Cosmic 140

The 140 most influential Twitter users, their #name #handle #category #influence #activity, when they first started and what they first said

Art & Design

Technology

Intellectuals

Entertainment

News

Business

Sports

Humor

Politics

Music

1/19/2010
Bill Gates
@BillGates | 1,4
"Hello World." Hard at work on my foundation letter - publishing on 1/25.
14

12/7/2009
Eric Schmidt
@ericschmidt | 0,2
CNN GPS with Fareed Zakaria on Nov 29th, starts around minute 17; Fareed is a very good interviewer http://bit.ly/6GwGjn
96

6/26/2009
Kai-Fu Lee
@kaifulee | 0,9
Creating my new account on tweeter
124

3/18/2009
Gary Hustwit
@gary_hustwit | 1,7
my first tweet! and already, limitations. i wanted "hustwitter" as my username, no dice, and someone already has garyhustwit... what gives?
136

2/26/2009
Google
@google | 3,3
I'm 01100110 01100101 01100101 01101100 01101001 01101110 01100111 00100000 01101100 01101001 01100011 01101011 01111001 00001010
13

7/21/2009
Marissa Mayer
@marissamayer | 0,6
Discovered the American Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore -- extremely cool in terms of art and its philosophies (http://www.avam.org/)
112

7/10/2009
Fake Steve
@fakesteve | 1,4
Dear Eric: You're dead to me. Tag him and bag him, boys, because Squirrel Boy is finished around here. I calle... http://bit.ly/3PBv9
137

3/9/2009
Pentagram Design
@pentagramdesign | 1,9
Signs of the Times -- Signs fundraising event.?> DJ Stout and his team at Pentagram Austin invite you to jo... http://tinyurl.com/aoogr
119

1/29/2009
AIGA
@AIGAdesign | 1,2
Apologies for the technical difficulties at www.aiga.org over the past few days... - we are working on it and will have it resolved soon.
101

1/22/2009
Erik Spiekermann
@espiekermann | 0,7
at the office with more on my list than i can hope to do
133

12/24/2008
Jason Pollock
@Jason_Pollock | 1,8
I'm going to get food for a festive holiday dinner tonight, Check out the trailer for my film at... http://www.TheYoungestCandidate.com
99

10/29/2007
John Boardley
@ilovetypography | 0,6
just started twittering...
102

8/5/2008
Smashing Magazine
@smashingmag | 1,3
New post on Smashing Magazine - Fervens: A Free Wordpress Theme, http://tinyurl.com/5epr7c
35

7/25/2009
Todd McFarlane
@Todd_McFarlane | 1
Tyrese what did you do? This is a new world to me. Can anyone walk me through the twitter thing?
123

11/27/2008
Yoko Ono
@yokoono | 2,6
dancing
42

7/13/2008
John Maeda
@johnmaeda | 1,7
working
107

7/22/2009
Alain de Botton
@alaindebotton | 0,6
If you believe that those at the top merit their success you have to believe that those at the bottom are worthy of their failures.
105

2/22/2010
Dalai Lama
@DalaiLama | 0
His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Los Angeles - 21 February 2010 http://bit.ly/cRDAvr
61

10/20/2009
Fake AP Stylebook
@FakeAPStylebook | 8,1
All television show names should bear the 'Spanish exclamations,' /CSI Miami and /taxicab, /confessions/, but not /Jeopardy!/
48

3/8/2008
Luke Wroblewski
@lukewdesign | 3,3
At Moonshine, Getting beer pressure from all.
134

11/4/2007
Jason Sweeney
@sween | 4,5
Lying on my side, spooning a cat, hoping Noel doesn't knock out our power.
28

2/7/2008
Clay Shirky
@cshirky | 2,1
Loving having an actual copy of my book on my desk -- no more galleys!
104

12/21/2007
Lawrence Lessig
@lessig | 0,9
waiting for joi
111

7/7/2008
TED
@tedtalks | 0,9
TEDTalks feed!
97

2/13/2009
Mark Zuckerberg
@finkd | 0,6
@coontz I knew you'd be under ditka
120

10/22/2009
Tim Berners-Lee
@timberners_lee | 0,6
Ooops confusing user interface. And no phones on on stage with radiomikes.
125

12/25/2007
NASA
@nasa | 9,2
Apollo 17: Thirty-five years ago this week on Dec 7th! http://tinyurl.com/2h2g26
93

3/17/2007
Wired
@WIRED | 4
Wired News: Top Stories: Dems Want Answers Gonzales — http://tinyurl.com/2bkvqu
36

8/5/2007
Tim O'Reilly
@timoreilly | 2,1
Kim Stanley Robinson's session on capitalism vs. socialism in science policy at Science Foo Camp at Google.
54

3/4/2007
Tim Siedell
@tsudbanana | 1,1
Wondering where the time went. Pondering sleep.
108

4/13/2007
Daisuke Tsuda
@tsuda | 1,3
(;^_^)ハ(;^_^;)ﾊｯﾋｬ!!
109

3/11/2007
Doug Bowman
@stop | 1,4
mellowing at the Driskill, my lord there's a lot of people at sxsw this year.
78

3/10/2007
Danny Sullivan
@dannysullivan | 1,0
working too late
81

4/11/2007
Dan Kogai
@dankogai | 7,9
Just started twitter
118

3/7/2007
Techmeme
@Techmeme | 1,5
OpenID - You can now use your WordPress.com blog as an OpenID. (WordPress.com) http://tinyurl.com/2o4kur
110

4/14/2007
Richard MacManus
@rww | 9,6
wondering why the heck someone else has the 'readwriteweb' twitter username. Damn squatters.
69

12/15/2007
Loic Le Meur
@loic | 31
[seesmic] le bon mot de passe - http://seesmic.com/SiruWPRk59
60

3/16/2007
Jason Kottke
@jkottke | 4,1
Finally caving to Twitter. Still no MySpace though.
106

12/1/2006
John Gruber
@gruber | 6,1
Giving the boy a bath.
108

3/9/2007
Jared M. Spool
@jmspool
Signing up for twitter
88

5/24/2007
Warren Ellis
@warrenellis | 6,0
checking account validity
89

12/12/2006
Jason Santa Maria
@jasonsantamaria | 2,9
trying to wake up.
100

12/12/2006
Jeffrey Zeldman
@zeldman | 7,1
scratching
100

4/26/2007
Paulo Coelho
@paulocoelho | 4,7
un regalo de un amigo y seguidor http://www.paulocoelhoblog.com/
46

11/20/2006
Robert Scoble
@scobleizer | 26
I'm going home to Half Moon Bay.
57

3/16/2007
Pete Cashmore
@mashable | 29
DeLicious Tag Descriptions - Very Meta (http://tinyurl.com/ygttwt)
30

8/27/2007
Guy Kawasaki
@GuyKawasaki | 21
Just created a better Twitter name
32

5/5/2009
Michael Arrington
@arrington | 12
woohoo, A Twitter account of my very own, unbound by the corporate policy chains of TechCrunch. Freedom!
101

8/7/2008
Digg
@digg_2000 | 11
"John McCain Has 61 Major Flip-Flops: Here Are All of Them!" - http://tinyurl.com/5gmlgo
84

7/15/2006
Om Malik
@om | 7,8
Looking 4 food
69

7/15/2006
Jason Calacanis
@Jason | 12
Listening to the old tycho album.
68

2/8/2007
Chris Pirillo
@chrispirillo | 13
I've been twitterpated?
51

1/18/2007
Kevin Rose
@kevinrose | 3,6
Drinking tea @ work
41

3/7/2007
TechCrunch
@TechCrunch | 14
Blogging!
42

3/15/2007
Major Nelson
@majornelson | 8,2
Wondering why people want to know what I am doing.
85

2/13/2007
Joshua Allen
@fireland | 0,6
When I go into the office bathroom and someone is going #2 while I only have to go #1 ... I feel superior
110

11/21/2006
Veronica Belmont
@Veronica | 4,7
Gah! Will today never end?!
79

3/21/2006
Biz Stone
@biz | 2,6
just setting up my twttr
65

3/21/2006
Jack Dorsey
@jack | 4,8
just setting up my twttr
80

7/18/2006
Scott Beale
@laughingsquid | 8,2
tweaking twitta
106

3/21/2006
Evan Williams
@ev | 3,5
just setting up my twttr
49

7/16/2006
Dave McClure
@davemcclure | 7,3
Dinner in san mateo, ghabu shabu!
119

3/21/2006
Start twttr(beta)

3/5/2007
The New York Times
@nytimes | 39
Without Health Benefits, a Good Life Turns Fragile http://shurl.org/tkVmbZ
138

8/2/2007
Guardian Tech
@guardiantech | 15
[news] Electronic voting not safe warns election watchdog: Trials designed to increase turnou... http://tinyurl.com/2bbd3l
73

7/11/2007
BBC Click
@BBCClick | 0,8
BBC Click is looking 4 Twitter users, if available on the 17July for an intw and in San Francisco, email click@bbc.co.uk 4 more info!
72

1/2/2007
CNN Breaking News
@cnnbrk
festive
3

4/1/2007
Wall Street Journal
@wsj | 15
Sega, Nintendo to Make Olympics-Themed Game http://tinyurl.com/3xkd5l
70

3/20/2007
Reuters Top News
@Reuters
Russia hunts missing after mine blast kills 106 http://tinyurl.com/2bd4lh
44

7/21/2006
Public Launch

10/24/2006
Chris Brogan
@chrisbrogan | 51
I'm writing content for Video on the Net and chatting with Julien Smith.
40

12/19/2006
Jeremiah Owyang
@jowyang | 17
Surfing the web
87

1/24/2007
Joi Ito
@Joi | 3,9
Starting Twitter...
95

3/12/2007
Fred Wilson
@fredwilson | 5,6
trying twitter
108

10/6/2006
Obvious Corp. founded

3/18/2007
Fox News
@foxnews | 131
NATIONAL: Confederate Flag Hanging From Noose Stays on Display http://tinyurl.com/2576uc
131

10/9/2007
Mario Sixtus
@sixtus | 6,6
Testing Twitter... (check, one, two, check, beeeeeep)
109

7/2/2007
JetBlue Airways
@JetBlue | 2,3
Woo-hoo! I am the official airline of Springfield! Aye carumba!
90

1/30/2008
Alan Murray
@alansmurray | 5,8
I'm not getting my updates
103

5/19/2008
Jay Rosen
@jayrosen_nyu | 17
Setting up my Twitter account to see if I like it.
97

6/25/2008
Anderson Cooper
@andersoncooper | 19
Erica's News Note: What a long strange trip http://tinyurl.com/67l3ef
37

5/5/2007
NPR Politics
@nprpolitics | 11
No religion with your stamps http://tinyurl.com/ytn9lv
52

6/6/2008
Drudge Report
@Drudge_Report | 39
AP: More than 3,5 million new voters... http://tinyurl.com/4zdhk8
97

8/4/2008
The Economist
@TheEconomist | 4
Green:view: Green genes: The shameful destruction of a crop trialALMOST ten years ago, a jury acquit... http://tinyurl.com/5qxdyd
48

4/24/2008
Huffington Post
@huffingtonpost | 45
Toby Barlow: It doesn't actually take a genius to notice the sun does it? http://tinyurl.com/68sxxe
45

4/29/2007
Barack Obama
@BarackObama | 0,6
"Thinking we're only one signature away from ending the war in Iraq. Learn more at http://www.barackobama.com"
83

3/8/2008
Tony Hsieh
@zappos | 2,8
Hello zappos people at SXSW. Please twitter "follow zappos" to follow me. -Tony
60

1/23/2008
Arnold Schwarzenegger
@Schwarzenegger | 1
Going to take part in a Q & A at the CA Newspaper Publishers Assn, Gov. Affairs Day in Sacramento at 1:30pm, Webcast at http://gov.ca.gov.
57

8/17/2008
Starbucks Coffee
@Starbucks | 8
Welcome to Starbucks Twitter land!
57

4/28/2009
Jack Welch
@jack_welch | 1,7
So here I go, @suzywelch and our kids have browbeaten me into 2009. Hello Twitter world! Yikes.
99

6/5/2009
Takafumi Horie
@takapon_jp | 11
ついったーはじめました。録脳なんにしようか・・・
43

11/17/2009
Hiroshi Mikitani
@hmikitani | 0,8
新しい団体の打ち合わせをしています
62

12/24/2009
Masayoshi Son
@masason | 6
本もて今日からつぶやく事にしました。2009年のクリスマスイブ。もうすぐ24時です。
29

11/6/2008
Al Gore
@algore | 0,3
Just signed up for Twitter. Please check out http://www.algore.com/ and http://www.repoweramerica.org/.
22

1/9/2009
Karl Rove
@KarlRove | 4,3
Check out my Op-Ed in the Wall Street Journal...http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123137220550562585.html
85

1/23/2009
John McCain
@SenJohnMcCain | 2,5
I am working in my office on Capitol Hill today.
65

3/17/2009
Shashi Tharoor
@ShashiTharoor | 8,8
In Kerala.
83

6/6/2009
Verified accounts

10/30/2009
Lists feature

11/5/2009
Retweet feature

3/4/2008
The Onion
@TheOnion | 5,7
The Onion reluctantly expands its Inter-net presence via Face-book. Damn the lot of you! http://urlsea.com/2uYn
15

5/22/2008
Real Madrid
@realmadrid | 3,7
Celebración Liga UTOL Portal Exclusivo http://tor.us/celebracion-liga
122

1/6/2009
Sean Combs
@iamdiddy | 10
ON SET...GETTING READY TO FLY HOME FOR THE NOTORIOUS PREMIERE!
68

11/18/2008
Shaquille O'Neal
@THE_REAL_SHAQ | 6,6
this is the real SHAQUILLE O'NEAL
19

12/23/2008
Michael Jordan
@michaeljordan | 0,3
drinking oj and mountaindew
177

10/15/2008
Lance Armstrong
@lancearmstrong | 0,4
Just finished a speech here in Las Vegas for a company called Teradata. 3,000 folks in the audience on an early vegas am. Bout to ride now!
26

12/30/2008
MLB
@mlb | 26
hope you have fun with our new Official MLBlogs Twitter page! Use it to post tweets and I suggest http://is.gd for short URLs. Go MLBlogs!
64

7/25/2009
Tony Hawk
@tonyhawk | 17
woke up with Kady, watching Yo Gabba Gabba; trying to get over this strange Fijian flu & picked up so I can skate.
58

7/19/2009
Kohmi Hirose
@kohmi | 41
twitter初挑戦中です。
71

3/27/2009
Lady Gaga
@ladygaga | 0,4
so rehearsing for my video just dance and am now at wmc to perform at the Armani and nervous records party, But I am no nervous record! ...
4

6/23/2009
Rubens Barrichello
@rubarrichello | 24
oi gente...agora esse eh meu twitter oficial...mandarei noticias...um forte abraco,Rubinho
65

8/3/2009
Justin
@shitmydadsays | 0,5
"I don't live to be 73 years old so I could eat kale. Don't fix me your breakfast and pretend you're fixing mine."
9

3/27/2009
Alyssa Milano
@alyssa_milano | 23
this is my official twitter!
28

1/28/2009
Rainn Wilson
@rainnwilson | 7,5
Rainn Wilson. Reporting for duty.
20

3/21/2009
Kim Kardashian
@KimKardashian | 0,7
Hey guys it's Kim Kardashian! I finally signed up for Twitter! There are a few fakes so just know this is the real me!!!
23

1/22/2009
Perez Hilton
@PerezHilton | 48
Hi! This is the real me bitches. I'm not on MySpace or Facebook but I decided to start Twittering. Yee Haw!
17

3/17/2009
Paris Hilton
@ParisHilton | 11
in Vegas at the Hard Rock with my Prince...
24

12/6/2008
Taylor Swift
@TaylorSwift13 | 1,1
apologizing to a very needy cat for being gone so long.
14

9/22/2008
Britney Spears
@britneyspears | 0,7
Welcome to Britney Spears' Twitter! Follow the latest in Britney news and get updates straight from Britney and her entourage.
8

8/19/2008
Trent Reznor
@trent_reznor
0,9 | hanging on the bus
49

4/29/2008
MC Hammer
@MCHammer | 12
boring night...my controller must have been broken...every channel had some preacher name Rev. Wright..I think he's running for President??
22

7/30/2008
Adam Savage
@donttrythis | 4,5
About to test the shinyness of mud.
29

10/9/2008
Stephen Fry
@stephenfry | 99
Hello Twitterers. I'm About to fly to Africa for a new project and will be tweeting whilst I'm filming.
16

1/28/2009
Mariah Carey
@MariahCarey | 1,7
Welcome to Mariah's Official Twitter Page! Bookmark http://twitter.com/MariahHBF and feel free to write back to @MariahHBF about Miss M.
21

1/30/2009
John Mayer
@johnmayer | 7,5
Finding The Perfect Fuzz Sound. If You do it right, it sounds like breath swirling around in a saxophone. Cool.
19

2/10/2010
Conan O'Brien
@ConanOBrien | 5,2
Today I interviewed a squirrel in my backyard and then threw to commercial. Somebody help me.
20

9/2/2009
Rachel Maddow
@maddow | 2,6
Got nothing done today. Have spent the entire day obsessed with this (pdf): http://is.gd/2GNlw
40

1/13/2009
Coldplay
@coldplay | 1,4
The official Coldplay twitter (with the official Coldplay twitter url) is go. Welcome one and all. Anchorman
21

12/19/2008
50 Cent
@50cent | 1,1
is in Turkey.
44

12/12/2008
Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
@souljaboytellem | 20
in D.C. on promo tour
30

4/17/2009
Oprah Winfrey
@Oprah | 0,3
HI TWITTERS , THANK YOU FOR A WARM WELCOME. FEELING REALLY 21st CENTURY.
50

6/18/2009
Priyanka Chopra
priyankachopra | 10
testing... 123..
79

3/10/2009
Ellen DeGeneres
@TheEllenShow | 4,3
Tis my first twitt-er. Or tweet? Twit? Or tweet? "Twit or tweet everybody," Is this anything?
4

12/1/2006
Jonathan Ross
@Wossy | 22
Getting to know twitter
73

5/7/2008
Kevin Smith
@ThatKevinSmith | 11
Showing my flick to some fresh eyes, backing up laptop.
29

3/14/2007
Wil Wheaton
@wilw | 7,9
Trying to figure out if I signed up with 'wilwheaton' to prevent some jerk from stealing it, or if some jerk already stole it.
34

1/16/2009
Ashton Kutcher
@aplusk | 12
dropping my first tweet
7

1/26/2009
Demi Moore
mrskutcher | 8,8
trying to figure this twitter deal out!
7

3/27/2009
Alyssa Milano
@alyssa_milano | 23
this is my official twitter!
28

1/28/2009
Rainn Wilson
@rainnwilson | 7,5
Rainn Wilson. Reporting for duty.
20

3/21/2009
Kim Kardashian
@KimKardashian | 0,7
Hey guys it's Kim Kardashian! I finally signed up for Twitter! There are a few fakes so just know this is the real me!!!
23

1/22/2009
Perez Hilton
@PerezHilton | 48
Hi! This is the real me bitches. I'm not on MySpace or Facebook but I decided to start Twittering. Yee Haw!
17

3/17/2009
Paris Hilton
@ParisHilton | 11
in Vegas at the Hard Rock with my Prince...
24

12/6/2008
Taylor Swift
@TaylorSwift13 | 1,1
apologizing to a very needy cat for being gone so long.
14

1/28/2009
Mariah Carey
@MariahCarey | 1,7
Welcome to Mariah's Official Twitter Page! Bookmark http://twitter.com/MariahHBF and feel free to write back to @MariahHBF about Miss M.
21

1/30/2009
John Mayer
@johnmayer | 7,5
Finding The Perfect Fuzz Sound. If You do it right, it sounds like breath swirling around in a saxophone. Cool.
19

2/10/2010
Conan O'Brien
@ConanOBrien | 5,2
Today I interviewed a squirrel in my backyard and then threw to commercial. Somebody help me.
20

9/2/2009
Rachel Maddow
@maddow | 2,6
Got nothing done today. Have spent the entire day obsessed with this (pdf): http://is.gd/2GNlw
40

1/13/2009
Coldplay
@coldplay | 1,4
The official Coldplay twitter (with the official Coldplay twitter url) is go. Welcome one and all. Anchorman
21

12/19/2008
50 Cent
@50cent | 1,1
is in Turkey.
44

12/12/2008
Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
@souljaboytellem | 20
in D.C. on promo tour
30

4/17/2009
Oprah Winfrey
@Oprah | 0,3
HI TWITTERS , THANK YOU FOR A WARM WELCOME. FEELING REALLY 21st CENTURY.
50

6/18/2009
Priyanka Chopra
priyankachopra | 10
testing... 123..
79

3/10/2009
Ellen DeGeneres
@TheEllenShow | 4,3
Tis my first twitt-er. Or tweet? Twit? Or tweet? "Twit or tweet everybody," Is this anything?
4

12/1/2006
Jonathan Ross
@Wossy | 22
Getting to know twitter
73

5/7/2008
Kevin Smith
@ThatKevinSmith | 11
Showing my flick to some fresh eyes, backing up laptop.
29

3/14/2007
Wil Wheaton
@wilw | 7,9
Trying to figure out if I signed up with 'wilwheaton' to prevent some jerk from stealing it, or if some jerk already stole it.
34

1/16/2009
Ashton Kutcher
@aplusk | 12
dropping my first tweet
7

1/26/2009
Demi Moore
mrskutcher | 8,8
trying to figure this twitter deal out!
7

[List Rank] 140
[List Volume]
First tweet date
Full Name
@Twitter Name | Number of tweets/day
First tweet
100,000
250,000
500,000
1,000,000
[Follower Volume] 2,500,000

Licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License.

iA