

WHAT THE TWEET

TWITTER OVER TIME

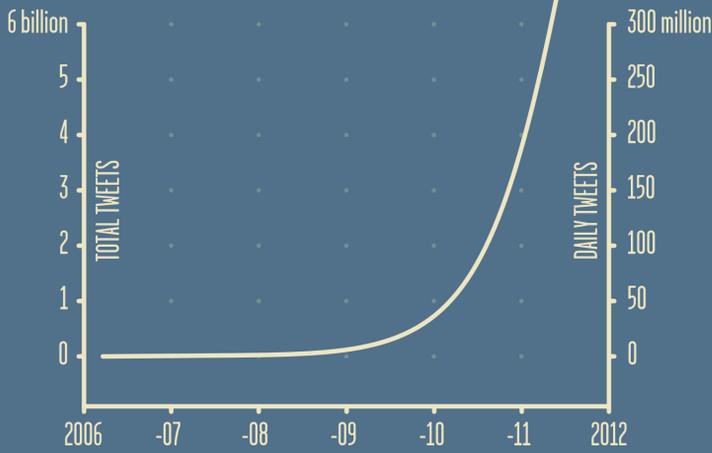
In March 21, 2006, a chilly spring day in San Francisco, a single tweet was heard. Jake Dorsey, founder of Twitter posts the first short message "inviting coworkers" and a revolution in online gibberish began.

Almost six years later the sheer mass of tweets outnumber any literary work conceived by any author dead or alive. This is accomplished by Twitter users collectively spending close to 200 years every day writing tweets, or "tweeting".

TO TWEET OR NOT TO TWEET?



William Shakespeare's collected works occupies about 5.5 million characters, roughly as much text is tweeted every 11.6 seconds. To tweet or not to tweet, that is the question.



A LIBRARY OF TWEETS?

The Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA, holds roughly 10 terabytes (10 000 gigabytes) of data in its printed collections alone.

The total amount of all tweets ever tweeted add up to about 1 000 gigabytes, or roughly 10% of The Library of Congress.

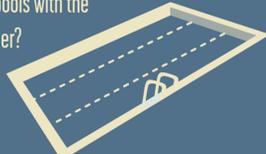


FEELING AMBITIOUS?

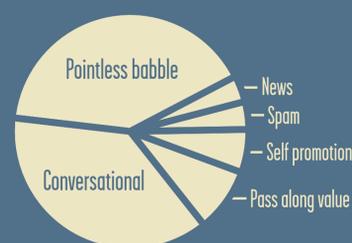
Printing the entire Twitter archive would require about 40 000 trees made into 170 million A4 pages printed with over 4000 liters of ink-jet printer ink at a cost of about \$6.5 million US, though shopping in bulk would probably save you a pretty penny.



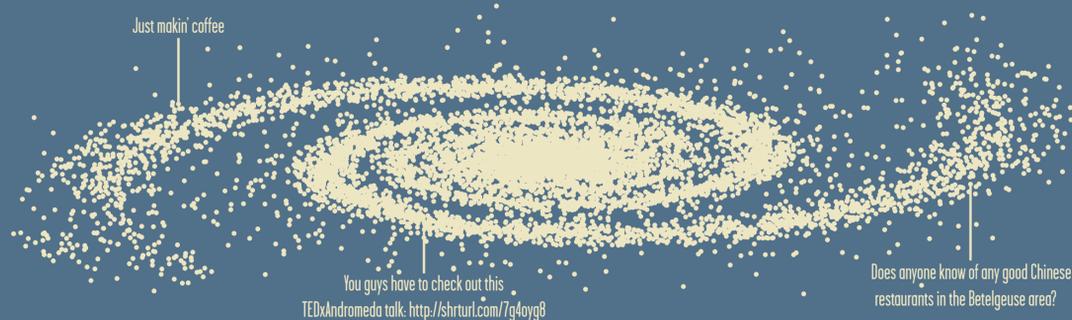
When you're done why not fill 453 olympic size swimming pools with the printed paper?



WHAT'S IN A TWEET?



IN SPACE NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU TWEET



Around 10% of the 50 billion planets in our galaxy could sustain life. If they ever develop Twitter technology they would collectively only have to send

twelve tweets per planet every day to catch up to what Earth does currently, or a collective 230 tweets per planet in one day to catch up with our total.

A SOLITARY UNDERTAKING



The year is 30 000 BC. With an ancient internet connection you write the maximum amount of tweets every day (1000) about all major historical events unfolding around you. If you keep at it, without rest, you will be done writing

by the same time you finish reading this text. Alas, during that time 4000 generations of the twitter bird (the Mountain Bluebird) have lived and died.



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