FriendlyBot User Guide

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Getting Started

Welcome and thank you for downloading FriendlyBot. This guide will help you get the most out of the app.

You should know…
FriendlyBot uses the Twitter API to read and write data (Tweet, Follow, etc..), it is a software that complies with Twitter's terms of service, however, it's up to you to control its behaviour. Note that if you use FriendlyBot for spamming your account might get blacklisted or suspended, read the section on **How to avoid being blacklisted** at the end of this document.

Get in touch
We'd love to hear from you, if you have any questions, requests, and such, feel free to drop us an email at iam@friendlybot.net

Final note
Before you can start using FriendlyBot you need to create a Twitter App Project on the Twitter Developers site, don't worry it's very easy. The next sections will explain everything.

Configuration

Before you can start using FriendlyBot you must create a Twitter App project from the Developers site on Twitter, this app will be the brain of FriendlyBot, it's very easy to do and is a on-time operation, ready? Let's begin.

Step 1: Creating a Twitter App
If you have previously done this step you can go to Step 2

1. Go to https://apps.twitter.com and login (If you haven't already)

2. Select **Create New App**

3. Fill up the required information. ***Note:*** *the the app name should be unique.*

Create an application

Application Details

Name *

My Example App FB

Your application name. This is used to attribute the source of a tweet and in user-facing authorization screens. 32 characters max.

Description *

The brain of FriendlyBot

Your application description, which will be shown in user-facing authorization screens. Between 10 and 200 characters max.
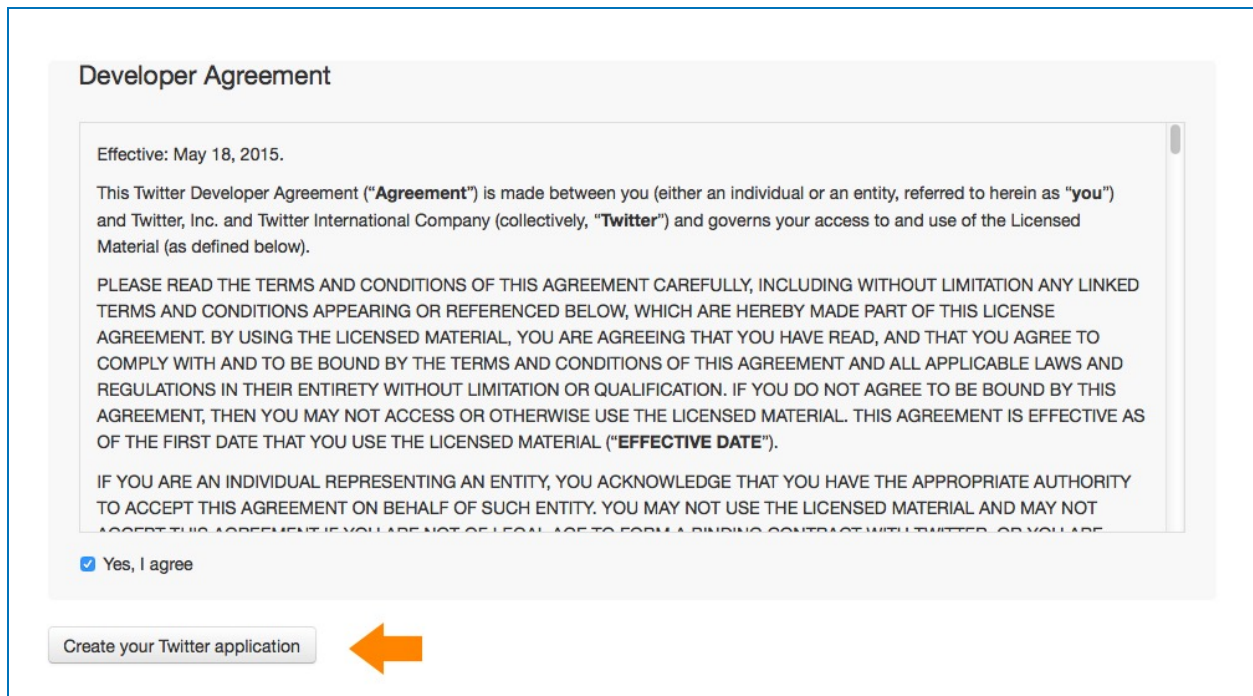
Website *

http://mywebsite.com

Your application's publicly accessible home page, where users can go to download, make use of, or find out more information about your application. This fully-qualified URL is used in the source attribution for tweets created by your application and will be shown in user-facing authorization screens.
(If you don't have a URL yet, just put a placeholder here but remember to change it later.)
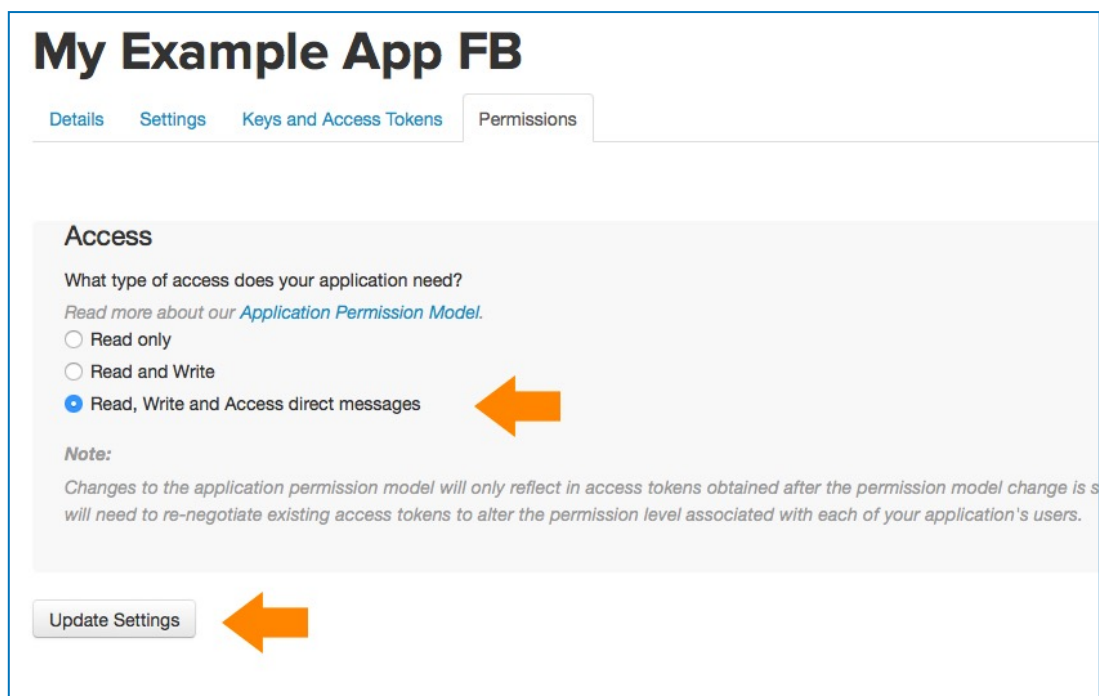
Callback URL

Where should we return after successfully authenticating? OAuth 1.0a applications should explicitly specify their oauth_callback URL on the request token step, regardless of the value given here. To restrict your application from using callbacks, leave this field blank.

4. Agree to the terms and click **Create your Twitter application.** If the app was created successfully you will be sent to the **Application Management** console

5. Select the **Permissions** tab, and select the option **Read, Write and Access direct messages.** Click on **Update Settings**

6. Go to the **Key and Access Tokens** tab and write down the **Consumer Key and Consumer Secret** information, you will need it later.

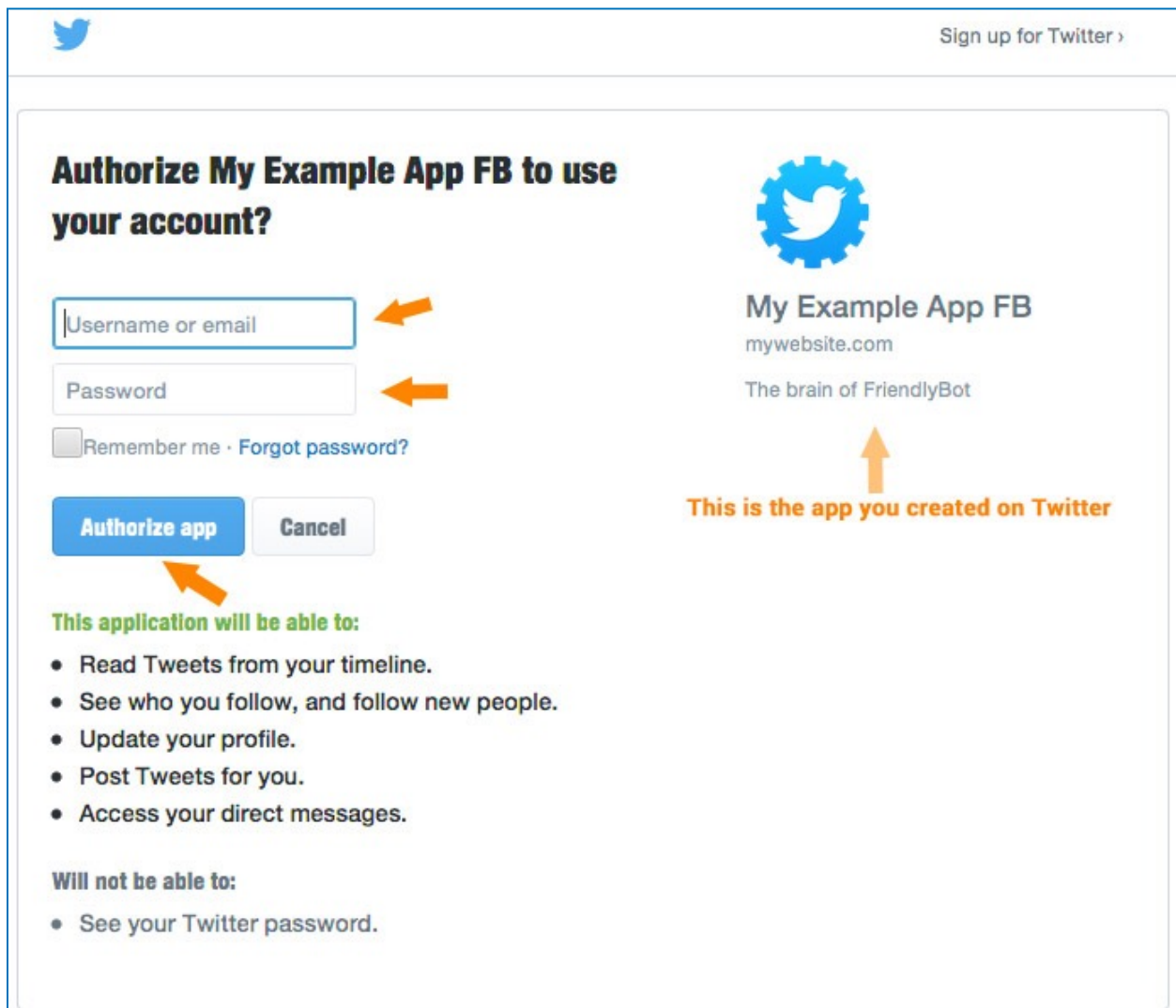7. Done.

Step 2: Configuring FriendlyBot
*If you have previously done this step you can go to next section **Connect to Twitter***

1. Open FriendlyBot
2. Go to the **Configuration** Tab
3. Click the **Edit** button
4. Fill up the **Consumer Key** field and **Consumer Secret**. **Note** that such information can be taken from the App you created on Twitter, see **Step 1 Creating a Twitter App** if you have any questions.
5. Click the **Save** button

Connect to Twitter

This step should be performed every time you open FriendlyBot

1. Open FriendlyBot and go to the **Configuration Tab**
2. Make sure **Consumer Key** and **Consumer Secret** fields are filled *(If they aren't see the **Configuration** section of this guide)*

3. Click **Connect to Twitter.** You will be redirected to a Login screen where you need to enter the twitter credentials for the account you wish to use, when you have done it, click **Authorize app**.

4. Copy the PIN number that you see on screen and paste in the the yellow section at the bottom of the screen then click **Confirm PIN**.

You have successfully logged in to your Twitter account from FriendlyBot, ready to do some real stuff?

If you have problems connecting to Twitter please make sure to follow this guide as indicated.

Getting Twitter Users

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

USAGE EXAMPLES:

This option helps you gather a list of users that are tweeting about a specific subject (specified in the search field), for example: I want to grab users that Tweet about *Drake* so I can follow them or send them a tweet.

OUTPUT:

A list of user IDs that you can save to a file for later user such as auto-follow, auto-tweet, etc..

HOW TO

1. Select the **Grab** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Enter a search query in the text field, for example: *Drake*
3. Select **Grab Users** from the drop down menu and click **Start**
4. Wait for the operation to finish. you can check the **output** box to see what is going on with your search.
5. When the search is done you can now go ahead and save the user list to a file, click **Save to File** and select the path where you want the file to be saved.
6. This new file contains a list of all the User IDs.

Getting people you follow

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

USAGE EXAMPLE:
If you want to unfollow everyone you follow or only those that don't follow you back

OUTPUT:
A list of user IDs that you can save to a file for later user such as auto-unfollow and auto-tweet

HOW TO:

1. Select the **Grab** option from the Tabs menu
2. Select **Get Following** from the dropdown menu
3. Click **Start** button
4. In the **Result** column you will see a list of IDs of the people you follow. In the **Output** column you see some useful information
5. Click **Save To File** and select the path where you want to save this file. The saved file will contain a list of users in ID format..

Getting people that follow you

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

USAGE EXAMPLE:
If you want to send a Tweet to your followers.

OUTPUT:
A list of user IDs that you can save to a file for later user such as auto-unfollow, auto-tweet, auto @reply, etc..

HOW TO:

1. Select the **Grab** option from the Tabs menu
2. Select **Get Followers** from the dropdown menu
3. Click **Start** button
4. In the **Result** column you will see a list of IDs of the people that follow you. In the **Output** column you see some useful information
5. Click **Save To File** and select the path where you want to save this file. The file will contain a list of users in ID format.

Getting your Tweets

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

USAGE EXAMPLE:
Clean up your account by deleting all your tweets

OUTPUT:
A list of all your Tweets.

HOW TO:

1. Select the **Grab** option from the Tabs menu
2. Select **Get Tweets** from the dropdown menu
3. Click **Start** button
4. In the **Result** column you will see a list of your tweets. **IMPORTANT:** FriendlyBot can only return the first 100 tweets from your account, this option will be fixed in a future release.
5. Click **Save To File** and select the path where you want to save this file. The file will contain a list of tweets in ID format.

Getting mentions

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

USAGE EXAMPLE:
See who is talking about you on Twitter

OUTPUT:
A list of tweets that mention you.

HOW TO:

1. Select the **Grab** option from the Tabs menu
2. Select **Get Mentions** from the dropdown menu
3. Click **Start** button
4. In the **Result** column you will see a list of tweets that mention you. **IMPORTANT:** FriendlyBot can only return the first 100 tweets from your account, this option will be fixed in a future release.
5. Click **Save To File** and select the path where you want to save this file. The file will contain a list of tweets in ID format.

Getting Direct Messages

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

Note: This option is still in experimental mode, there is not much you can do with it except get a list of DMs and save to a file, if you have any special request for this option do not hesitate to contact us at iam@friendlybot.net.

USAGE EXAMPLE:
Get all your DMs in a file

OUTPUT:
A list of all your received DMs.

HOW TO:

1. Select the **Grab** option from the Tabs menu
2. Select **Get DMs** from the dropdown menu
3. Click **Start** button
4. In the **Result** column you will see a list of your DMs
5. Click **Save To File** and select the path where you want to save this file. The file will contain a list of DMs

Follow users

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

WHAT YOU NEED:
A list of users to follow (See Get Twitter Users) to know how to gather users

1. Go to **Post** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Select **Follow** from the dropdown menu on the right
3. Set the **Interval** of time you wish to follow users, example between *3 & 5 minutes*. It is a good idea to set higher intervals such as the default (between 8 & 12 minutes) otherwise Twitter will flag your account for spamming, though if you are cautious you can use lower intervals.
4. Time to load the users you want to follow. Select the **Load User IDs** button and find the file that contains a list of user IDs, to see how many users you have loaded see the Output section.
5. Now that you have loaded user, it's time to follow them, click the **Start** button to begin.
6. If you need to stop the current operation select **Stop** button, otherwise it will run every interval of time that you set.
7. Done

Some important things to know about following people
- The higher interval of time you set the more you won't be suspended for spamming, although you can set a lower interval as long as you know what you are doing.

- If you get an error saying that you can't follow people anymore that probably means you are following more people than the normal without being followed by many, try to unfollow those that don't follow you back and start the operation again

- Be patient, following a lot of people with a higher interval has its drawbacks, it takes longer time

Unfollow all users

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

WHAT YOU NEED:
A list of users you follow (See Getting people you follow) to know how to gather users

1. Go to **Post** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Select **Unfollow (1)** from the dropdown menu on the right section
3. Set the **Interval** of time you wish to unfollow users or use the default, between 1 & 2 minutes.
4. Select the **Load User IDs (To load the list of users to unfollow)** and find the file that contains a list of user IDs.
5. Now that you have loaded users, it's time to unfollow them, click the **Start** button to begin the operation.
6. If you need to stop the current operation select **Stop**, otherwise it will continue running until there are no more users to unfollow.
7. Done

Unfollow users that don't follow back

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

WHAT YOU NEED:
A list of users you follow (See <u>Getting people you follow</u>) to know how to gather users

1. Go to **Post** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Select **Unfollow (2)** from the dropdown menu on the right section
3. Set the **Interval** of time you wish to unfollow users or use the default, between 1 & 2 minutes.
4. Select the **Load User IDs (To load the list of users to unfollow)** and find the file that contains a list of user IDs.
5. Now that you have loaded users, it's time to unfollow them, click the **Start** button to begin.
6. If you need to stop the current operation select **Stop**, otherwise it will continue running until there are no more users to unfollow.
7. Done

Post Tweets

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

WHAT YOU NEED:
A list of tweets stored in a text file, each tweet should be separated by a line such as:

This is tweet one, it should contain 140 characters or less.
This is tweet two, it should contain 140 characters or less.
This is tweet three, it should contain 140 characters or less.
…

IMPORTANT: You must use unique tweets which means that you can't post the same tweet over and over, they will be detected by Twitter and blocked.

*You can use the **Tweet Creator** option to help you write your tweets that you can save to save to a text file.*

1. Go to **Post** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Select **Post Tweets** from the dropdown menu on the right section
3. Set the **Interval** of time to post your tweets. It is important to use a higher interval as Twitter might suspend your account if you post tweets in a short interval of time.
4. Select the **Load Message List** button and choose the text file where your tweets are stored.
5. Click **Start** to begin the operation.
6. If you need to stop the current operation select **Stop**, otherwise it will continue running until there are no more tweets to left.
7. Done!

Some important things to know about automatically posting tweets
- The higher interval of time you set the more you won't be suspended for spamming.

- Twitter checks if the tweet you are posting is similar to the previous one so make sure to use random tweets so you can post them without problem

Post @ replies

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

WHAT YOU NEED:
- A list of tweets stored in a text file, each tweet should be separated by a line such as:
  This is tweet one, it should contain 140 characters or less.
  This is tweet two, it should contain 140 characters or less.
  This is tweet three, it should contain 140 characters or less.

- A list of users to send the reply to (See <u>Get Twitter Users</u>) to know how to gather users.

*You can use the **Tweet Creator** option to help you write your tweets that you can save to save to a text file.*

1. Go to **Post** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Select **Post @ Replies** from the dropdown menu on the right section
3. Select **Load Users** and choose a list of users you want to send a reply to.
4. Set the **Interval** of time to post your @ replies. It is important to use a higher interval as Twitter might suspend your account if you post tweets in a short interval of time.
5. Select the **Load Message List** button and choose the text file where your tweets are stored.
6. Click **Start** to begin the operation.
7. If you need to stop the current operation select **Stop**, otherwise it will continue running until there are no more tweets left.
8. Done

Some important things to know about automatically posting @ replies
- The higher interval of time you set the more you won't be suspended for spamming.

- Twitter checks if the tweet you are posting is similar to the previous one, make sure to use random tweets so you can post them without problem
- If you send unwanted tweets to users they might report you and Twitter might cancel your account, be cautious.

Delete Tweets

Requirements: You must be connected to Twitter (See **Connect to Twitter** section)

WHAT YOU NEED:
- A list of your tweets (See <u>Getting your Tweets</u>) to learn how to get your tweets

1. Go to **Post** option from the Tabs Menu
2. Select **Delete Tweets** from the dropdown menu on the right section
3. Set the **Interval** of time to post your @ replies. In this case we use seconds instead of minutes, set the interval that best suits your needs.
4. Select the **Load Message List** button and choose the text file that contains the tweets you want to delete.
5. Click **Start** to begin the operation.
6. If you need to stop the current operation select **Stop**, otherwise it will continue running until there are no more tweets left.
7. Done

Some important things to know about deleting your tweets
- Once a Tweet is deleted on Twitter you won't be able to get it back
- Deleting Tweets can be a fast operation since we use intervals of seconds instead of minutes

Tweet Creator *Beta Version

This tool will help you create Tweets that you can use in the App, you don't need to be logged in to use it.

This is only a beta version, future releases will include a more advanced tool which will help you write tweets better and faster, if you have any special request do not hesitate to contact us at **iam@friendlybot.net**

HOW TO:

1. Select **Tweet Creator** from the Tabs Menu
2. Enter your tweet in the right text area
3. Click **Add** to add it to a list
4. Add as many tweets as you wish and when ready you can save them to a text file by selecting the **Save List** button.
5. Done!

Some important things to know about Tweet Creator
- You can load a list of tweets stored in your computer, append new ones, and save them to a new file.

Using a Twitter Bot final words

How to avoid getting black listed
Twitter writes the following:
If you or your application abuses the rate limits we will blacklist it. If you are blacklisted you will be unable to get a response from the Twitter API. If you or your application has been blacklisted and you think there has been an error you can contact the email address on our Support page. So we can get you back online quickly.

In FriendlyBot

- Use higher intervals of time
- Don't use spamming behaviour

If you have been blacklisted, you must create a new Twitter App Project to use on FriendlyBot, You might also need to create a new Twitter account if you can't access your previous one.