

## Tips for Successfully Participating in a Twitter Chat

What is a Twitter chat?

A Twitter chat is where a group of Twitter users meet at a pre-determined time to discuss a certain topic, using a designated **hashtag** (#) for each tweet contributed. A host or moderator will pose questions (designated with Q1, Q2...) to prompt responses from participants (using A1, A2...) and encourage interaction among the group. Chats typically last an hour. There are Twitter chats in almost every industry imaginable.

How do I do it?

At the most basic level, you can participate in a Twitter chat simply by **entering the hashtag**

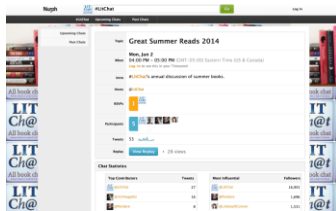
into a [Twitter](#) search  and

interacting with people there. But there are many other great tools that help organize and filter tweets into a stream for easier conversing.

One of the major benefits of these tools (specifically [Tweetchat](#) and [Nurph](#)) is that they automatically add the hashtag to your Tweet, which can save you lots of time—Twitter chats move quickly!



Screenshot of **Tweetchat**, a simple, powerful tool to quickly interact and reply to Tweets.



Screenshot of **Nurph**, a comprehensive Twitter chat tool with rooms for chats, replays of chats and RSVP functionality too.