

# Opening a Twitter by SMS

That's a Text Message for the non-Geeks.....

## How to sign up for a new Twitter account via SMS:

1. Send a text message with the word **START** to your Twitter shortcode (40404 if you're in the US).
2. Twitter will send you a reply and ask you to reply back with your **full name** to sign up.
3. Twitter will then send a message back to you and assign you a **username** based on your full name.
4. You're all set. Send a **text message** and it will post as your first Tweet!



**Note:** If you are unhappy with your username you can send the command **SET USERNAME** to change it.

## Choosing a Username

- This is the name people will use to send you replies and messages via Twitter.
- If you choose to log in to your account on the web, this name will be in your profile URL (Example: <http://twitter.com/SFtweetie>)
- Make sure that you select a username that is **less than or equal to 15 characters in length**, with no spaces or special characters (underscores are the only exception).

## How to add your phone to your existing Twitter account via SMS:

1. Send a text to your [Twitter code](#) with the word **START**.
2. We'll reply and ask you to text **YES** to the Twitter short code.
3. Text your **username** to the same number. Do not use the @ symbol or quotation marks. Send your username **ONLY**, for example: **larrybird**
4. Next, text your password. This is case sensitive, so be sure you are sending your password correctly.
5. That's it! You're ready to go!

## How to change your Tweet notification language settings:

Twitter will do its best to set up your SMS Tweet notifications using the appropriate language settings. You can change your language settings at any time as long as the language is listed below:

Arabic (ar), Danish (da), German (de), Spanish (es), Farsi (fa), Finnish (fi), Filipino (fil), French (fr), Hebrew (he), Indonesian (id), Italian (it), Korean (ko), Malay (ms), Dutch (nl), Norwegian (no), Portuguese (pt), Polish (pl), Russian (ru), Swedish (sv), Turkish (tr), Urdu (ur), and Chinese (zh-cn).

In order to change the language settings for your Tweet notifications just send the command, **SET LANG [language]**, to your [Twitter code](#). For example, If you would like to change your language to Korean you would text: **SET LANG KOREAN**.

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**NOTE:** You can also use the **SET LANG** command with your language's two or three digit code. For example, **SET LANG AR**, will update your language settings to Arabic. Also, you can text **SET LANG** on its own and Twitter will text you the entire list of supported languages.

## How to start using your SMS-created account on the web:

When you join Twitter from your phone, we collect all of your updates on the web. When you're ready to activate your web account, all you have to do is add an email address and a password to complete your profile and log in.

1. Go to <https://twitter.com/#!/login>.
2. Click the link that says **Already using Twitter on your phone?** (Shown below)
3. Enter your **phone number** when prompted.
4. Twitter will send a **verification code** to your phone. When you get that text message, enter the code (shown below).
5. You'll then be asked to create an account by entering your **email address**, a **password**, and a **name** for your account. Your username will already be entered, since you created this when you signed up via SMS.
6. Click **Create my account** as shown below, and you're all done! Twitter will walk you through finding some friends you may know on Twitter, then will direct you to your home page. From there, you can [customize your profile page](#), find friends, and more.

**TIP:** Did you create an extra mobile account by accident? Check out our [troubleshooting page](#) to find out what to do.

# Adding Your Phone to a Twitter Account You Already Have

So you can get the updates of the people/groups you follow, like our local ASA association and Umpire Group

## How to add your phone to an existing account via the web:

- If you already have a web account and want to receive SMS updates or start posting Tweets via SMS, you can log in and add your mobile number to your account in your account's [Mobile Settings](#).
- Learn more about how to add your phone to your account via the web in [this article](#).





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## Account

Change your basic account, language, Tweet privacy, and location settings.

Username

skamp915

<https://twitter.com/skamp915>

Email

skamp915@gmail.com

Email will not be publicly displayed. [Learn more.](#)

Let others find me by my email address

Review and confirm your email setting by pressing 'Save'. [?](#)

Language

English

Interested in helping translate Twitter? Check out the [Translation Center](#).

Time zone

(GMT-06:00) Central Time (US)



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My phone **+1 3148080860 (United States)**

Let others find me by my phone number.

Text notifications  Tweets from people you've enabled for mobile notifications

Direct messages

Top Tweets and stories

Someone new follows me

Mentions and replies

Only from people I follow

From anyone

Your Tweet is retweeted

Only from people I follow

From anyone

Your Tweet is marked as a favorite

Only from people I follow

From anyone

Sleep settings  Turn off updates during these hours

midnight to 6 AM

Want to know about all the things you can do with Twitter text messaging? [Learn more](#)





The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile page for the account **ASA and USA Softball** (@ASAUSASoftball). The profile bio reads: "Founded in 1933, the Amateur Softball Association is the U.S. national governing body of softball. USA Softball oversees the USA national teams." The profile picture is the ASA logo. To the right of the profile name is a dropdown menu icon and a blue "Following" button. A context menu is open over the profile name, listing several actions: "Tweet to @ASAUSASoftball", "Add or remove from lists...", "Block @ASAUSASoftball", "Report @ASAUSASoftball for spam", "Turn off Retweets", and "Turn on mobile notifications". A large yellow arrow points to the "Turn on mobile notifications" option. Below the profile information, there are two other tweets visible. The first is from **thinkgeek** (@thinkgeek) with a blue verified badge, bio "Cool products for tech geeks. occasional monkey.", and a profile picture of a monkey. The second is from **Fake Ap Stylebook** (@FakeApStylebook) with a bio "Style tips for proper writing. contact: fakeapstylebook at gmail dot com. No submissions, please. All material copyright The Bureau Chiefs, LLC." and a profile picture of a question mark. Each tweet also has a "Following" button to its right.

**A message will appear telling you that you will receive mobile notifications for posts from this “person”.**