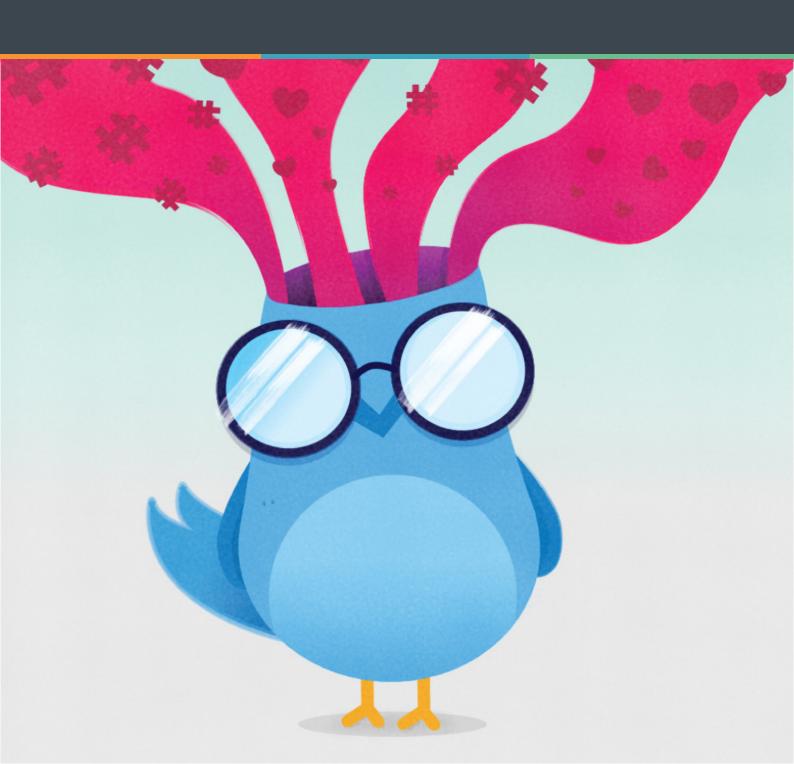
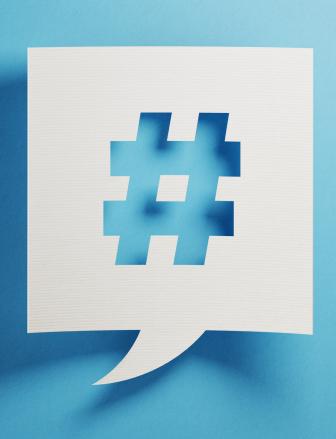


# UNDERSTANDING TWITTER ANALYTICS



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# INTRODUCTION

Twitter is one of the most popular social media platforms, and, as a business, is it vital that you have a brand presence on this platform. The way in which the site works, and the level of engagement businesses can gain, are crucial in terms of building an audience profile. The statistics that lie at the backend of the site can be useful to highlight what is working and what isn't.

Knowing why statistics are important, and the benefits you can gain from them, is vital. Businesses love cold, hard stats that can tell them more about how their campaigns are performing, who their audience is and where conversions are coming from.

In search marketing, and the wider digital industry one of the most important considerations for a business is their <u>social media</u> presence. This is, without question, the fastest way to contact their audience and expand it.

If businesses are able to build their brand and trust through a series of social media posts, and these posts are, in turn, highly informative and shareable, then there is no reason that they won't see success. With this in mind, and in accordance with our other eBooks, blogs and guides, we'll continue with a look at <u>Twitter</u>, specifically the analytical side of the platform.

#### WHY USE TWITTER ANALYTICS?

For many, Twitter is the go-to social media platform, especially for businesses (LinkedIn has more of a B2B focus). Getting to grips with the figures behind a post can help you to tailor strategies and target future posts. The Twitter Analytics platform offers a wide range of information, and can also help track performance.

According to Hootsuite, the five main benefits of using Twitter Analytics are:

#### 1. LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR AUDIENCE

It's impossible to conduct a targeted Twitter campaign if you don't know who you're targeting. An understanding of the overall demographics of Twitter users is a good place to start, but it's important to get a clear picture of exactly who your followers are, rather than just who uses the network in general.

Using Twitter Analytics, you can dive deep into your follower demographics, learning what languages they speak and how they're divided along gender lines, as well as their age, country of residence, and even household income. You can also gain valuable insights about their interests and online purchase behaviour.

#### 2. FIND OUT WHAT CONTENT RESONATES WITH YOUR AUDIENCE

In general, tweets with images get 313% more engagement, is that true for your audience? It's something you can test by tracking engagement through a Twitter Analytics Report. If it is true, what kind of photos do they want to see? Do photos of people work better than, say, charts and graphs? By keeping an eye on your engagement metrics, you can learn precisely what connects with your followers, and develop a Twitter voice that speaks directly to them.

#### 3. POST AT OPTIMAL TIMES

An analysis of more than 40,000 @Hootsuite tweets shows that, for the B2B Hootsuite audience, 3pm Monday to Friday is the optimal posting time, but others have seen different results. Part of the variation is based on geography. After all, 3pm in Vancouver is 6pm in New York, and 11pm in London. If your audience is primarily in the U.K., and you're on the West Coast of North America, posting at 3pm your time is likely not ideal. Using Twitter Analytics, you can determine where most of your followers are based, so you can post at times that make sense based on when they're likely to be online.

#### 4. DETERMINE IF ADS ARE WORKING

When you're investing money in promoted tweets, you want to know if you're making good use of your advertising spend. By using Twitter Analytics for business insights, you can compare organic and promoted impressions to get a sense of how far your promoted tweets are expanding your reach.

You can also set up conversion tracking to measure return on investment (ROI).

#### 5. REPLICATE SUCCESS

Carefully tracking your top tweets allows you to look for commonalities in the tweets that get the best results, while tracking your poorest performing tweets can provide hints about what your audience does not want to see. Knowing what works, and what doesn't, sets you up to replicate success while learning from misfires.



#### MAIN DASHBOARD - WHAT ARE YOU TRACKING?

Once you have opened up Twitter Analytics, you will be instructed to login and sync the platform with your profile. The first thing that you will notice is the Tweet activity dashboard (main dashboard)which shows a detailed analysis of a businesses' Twitter activity, both over the last 28 days and as a succinct report by month.



If we look at the main overview (above), you can begin to see the picture of the last 28 days. You can track the number of tweets that have been sent from your account to ensure that your strategy is continuous, and also that you are increasing activity at key times. The number of impressions can give you an insight as to whether or not you are posting at the right time. If you use a trial and error method of posting, any research on the optimum posting times can increase this statistic and, in theory, the visits to your profile.

The number of followers is the clearest indication of who is looking at your profile and who follows your brand. When this fluctuates, for better or worse, you are able to track growth and look at where the followers are coming from or going to.



The last one of these metrics is the 'mentions' statistic. This will give you a clear indication whenever the content you are tweeting is informative, sharable and if it is sparking conversation.

Another handy feature is that you can see both your top tweet and the monthly summary. These allow you to look at what has worked, both individually and collectively. Using the MoM comparison you can track growth and plot your strategy moving forward.

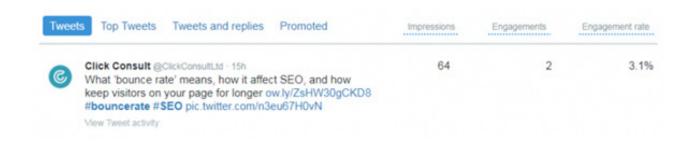
Some other metrics that you can look at are your top mention, ie the tweet in which you have been tagged that has seen the highest engagement as seen below:

The other is the Top Media Tweet, this is the best performing of your tweets, as seen in the following example:



In terms of each individual tweet that is sent, you will be able to track:

- The number of impressions
- The number of engagements
- The engagement rate (percentage of impressions that garnered engagement)



Clicking on the individual tweets you can also pull up more specifics on engagements, such as the number of:

- Video views
- Link clicks
- Photo or video clicks
- Likes
- Retweets
- Replies
- Detail expands
- Profile clicks

## Your Tweets earned 42.3K impressions over this 28 day period





#### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR AUDIENCE**

As you will be aware, audience is the key to a social media strategy and, if you are to improve on what you are doing, then you have to be able to understand who you are currently targeting and who you want to target. This information is all available from the 'audience' tab in the top level menu.



Here you can look at the basics such as the gender, income and marital status of your audience.



In business however, these stats are often over looked as a 'so what' types of stat. What you want to know is if there is interest, not just what sort of person you are. That's why the next tab shows the interests of the audience based on their followers, the details that they have filled in and their digital reading habits.

## Interests

Interest name	% of audience	
Technology	71%	
Tech news	70%	
Marketing	56%	
Business and news	56%	
Entrepreneurship	55%	
Business news and general info	54%	
Movie news and general info	52%	
Advertising	52%	
Business and finance	48%	
Comedy (Movies and television)	45%	

If you are able to target future posts to these subjects you should, in theory, improve your conversion rate, the number of followers, mentions and interactions.

For businesses who operate in a small, localised area, the region tab will break down where their audience is based and can offer suggested areas should they wish to branch out.

#### Region

State or region	% of audience	
England, GB	51%	
North West England, GB	20%	
Greater London, GB	13%	
South East England, GB	6%	I
East England, GB	396	
Yorkshire and The Humber, GB	396	
Vales, GB	396	
West Midlands, GB	3%	
California, US	3%	
East Midlands, GB	3%	

The country tab shows which markets are already receptive to a business and where they might target in the future. Publishing tweets in other languages or that will appeal to other nationalities is a good way to get a head start.

#### Country

Country name	% of audience
United Kingdom	57%
United States	15%
India	3%
France	2%
Spain	2%
Canada	2%
Australia	196
Brazil	196
Mexico	1%
Germany	1%

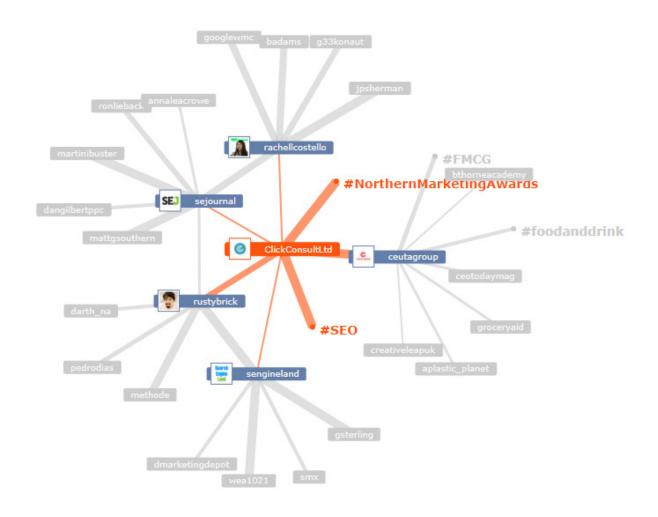
Navigating around these areas of analytics is highly informative and hugely relevant if you are looking for a more targeted approach to your social media strategy. The key takeaway is that you must stay on top of the stats and that adapting the way you operate in this space can be the difference between growth and stagnation.

#### **ADDITIONAL TOOLS**

Whilst this eBook focuses on Twitter Analytics and the information that you can gain from the platform, there are a wide range of other tools out there that can help you develop your social media strategy. Some of the free tools, and the benefits they have, are mentioned below and while they do not necessarily have all the functionality of the main Twitter Analytics, some of the features are pretty nice. Here are a few of our favourites:

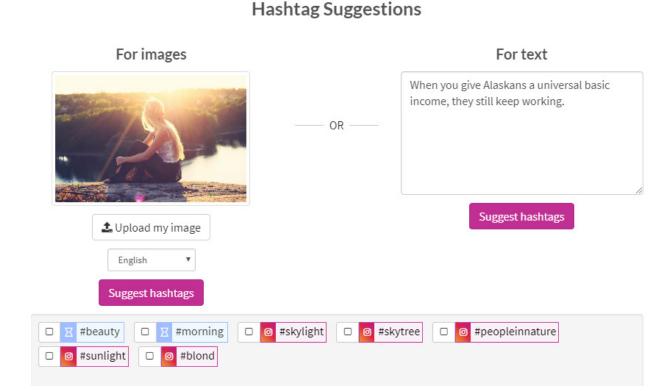
**Mentionmapp -** This is one of few Twitter analytics tools that presents conversation data in 'map' form.

The 'Seeker' part of the platform is largely free to use. It tracks where a topic began and looks at all of the people who are engaging and commenting. The map you create stays updated to Twitter trends as they happen meaning that you are in the best possible position to be flexible. In the image below we have our social profile in orange at the centre of the map and those who are of the highest relevance and influence appear in blue. By clicking on one of the Twitter handles that appears in blue you are able to open up a secondary map and plot a chain to see the full path of your interactions. You will also notice that there are some other terms in orange and these are the most relevant (current) hashtags.

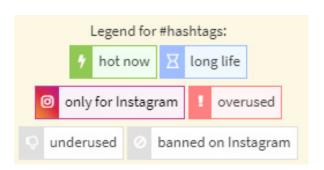


**RiteTag** – Discussing the use of hashtags opens up a real debate. Many users know what they are doing when it comes to them and will pick descriptive hashtags that are almost a literal translation of the tweet. Events such as #christmas will always pertain to the festive period, but RiteTag allows the user to come up with more meaningful hashtags.

In the following screen shot it is clear to see that there are two avenues to go down. The user can look at possible tags for both images and text:

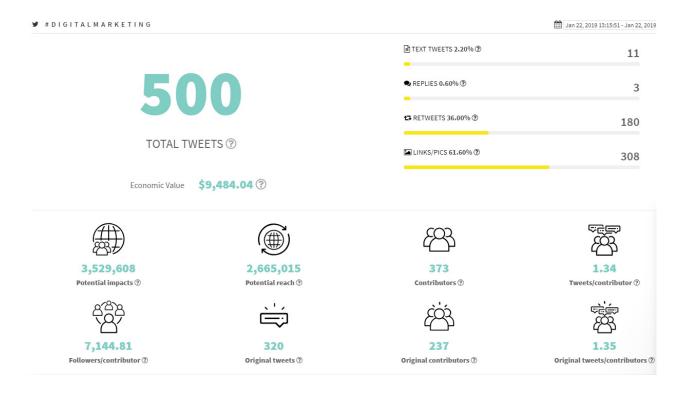


Another nice feature is the 'legend' tool. This shows whether the hashtags are currently trending, if they have a long life or if they are better for other platforms. You can see that when the hashtag generator was used on the above image there were seven suggestions. The key shown below tells us that there are two 'long life' hashtags and five which are 'only for Instagram'.



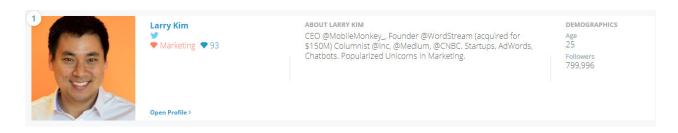
**Tweet Binder** – This tool gives the user a free report from the last seven, days and looks at the most relevant 500 tweets relating to the search. According to the site:

"Tweet Binder is a campaign-focused analytics tool that allows you to view activity behind any hashtag, user, or keyword for free. Under its paid plans, the product gives you both Twitter and Instagram "walls" where you can see the impact of your own campaigns, making you a smarter promoter and event marketer over time."



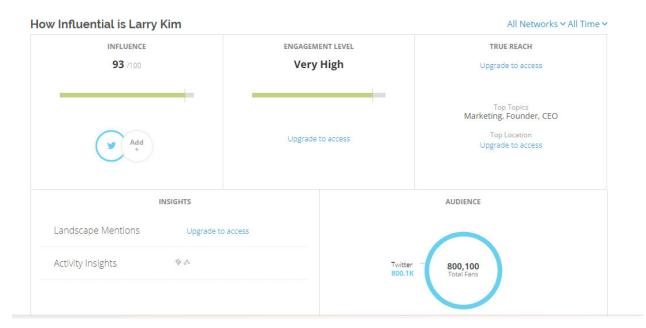
This report shows us the format of the tweets (text, replies, retweets and links/pictures), the economic value of the tweets as well as potential reach, followers, original tweets/content and the number of contributors.

**Klear -** Influencer marketing is one of the hottest topics in the industry right now. Businesses need to see who leading the conversation on certain topics. I ran a quick search for 'marketing' in the tool and you are given a list of the top ten influencers. In this case the report generated Larry Kim as the number one influencer.



#### This profile can then be expanded and looks like this:





Having access to information like this can point your strategy in the direction of those that you should be talking to and who could give guidance on success in your field. In short, Klear focuses specifically on influencer marketing. Tracking Twitter's most influential users and helping you determine who's making the most noise and greatest impact on certain topics of conversation.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

All in all this eBook has covered many of the topics and areas that you have access to and, as a result, should give you information about where to find the raw data behind your digital and social strategy. If you are able to understand who your audience is and what it is looking for, then you will gain untold advantages.

All of the information that you require is a few simple clicks away and the easily digestible way that it is presented means that almost anybody can understand the performance.



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