applicable uses for education, work, and personal use. I noticed that Professor Rheingold "tweeted" some notes about the upcoming class on occasion, which could definitely be a useful thing. For personal and work use, (as I said before), I would like it better if only my close friends/associates that I choose were reading my tweets.
6. It'd be great to see more news organizations (local and otherwise) jump on the Twitter-wagon.
7. A valuable tool for in-class discussion.
8. I feel like it is used in the same way as msn or facebook could be used. could see it as a communiqué that could help large corporations or large groups coordinate projects and communicate within their own networks. As a networking tool to be used by students like myself, I find it difficult to do so if the people I want to connect to have a handle and probably privacy settings.
9. Obviously, it's useful for education. It has applications for media and publishing, but it kind of feels a bit like a "dumbing down" of content. Microcontent? Does no one have an attention span anymore? (Probably not)
10. great for constrained writing ie haikus - also good as a streaming mind hive of those you respect
11. Distributed teams keeping in touch - loosely and maybe even formally around a specific work task. Can be used for announcement / broadcast content.
12. I use it as methadone against the heroin of my blogging and surfing habits: a measured dose which soothes my cravings. It also has occasional practical uses, when I ask my loose circle of friends for a solution to a problem (usually either technical or about daily life in my home town).
13. Twitter is building brain bridges, find minds that think alike and connect to their owners' blogs, del.icio.us, music, videos etc.. Twitter leads to social object explosion ;-) (You heard it here first)
14. digital story telling in 140 increments brainstorming social reporting throughout city by student reporters
15. I have learned that it can be used in the classroom and I'm constantly learning new ways from other people on Twitter. I think it would be a great way for students to ask questions when they don't feel comfortable doing it out in the open.
16. http://academhack.outsidethetext.com/home/2008/twitter-for-academia/
17. I have to think about that one.

5. How do you identify yourself as a user?

Response	Percent	Number
I am a student	32.1%	9
I am an educator	35.7%	10
I am a developer	21.4%	6

I am a media professional	7.1%	2
I do not wish to share	3.6%	1
Other	25.0%	7
answered question	28	