

Twitter for BlackBerry Smartphones

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Getting started

About Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones

You can use Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones to update your friends about what you are doing almost anywhere you go. You can post a tweet, send direct messages to friends, search Twitter, add pictures to your tweets, and more.

If you already have a Twitter account, you can use your existing login information to log in to Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones. To get a Twitter account, sign up from Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones or visit www.twitter.com.

New features and enhancements

New with Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones 2.1, you can now sign into multiple Twitter accounts and quickly switch between accounts.

Sign into another Twitter account

1. Press the **Menu** key > **Switch Account**.
2. Click **Manage Accounts** > **Add Account**.
3. Type a user name and password.

To sign out of a Twitter account, press the **Menu** key > **Switch Account**. Highlight an account. Press the **Menu** key > **Sign out**.

Switch Twitter accounts

1. At the top of the screen, click your profile picture.
2. Click the **Switch Account** icon.
3. Click a Twitter account.

View trending topics

1. Click the **Trends** icon at the top of the screen.
2. To view trending topics from a specific location, click **Worldwide** at the top of the screen.

Change your display options

1. Press the **Menu** key > **Options**
2. Do any of the following:
 - To change the font type and font size, clear the **Use system font settings** checkbox. Change the **Font family** and **Font size** fields.
 - To change the appearance of the direct messages screen, beside **Show messages as**, click the drop-down list.
 - To hide the **Add Location** button on the Twitter home screen, clear the **Add location to tweet** checkbox.
 - To show or hide the tweet field on the Twitter home screen, select or clear the **Hide tweet composer on home screen** checkbox.
3. Press the **Menu** key > **Save**.

Choose your picture uploading website

1. Press the **Menu** key > **Options**.
2. Change the **Upload photos to** field.

Shortcuts: Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones

Depending on the typing input language that you are using, some shortcuts might not be available.

From a BlackBerry smartphone with a full keyboard

- To reply to a direct message or tweet, highlight the direct message or tweet. Press **R**.
- To reply to all of the people that are mentioned in a tweet, highlight the tweet. Press **L**.
- To repost a tweet, highlight the tweet. Press **F**.
- To compose a tweet, press **C**.
- To compose a direct message, on the **Direct Messages** screen, press **C**.
- To refresh your tweet timeline, press **D**.

From a BlackBerry smartphone with a SureType keyboard

- To reply to a direct message or tweet, highlight the direct message or tweet. Press the exclamation point (!) key.
- To reply to all of the people that are mentioned in a tweet, highlight the tweet. Press the question mark (?) key.
- To repost a tweet, highlight the tweet. Press the period (.) key.
- To compose a tweet, press the comma (,) key.
- To compose a direct message, on the **Direct Messages** screen, press the comma (,) key.
- To refresh your tweet timeline, press **5**.

Navigation shortcuts

Navigation shortcuts can be used from a BlackBerry smartphone with a full keyboard or a BlackBerry smartphone with a SureType keyboard.

- To go to the **Home** screen, press the **Alt** key and **0**.
- To go to the **Mentions** screen, press the **Alt** key and **1**.
- To go to the **Direct Messages** screen, press the **Alt** key and **2**.
- To go to the **Lists** screen, press the **Alt** key and **3**.
- To go to the **Trends** screen, press the **Alt** key and **4**.
- To go to the **Search** screen, press the **Alt** key and **5**.
- To go to the **My Profile** screen, press the **Alt** key and **6**.
- On a BlackBerry smartphone with a full keyboard only, to switch Twitter accounts, press the **Alt** key and **Space**.

Tweets and direct messages

Post a tweet

If your BlackBerry smartphone supports GPS technology, you can add your location to tweets that you post.

1. If necessary, click **Compose Tweet**.
2. Type a tweet.
 - To add your GPS location to your tweet, click **Add Location**.
 - To add a picture to your tweet, click the **Add Photo** icon.
3. Click **Tweet**.

Reply to a tweet

1. Highlight a tweet.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
 - To reply to the person that posted the tweet, click **Reply**.
 - To reply to all of the people that are mentioned in the tweet, click **Reply All**.
3. Type a tweet.
4. Click **Reply**.

Retweet

1. On the Twitter home screen, highlight a tweet.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
 - To retweet the original tweet as it originally appeared, click **Retweet**.
 - To edit the original tweet before you post it, click **Quote Tweet**. Edit the tweet. Click **Tweet**.

Add a link to a tweet or direct message

When you add a link to a tweet or direct message, the link is shortened automatically.

1. While browsing the Internet from your BlackBerry smartphone, on a web page, press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **Menu**.
3. Click **Send Address**.
4. Click **Twitter**.
5. Click **Direct Message** or **Tweet**.
6. Type a tweet.

7. Click **Update**.

Post a tweet on a trending topic

1. Click the **Trends** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Highlight a topic.
3. Press the **Menu** key > **Tweet About <topic>**.
4. Type a tweet.
5. Click **Tweet**.

Send a tweet

1. Highlight a tweet.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
3. Click **Send To**.
4. Click an option.

Set a tweet as your Facebook status

To perform this task, you must have Facebook for BlackBerry smartphones installed on your device.

1. Highlight a tweet.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
3. Click **Send To**.
4. Click **Facebook**.
5. Click **Share**.

Mark a tweet as a favorite

1. On the Twitter home screen, highlight a tweet.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
3. Click **Favorite**.

To view your favorite tweets, press the **Menu** key. Click **My Profile**. Click **Favorites**.

Send a direct message

1. Click the **Messages** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Press the **Menu** key > **Compose Message**.
3. Type part of a person's name or Twitter user name.
4. Click a person.
5. Type a direct message.
6. Press the **Enter** key.

View a direct message

1. Click the **Messages** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Click a direct message.

Check spelling automatically

You can check your spelling automatically in tweets or direct messages.

1. Press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **Options**.
3. Select the **Spell Check Before Sending** check box.

Stop checking if your tweets include personal information

By default, Twitter for BlackBerry smartphones automatically notifies you if a tweet you have composed includes personal information, such as a phone number, email address, or PIN.

1. Press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **Options**.
3. Clear the **Check tweets for personal information before sending** check box.

Notifications

Stop receiving notifications

You can receive a Twitter notification on the Home screen of your BlackBerry smartphone when you receive a new direct message, when a person posts a tweet that mentions you, or when your tweet timeline is refreshed and new tweets are available. You can also receive a notification automatically in the messages application.

1. Press the **Menu** key > **Options**.
2. Do any of the following:
 - To stop receiving a notification on the Home screen of your smartphone when there are new tweets in your tweet timeline, clear the **Notify on new Tweets** checkbox.
 - To stop receiving a notification on the Home screen of your smartphone when there are new tweets that mention you, clear the **Notify on new replies and mentions** checkbox.
 - To stop receiving notifications in the **Messages** application, clear the **Integrate in Messages Application** checkbox.

Change your notification options for a specific Twitter account

Regardless of which Twitter account is active, you can receive notifications when you are mentioned in any of your Twitter accounts.

1. At the top of the screen, click your profile picture.
2. Click the **Switch Account** icon.
3. Highlight an account.
4. Press the **Menu** key > **View Account Options**.

Change your timeline refresh options

You can choose to refresh your tweet timeline automatically with the latest tweets that the people you follow posted.

1. Press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **Options**.
 - To refresh your tweet timeline automatically, select the **Automatic Tweet Refresh** check box.
 - To change how often your tweet timeline is refreshed, change the **Refresh Tweets Every:** field.

Refresh your tweet timeline

1. On the Twitter home screen, press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **Refresh**.

Profile, followers, and mentions

View your profile

1. Press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **My Profile**.

Change your profile picture and information

1. Press the **Menu** key.
2. Click **My Profile**.
3. Press the **Menu** key.
4. Click **Edit My Profile**.
5. Do any of the following:
 - Beside your profile picture, click **Change**. Click a picture.
 - Type your new profile information.
6. Click **Update**.

View a person's profile

You can view a person's tweet timeline, followers, people that they follow, favorite tweets, and mentions from the person's profile.

- To view the profile of a person you follow or a person that follows you, press the **Menu** key. Click **My Profile**. Click **Following** or **Followers**. Click a profile picture.
- To view the profile of another person, click the **Search** icon at the top of the screen. Type your search criteria. Click **<search criteria> in people**. Click a profile picture.

Follow a person

1. Click the **Search** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Type a person's name or user name.
3. Click **<name or user name> in people**.
4. Click a person's profile picture.
5. Click **Follow**.

Stop following or block a person

1. On the Twitter home screen, followers list, following list, or search results list, click a person's profile picture.
2. Click **Unfollow** or **Block**.

Report a person's tweets as spam

1. Highlight a tweet.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
3. Click **Report Spam**.
4. Click **Continue**.

View your followers or people that you follow

1. Press the **Menu** key > **My Profile** .
2. Click **Followers** or **Following**.

View tweets that mention you

Click the **Mentions** icon at the top of the screen.

Lists

Create a list

1. Click the **Lists** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Click **Create New List**.
3. Type a name and description for your list.
4. To mark the list as private, select the **Private List** checkbox.
5. Click **Create**.

View a list

1. Click the **Lists** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Click a list.

Add a person to a list

You can add a person to a list from your tweet timeline, your list of followers, the list of people that you follow, or the search results.

1. Click a person's profile picture.
2. Press the **Menu** key.
3. Click **Add <Person> to list**.
 - To add a person to an existing list, change the **Select a list** field.
 - To add a person to a new list, change the **Select a list** field to **New List**. Type a list name and description.
4. Click **Add**.

Send a list

1. Click the **Lists** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Highlight a list.
3. Press the **Menu** key.
4. Click **Recommend List**.
5. Click an option.

Delete a list

1. Click the **Lists** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Click **My Lists**.
3. Highlight a list.
4. Press the **Menu** key.
5. Click **Delete List**.

Search

Search for a person

1. Click the **Search** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Type the search criteria.
3. Click **<search criteria> in people**.

Search Twitter by keyword

1. Click the **Search** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Type the search criteria.
 - To search for all tweets containing the keywords, press the **Enter** key.
 - To search for tweets containing the keywords near your area, click **<search criteria> nearby**.

To save the search, click **Save Search**.

View your saved searches

1. Click the **Search** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Click **Saved Searches**.
3. Click a saved search.

Delete a saved search

1. Click the **Search** icon at the top of the screen.
2. Click **Saved Searches**.
3. Highlight a saved search.
4. Press the **Menu** key.
5. Click **Delete Saved Search**.

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