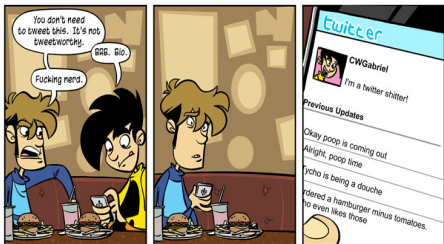# Making Twitter Suck Less With Perl

Speak Perl to your favorite μblogging service

What sucks, but ain't Twitter's fault?

- Following annoying people
- Having boring friends
- Twittershitters

What actually sucks?

- Interesting tweets buried in a sea of nonsense
- Tag spam (#omg #its #hashtags #allthewaydown)
- Skeezy webapps that steal your credentials
- Worms (StalkDaily)
- Marketing bots
- SEO crazies

Net::Twitter

- Uses Moose
- Works with Twitter and Identi.ca
- REST, Search and Twittervision API support
- OAuth and Basic Authentication
- 1 to 1 mapping with API
- Plenty of syntax sugar
- Net::Twitter::Lite
  - Fewer Dependencies
  - Same great taste

Net::Twitter Basic Use

```
my $nt   = Net::Twitter->new({
             username => $user,
             password => $pass,
             traits   => [qw/API::REST/],
         });
my $my_tl    = $nt->user_timeline({count=>5});
my $buddy_tl = $nt->user_timeline({
                      screen_name => $buddy
                 });
$nt->update('Perl rocks!');
$nt->new_direct_message($buddy,$tweet);
$nt->follow_new($cool_tweep);
$nt->unfollow($seo_guy);
```

Net::PingFM

WWW::ItsABot

itsabot.com has a database of Twitter bots.

```perl
use WWW::ItsABot qw/is_a_bot/;
my $username = 'foobar';
if ( is_a_bot($username) ) {
    print "$username is a bot\n";
} else {
    print "$username is not a bot\n";
}
```

Twitter::TagGrep

Log::Dispatch::Twitter

Twitter $\sim$ Collective Being

Amazing applications wait to be written Next Killer App?