

I am getting very fed up of reading about how I should be using, or should not be using, Twitter.

When Twitter started it posed one simple question. "What are you doing?"

The answer to this question is often mundane. I am eating my breakfast. This appears to upset a lot of people. They seem to think that Twitter should have some productive value. It should help the world in some way. But why?

What is wrong with something, that on the face of it, is pointless. Just look at Paris Hilton. She has no use what so ever, yet millions of people still tune in to watch her latest reality show.

So this may be the latest fad, like Facebook before it and Myspace before that.

But is Twitter really of no use, even when taken at its literal use? Well no. Some people may in fact be interested in me eating my breakfast. And so what? If you are not interested, don't follow me!

But Twitter has also evolved. I can keep family and friends up to date with the latest snaps of my daughter with www.twitpic.com. You can keep your calendar (<http://twittercal.com/>) or blog up to date with it. You can read the latest news over it (@bbcnews. You can search for jobs. I use it to update my games site form time to time (www.yars.co.uk). If I have a question i can ask people on Twitter. I can make new and interesting contacts. The possibilities are endless. So why write it off as a waste of time, use your imagination a little.

And what if it is a narcissistic waste of time? I am not forcing you to read what I post. Maybe it is the only interaction I get in my day? What if I just want to shout at the world over Twitter. What if I have spent all day working and want to have a pointless 5 minutes, that produces nothing of any use? Who cares?

So stop telling me that Twitter is pointless. If it is so pointless, why has it got you upset enough to write about it?

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