

# → **Fast Facts**

## → **International tweets**

More than 60 percent of registered Twitter accounts come from outside the United States. There is even a Twitter account for a user on the International Space Station. In the wake of the Chilean earthquake, new account signups spiked 1,200 percent, most of which were using Spanish as their primary language.

Matt Sanford, "Twitter Blog: Growing Around the World," Twitter, [blog.twitter.com/2010/04/growing-around-world.html](http://blog.twitter.com/2010/04/growing-around-world.html). Retrieved May 1, 2010.

## → **Popular WorldCat books**

During the month of March 2010, the Top 10 most popular WorldCat items in order of views were:

1. *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, by James Joyce
2. *Respect for Acting*, by Uta Hagen
3. *Sailing Alone Around the World*, by Joshua Slocum
4. *The Importance of Being Earnest*, by Oscar Wilde
5. *Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson
6. *Twilight*, by Stephenie Meyer
7. *The Call of the Wild*, by Jack London
8. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
9. *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
10. *Hamlet*, by William Shakespeare

Bob Shulz, "Top 20 Most Popular Items for March," WorldCat, [worldcat.org/blogs/archives/2010/04/top-20-most-popular-items-for-1.htm](http://worldcat.org/blogs/archives/2010/04/top-20-most-popular-items-for-1.htm). Retrieved June 1, 2010.

## → **FTC on photocopier security**

"The U.S. Federal Trade Commission is urging the photocopier industry to address privacy risks arising from the fact that digital copiers store thousands of documents on their internal hard drives. CBS News reported in mid-April that nearly every copier built since 2002 stores images of documents that pass through the machines. The report found sensitive health and law-enforcement information on copiers ready to be resold."

Grant Gross, "FTC Examines Privacy Risks of Copier Hard Drives - CSO Online - Security and Risk," IDG News Service, [www.csonline.com/article/596022/ftc-examines-privacy-risks-of-copier-hard-drives](http://www.csonline.com/article/596022/ftc-examines-privacy-risks-of-copier-hard-drives). Retrieved June 7, 2010.

## → **Managing the news flood**

ReadWriteWeb founder Richard MacManus has advice for managing news consumption in the real-time Web era. One obvious suggestion is to limit the number of times that you check news sources and social networking sites. Technological solutions include using topic trackers, such as Google Alerts, PubSub, or LazyFeed, which allow you to subscribe to keywords or phrases in news feeds. Another strategy is to use news aggregators, such as Topix, Techmeme, or Thelibrarynews.com, which filter news from multiple sources for you. One additional strategy is to try a single feed of various sources. You can accomplish this by using folders in your RSS reader or by using filtering services, such as PostRank.

Richard MacManus, "How to Manage Your News Consumption in the Real-Time Web Era," ReadWriteWeb, [www.readwriteweb.com/archives/how\\_to\\_manage\\_your\\_news\\_consumption\\_in\\_the\\_real-time\\_web.php](http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/how_to_manage_your_news_consumption_in_the_real-time_web.php). Retrieved June 9, 2010.

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