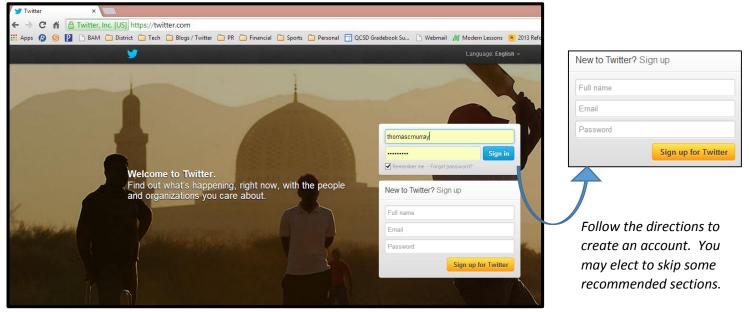
A Quick Start Guide to Participating in a Twitter Chat

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STEP 1: Create a Twitter Account – www.twitter.com



STEP 2: Complete your Twitter BIO and Include a Picture

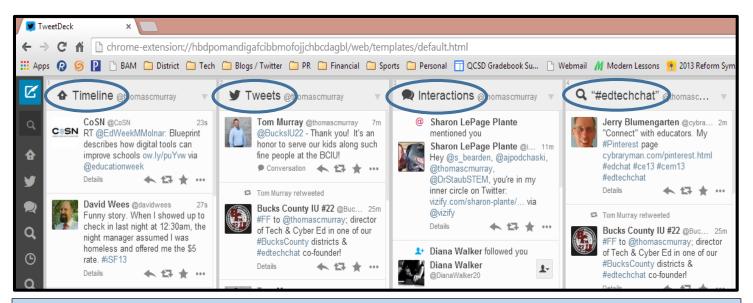
People will connect on Twitter more frequently with those that have a completed bio and picture.



STEP 3: Use a Third Party Application to Efficiently Take Part in a Chat

Unfortunately, joining a Twitter Chat from Twitter.com or through a Twitter phone app is very difficult. Therefore a third party application is recommended. Three examples are:

<u>TWEETDECK</u> – Use <u>www.tweetdeck.com</u>, or if using Google Chrome, use the Tweetdeck App available in the Chrome Store. Use the "+" to add columns such as "Timeline" (News Feed), "Tweets" (Shows Your Tweets), "Interactions" (Lists any time you were mentioned in a Tweet), or "Search", a hashtag such as #edtechchat.



<u>CHAT TIP</u>: Many chats will use a "Q1, Q2, Q3…" and "A1, A2, A3…" format. This helps participants organize questions and responses. Chat moderators will use "Q1" at the beginning of their Tweet to share question 1. Participants will use "A1" to show which question they are responding to, and so on.

TWEETCHAT - www.tweetchat.com

HOOTSUITE - www.hootsuite.com

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We'll be performing server maintenance this Saturday, October 5th between 10:00pr EST. During this time, TweetChat.com will be unavailable. Welcome back! Here's how to use TweetChat:			The leading social media dashboard to manage and measure your social network Manage multiple social networks Schedule messages and tweets		s f Sign Up Using Faceboo — or —
1 Sign in to TweetChat. Signup with Twitter if you don't have an account. Or lingin sacurely authenticates you with Twitter. Once authenticated, you will be returned directly to TweetChat.	topics and those hashtags allow TweetChat to connect you with people talking about similar things. TweetChat helps put your blinders on to the Twitter- sphere while you monitor and	3 Converse in real-time. Each tweet automatically gets the hanhtag added and the room auto-updatas. You can use the "User Control" are to feature people you like or to block spanners. "Smart pausing" has been added so when you scroll down	 International distance International dis	Track brand mentions Analyze sodal media traffic 7 million+ satisfied users Plans & Pricing	Email Address Full Name Password I have read and agree to the Te I like to receive HootSuite m Sign Up Now
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NOTE: For TweetDeck, TweetChat, and Hootsuite, users must first set up an account on the third party site and grant access to the user's Twitter account. Once linked, these free tools provide an easy and efficient way to take part in a chat.

IMPORTANT CHAT REMINDER: While taking part in a Twitter Chat, users **must** use (tag) the appropriate hashtag, so the user's tweet becomes public and linked to the particular chat. For instance, including #edtechchat would connect that particular tweet to the #edtechchat conversation. For the Official Education Chat list, visit: **bit.ly/officialchatlist**.