



X (formerly Twitter)



What is X?

- X is a social networking service, owned by Elon Musk since 2022
- Instantaneous communication with members even when widely dispersed
- Read on-the-ground breaking news, get alerts and updates from public agencies, interact with others, and share ideas
- Other platforms have launched as competition: Bluesky, Post News, Mastodon, Threads

Basics

- Posts (formerly tweets): up to 280 characters; how users share information
- Photos, videos, links, & more can be shared
- Usernames include @ symbol e.g., @DanRather
- Use @ symbol to associate with other users
- # hashtags are user-generated and used to create a hub of information related to a topic
- Use # hashtags to search for posts about a topic

Using X

- Signing up for an account is simple and free
- X is best used as an app on a mobile device
- Paid subscription is available, but not necessary
- Option to link account to other social media accounts
- Evaluate posts just as you evaluate anything you read online
- Be thoughtful about what and whether you share

