


# Twitter: let's go for it

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 I signed up for [Twitter](#) ages ago but reality meant I had no time to actually partake. I have decided to go for it now though I am sure I will be intermittent.

Most non-geeks react with horror if you mention Twitter. The name is so silly it invites derision. But I am interested in how small networks connect to bigger networks so I shall sally forth into that digital dimension.

For those who don't know, Twitter is a website that hosts a mini-blogging network. You 'follow' (in effect 'listen') to people you have chosen and others can choose to follow you. It can be as small or as big a network as you want and your popularity allows.

You can only use up to 140 characters per message so it's for pithy chat rather than deep and meaningful conversation. It reminds me of how I used to write the headlines on Channel 4 News. "Tony Blair says he is the second Messiah – Prescott is John The Baptist – we have the latest" type stuff.

See you on [Twitter](#).

TWITTER UPDATE:

12 hours in and a Twitter tip to [this](#) has made it all worthwhile.

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