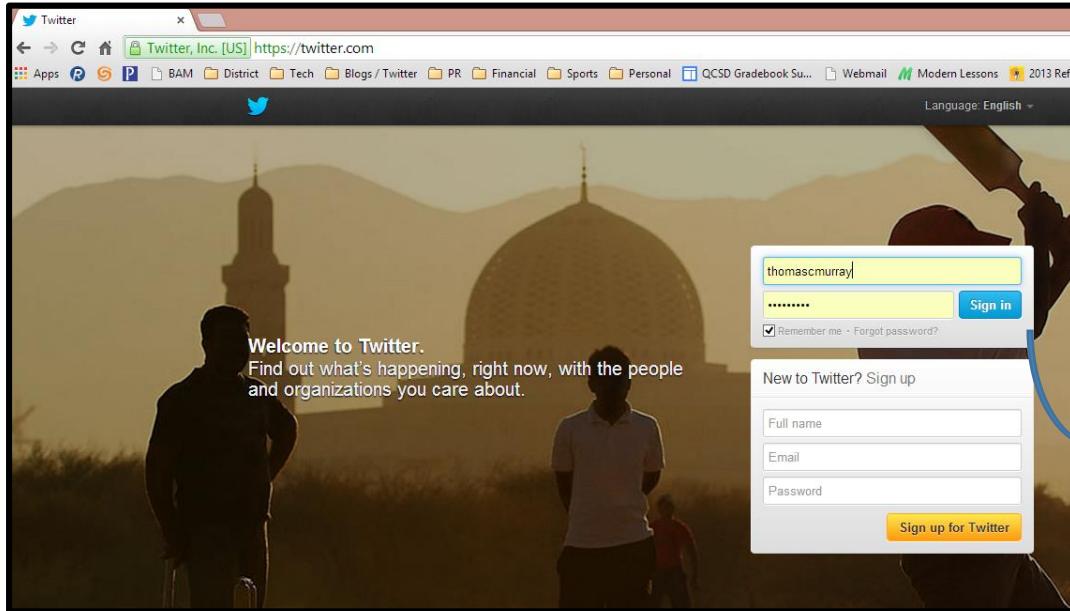


# A Quick Start Guide to Participating in a Twitter Chat

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## STEP 1: Create a Twitter Account – [www.twitter.com](https://www.twitter.com)



New to Twitter? Sign up

Full name

Email

Password

[Sign up for Twitter](#)

*Follow the directions to create an account. You may elect to skip some recommended sections.*

## STEP 2: Complete your Twitter BIO and Include a Picture

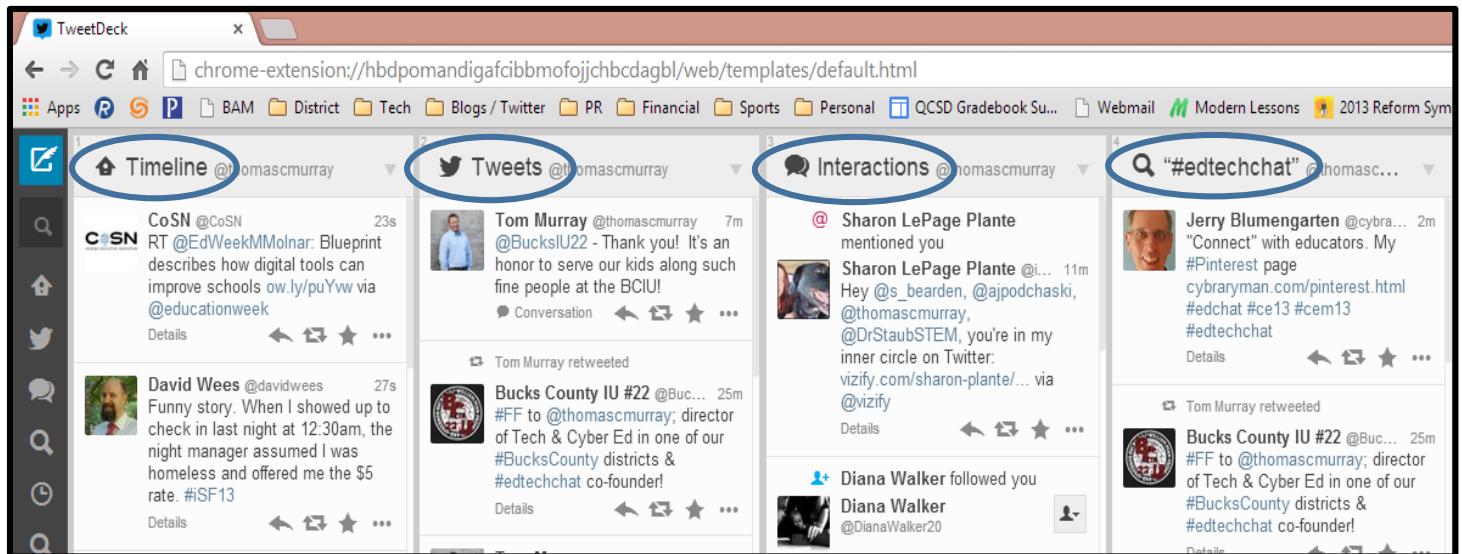
People will connect on Twitter more frequently with those that have a completed bio and picture.



## **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:*

**TWEETDECK** – Use [www\(tweetdeck.com](http://www(tweetdeck.com)), 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.



**CHAT TIP:** 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](http://www.tweetchat.com)**

A screenshot of the TweetChat website. It shows a "Welcome back! Here's how to use TweetChat:" section with three numbered steps: 1. Sign in to TweetChat, 2. Choose hashtag to follow, and 3. Converse in real-time. Below this, there is a note about server maintenance on Saturday, October 5th between 10:00pm EST. The footer includes a note that TweetChat is brought to you by Internet Media Labs and is powered by oneQube.

*Remember, each Tweet is limited to 140 characters.*

### **HOOTSUITE – [www.hootsuite.com](http://www.hootsuite.com)**

A screenshot of the Hootsuite website. It features a "Social Media Management" section with a sub-section titled "Hoo's Using HootSuite" showing logos for Seagate, PEPSICO, SONY MUSIC, CBS Interactive, Virgin, and WWF. To the right, there is a "Sign Up Today - FREE" form with fields for Email Address, Full Name, Password, and checkboxes for Terms of Use and newsletter sign-up. A "Sign Up Now" button is also present.

**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](http://bit.ly/officialchatlist).