

Ambientweet User Guide

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Quick Start

Ambientweet is a minimalist twitter client, and it is intended to just be left running in the background, as a way of watching your twitter stream pass by.

Ambientweet shows just one tweet at a time. This is a deliberate design decision, which allows for a minimal user interface. This, in turn, means that the text can be bigger and there's no need for extraneous clutter like toolbars or buttons whilst you watch the twitter world go by.

When you first run Ambientweet, a sheet will slide over the window, asking you for your Twitter login name and password.

If you enter these correctly, the sheet should disappear and Ambientweet will start displaying tweets.

You can now leave Ambientweet running, and it will slowly cycle through your stream. It will periodically update its list of tweets as new ones come in.

You can customise various aspects of the display, such as its size, the font used, and what order the tweets are shown in. See the rest of this user guide for more details.

Logging In

When you first run Ambientweet, a sheet will slide over the window, asking you for your Twitter login name and password.

If you enter these correctly, the sheet should disappear and Ambientweet will start displaying tweets.

If you enter your name or password incorrectly, the sheet will reappear.

If at some later date you change your Twitter password using another Twitter client (or the twitter.com website), Ambientweet will not be able to log in. In this situation, the login sheet will re-appear and prompt you to enter your details again.

Viewing Tweets

Viewing Your Timeline

By default, Ambientweet will cycle through the tweets in your Twitter timeline.

You can use the **View** menu to change the order in which tweets are displayed.

By default, Ambientweet shows newer, unread tweets first.

You can change this to show older tweets first, or to show newer tweets first (ignoring whether or not the tweet has been displayed previously).

Viewing Mentions

If you want, you can switch Ambientweet to only display tweets that mention you.

To do this, choose **Show Mentions Only** from the **View** menu.

When you want to return to viewing all tweets, choose **Show All Tweets**.

Changing Tweets Manually

By default, Ambientweet cycles slowly through tweets.

If you hover the mouse over the Ambientweet window, this will stop.

If you want to move Ambientweet manually to display the previous or next tweets, you can do so using the **Previous Tweet** or **Next Tweet** menu commands in the **Actions** menu.

These commands can also be accessed with the keyboard shortcuts **Cmd-[** and **Cmd-]**.

Changing Appearance

You can use the **Font** options, in the **Edit** menu, to change the size and style of the text displayed in the Ambientweet window.

You can also drag on the edges of the Ambientweet window to move it around, and on the bottom-right of the window to resize the window.

Posting Tweets

Although Ambientweet is primarily designed for viewing tweets, you can also use it to reply, retweet and to post new tweets.

If you hover the mouse over the Ambientweet window, some icons will appear. Clicking on these allows you to reply or retweet the currently displayed tweet, or to create a new one.

You can also "favourite" the tweet by clicking on the star icon.

These actions can also be accessed from the **Actions** menu.

Preferences

The Ambientweet preferences can be accessed from the **Preferences...** option in the **Ambientweet** menu.

General Settings

Changing Account

At the moment, Ambientweet can only follow one twitter account at one time.

If you want to change the account that you are using, click on the **Change** button.

Confirming Retweets

If you tick the **Confirm retweets** option, you will be asked to confirm before retweeting someone else's tweet. This protects you against accidentally hitting the retweet button.



If you tick the **Launch automatically at login** option, Ambientweet will start up automatically, each time you log in to your computer.

Tweet Cycling

In addition to changing the font and text size (see above), you can use the slider in the preferences window to determine how frequently tweets are cycled.

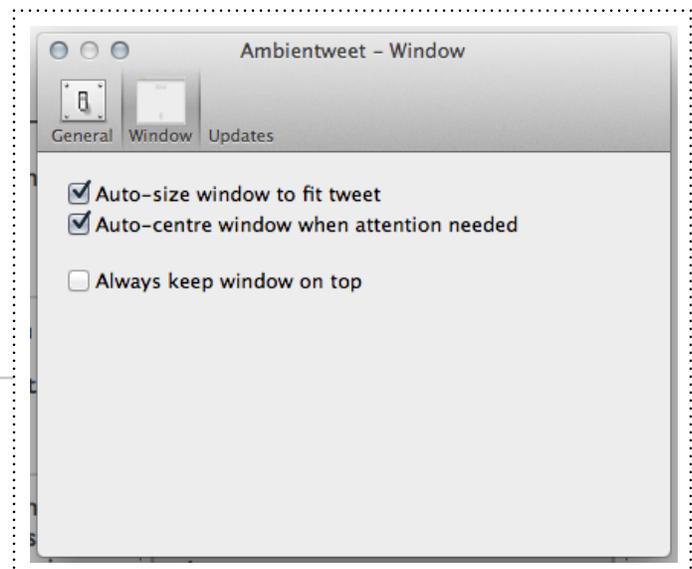
Launching Automatically

If you wish, you can have Ambientweet launch itself automatically whenever you login to your computer.

Window Options

Auto-Sizing

If you tick the **Auto-size window to fit**



tweet option, the tweet window will automatically resize itself as the tweets cycle, ensuring that the window is always large enough to fit in the tweet text.

Auto-Centring

Occasionally Ambientweet needs your attention, for example if there is a problem with your Twitter login.

Because Ambientweet is designed to run in the background, the window is often placed off toward the edge or corner of a screen.

If you wish, you can have Ambientweet automatically move its window to the centre of the screen when it needs attention, so that it's hard to miss.

To do this, tick the **Auto-centre window when attention needed** checkbox.

Stay On Top

If you tick the **Tweet window always on top** option, the Ambientweet window will remain at the front, even when another application is active.

One More Thing...

For More Information

For the latest news and updates, please visit the [Ambientweet website](#).

You can also visit the Ambientweet [support forum](#) if you have a question, or contact us directly at support@elegantchaos.com.

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