

## USING TWITTER



### YOUR TWITTER PROFILE

- Write a succinct description of yourself including interests and other key facts
- Upload a recognizable headshot
- Twitter allows a link to one site in your profile; enter your most important external site such as your nonprofit's homepage





### **CONVERSATION TOPICS**







#### Be Visual:

- Include relevant pictures, videos, presentations
- Pictures generate the highest click through rates

#### **Be Trendy:**

- Tweet about hot topics in your area of interest
- Retweet (RT) exciting or interesting information

#### Be Interactive

- @reply key followers and peers
- RT quality content and insights from others



## BE A PART OF TRENDS: HASHTAGS, LINKS & RETWEETS

- #Hashtags: Use hashtags to associate your tweets with a particular topic.
  Hastags can link your tweet to a trend, discussion or event
- Links: Use links to share something thought-provoking you have read or written elsewhere
- Retweets: A reposting of someone else's tweet. This allows you to share interesting tweets to your followers
  - There are two ways to retweet:
    - 1. Click the "retweet" button underneath a tweet to rebroadcast it to your followers exactly as it appears
    - 2. Copy and paste the tweet with the letters "RT" in front of the original tweeter's name into a new tweet. This is useful if you want to offer some commentary before the "RT"



#### THINGS TO AVOID WHEN TWEETING

Posting unrelated content



Ingrid Lunden @ingridlunden

13 Jul 12

one of our cats likes to sleep under the lavender and rosemary in the garden. he smells so nice when he comes in! #randomcatobservation

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Post relevant information for your followers

Be authentic, but remember everyone can read your posts

Posting inappropriate material



Anthony Crupi @crupicrupicrupi

Pro Tip: Get drunk & mumble those poems you wrote in the 7th grade over repetitive calliope music. Take a bow: You just invented The Doors!

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Be brief, but still construct your posts so your followers can easily read and understand what you are communicating

Poorly constructed or unclear posts



Kramer Levin @kramerlevin

Avoiding the Trap Door of Retaliation

http://www.kramerlevin.com/news/Detail.aspx?id=bb356891-db6c-4492-aca5-5f69f45c4aca

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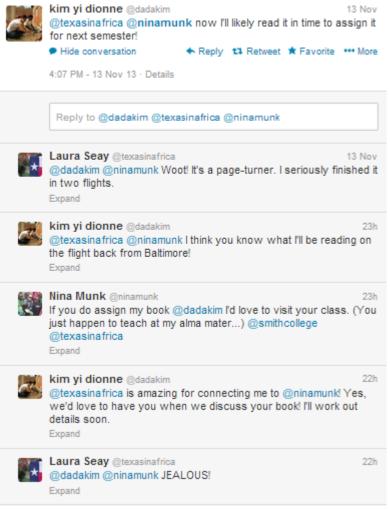
Reply Retweet Revorite \*\*\* More

11 Apr 11



### CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONVERSATION

Participate in threaded conversations and insert your opinion



- Often the most provocative dialogue happens on Twitter
- Remember to be respectful of others in your industry, but don't be afraid to take part
- Dialogue helps build community and credibility in your industry



# **ELEMENTS OF A PERFECT**

**Tone:** Establishing a tone of voice that is authentic to you

**Style:** Short (140 characters or less), simple, clear and easy to understand

**Syntax:** Must be attention grabbing if it's to compete with other tweets in a feed

Relevant / Timely: Get to know your followers and you will be able to make posts more relevant – if it resonates with them personally, they are far more likely to engage

Visuals: Attaching a photo, video or link can help make posts stand out in the feed and will help drive engagement

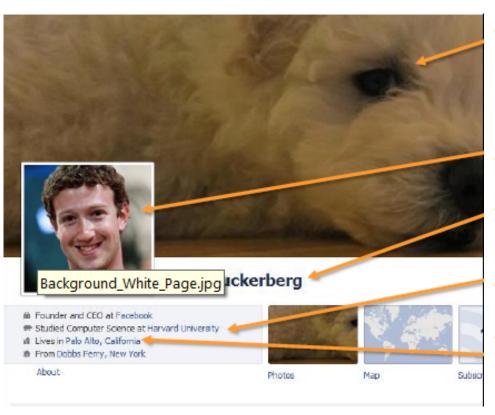
CTA (Call to Action): If you want them to do something you have to tell them (e.g. "Watch this" or "Check this out")



## USING FACEBOOK



### YOUR FACEBOOK PROFILE



- Cover photo: (optional) upload a high resolution photo to provide a header image that sits behind your profile picture. Users often upload more artistic photos that act as a backdrop and speaks to your interests
- Profile picture: Use a recognizable photo of yourself so that people can identify you
- Your full name: if you want people you know to find you, it is important to use a name they recognize
- Location: Put in your location to help people from your area find you
- Compelling content: Populate your Facebook page with fun, appropriate photos, life events and status updates



#### SHARING ON FACEBOOK



- Wall posts: This is the most common way to communicate on Facebook and a great way to share something with a specific individual
  - Be aware that wall posts are public to all of your friends
  - This term is synonymous with posting to someone's Facebook timeline
  - **Status:** Like tweets, Facebook status updates, are posts on your own wall that can be used to provide bite-sized, yet powerful content that helps spread information
    - Keep your updates fresh, interesting and insightful
    - Multiple ways to post: text, check in, photo, video, or link



### FACEBOOK LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT

Viewing: This lowest level of engagement consists of simply looing at the posts in your newsfeed





Commenting: When you comment you are actively responding to the material. It is another way of letting people know what you think, or adding your voice to the conversation

Liking: You can click the "like" button if you want to mark your approval of any type of post. Your friends may see what you liked on their newsfeeds

Like · Comment · Share	<b>3</b> 26
27 people like this.	
Write a comment	

We're giving away \$5,000! To enter, simply add a non-profit charity to

your "My causes" during the month of November. Note: you must be

Sharing: If you see something someone else has posted that you like, you can click "share" to repost it or for all your Facebook friends to see



givingworks.ebay.com

logged in to you eBay account to enter.

## **BLOG POSTS**



#### WHY SHOULD YOU BLOG?

- Share your thoughts in a longer form than Twitter or Facebook
- Write about current issues facing the nonprofit industry
- Develop a deeper community experience by connecting through commenting and sharing of information with similar nonprofits
- Blogs compliment other social platforms by creating larger posts of thoughtful content to be shared across your social channels



#### ANATOMY OF A GREAT BLOG POST

- Clear Headline Be concise and include keywords
- Brevity Posts should be no more than 300-500 in length
- Images Break up text and visual content, use screenshots, photos and infographics
- Link Linking to other sources such as articles, people and websites makes your content more engaging
- Tag Tag your content by providing keywords to enhance search engine optimization
- Be Yourself Use an authentic voice
- Point of View Have a point of view to share



## SOCIALIZING EVENTS



#### BEFORE THE EVENT

#### **Drumming up Attention**

- Engage with attendees on Twitter
  - ✓ Use event hashtag
  - Meet up with others using event hashtag offline



- If hosting a panel or speaking, have users tag their tweets with a hashtag and answer questions via Twitter
- Write a blog post describing the purpose of the event and talk about your expectations



#### DURING THE EVENT

#### **Real-Time Content**

- Check the event hashtag on Twitter to see what others are saying
- Share real-time content on Twitter
  - Commentary
  - **Pictures**
  - Videos
  - Quotes from speakers
- Use LinkedIn Mobile to make immediate connections with other attendees or speakers



2 talks into #SuitsAndSpooks - both non InfoSec and both outstanding. Making me think. 3rd starting now.

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Mashable Social Good @eecialgeed

23 Sep

29 Jun 12

Sarah Ingersoll is speaking about the largest free mobile resource for mothers @mytext4baby #2030NOW pic.twitter.com/1Aeh5RskjK



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#### AFTER EVENT

#### Reflections

- Write a blog post wrap up on your nonprofit website
- Thank attendees and participants on Twitter
- Tweet about your key takeaways
- Connect with new contacts on Facebook



