

Basic Twitter Experiment

Our discussion of technology in class, while vibrant and engaging, has been just that—discussion. However, in order to understand technology, we need to make use of technology in and outside the classroom. I have chosen Twitter as the social media technology we will explore for our course. This is an experiment, so please don't worry about right or wrong, success or failure: I expect all of us to experience them all.

What do you need for this assignment? You need the following:

1. An active Twitter account. (I showed you how to sign up in class)
2. Read **one** news/popular story on or referencing technology **per week**.
3. Post a link and comment about the story in your Twitter stream.
4. Use the hashtag **#uw130169** in your tweet.

The last item is particularly important because this is how I will know if you did the assignment or not. I am collecting all tweets with the aforementioned hashtag using an archiving program. So, we will be able to look at them in class as part of our discussion exercises.

Once you have set-up your account, please email your Twitter handle. I am not expecting you to follow me on Twitter. That is not part of your grade; however, if you do want to follow me on Twitter, my handle is @trentmkays. Be warned though, I tweet a lot.

I am expecting you to have read the story you tweeted. I will be asking you about the story in class. So, be prepared to make a few comments about it.

This assignment is rather simple. You should not have difficulty with it; however, if you are having trouble with the assignment for any reason, please talk to me about it in class or email me.