

Downloading Tweet Streams and Parsing

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It is imagined that Tweets are flowing in the microblogging site twitter.com like water in river.

- Tweet Parsing (JSON format)

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 - Necessary steps
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- Basic Requirement
 - OS: Windows or any flavor of Unix that supports Java. ✓
 - JVM: Java 5 or later ✓
 - Assuming `JAVA_HOME` has been set properly
 - Assuming `CLASSPATH` has been set properly

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- We will use Twitter4j library
- About Twitter4j
 - Go to <http://twitter4j.org/en/index.html>
 - Twitter4J is an **unofficial** Java library for the Twitter API.
 - With Twitter4J, you can easily integrate your Java application with the Twitter service.

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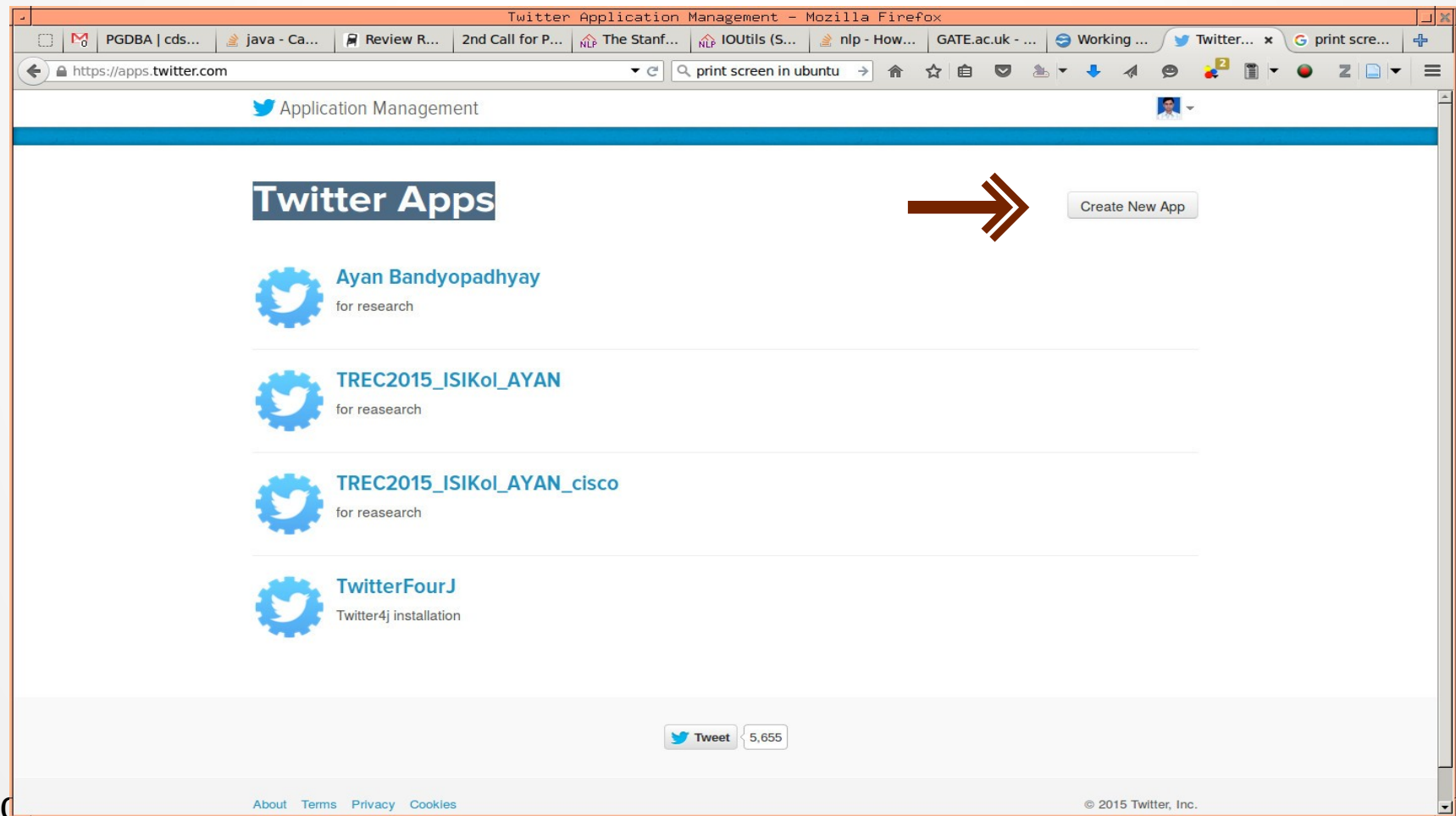
- Necessary steps
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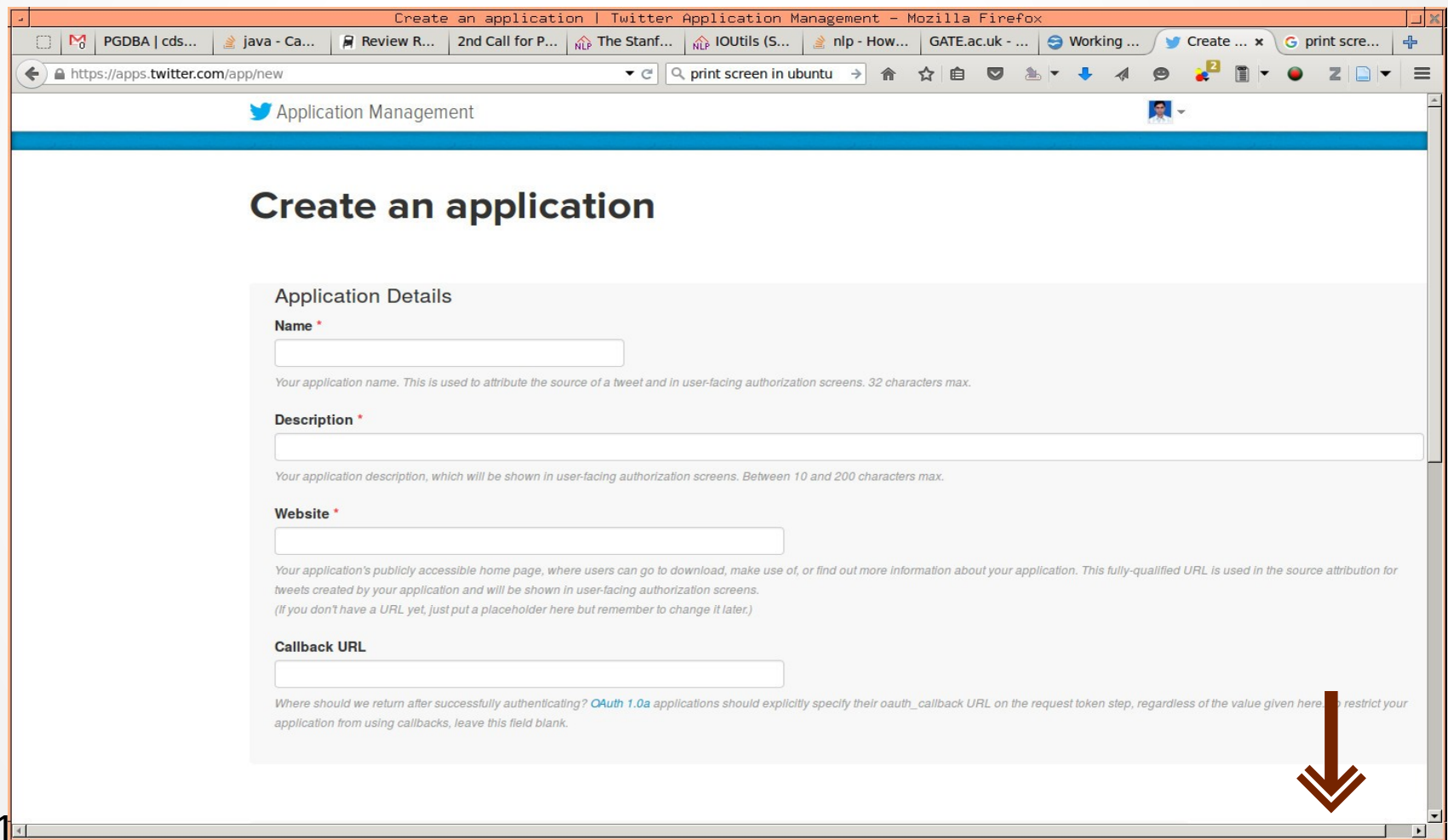
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- Go to <https://apps.twitter.com/> and click the “Create New App” button



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- Fill up the text fields and scroll down



The screenshot shows the 'Create an application' page in the Twitter Application Management interface. The page has a blue header with the Twitter logo and 'Application Management'. The main heading is 'Create an application'. Below this, there is a form titled 'Application Details' with four text input fields: 'Name', 'Description', 'Website', and 'Callback URL'. Each field has a small asterisk indicating it is required. Below each field is a small line of explanatory text. A large brown arrow points downwards from the bottom of the form, indicating the direction to scroll.

Application Management

Create an application

Application Details

Name *

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

Description *

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

Website *

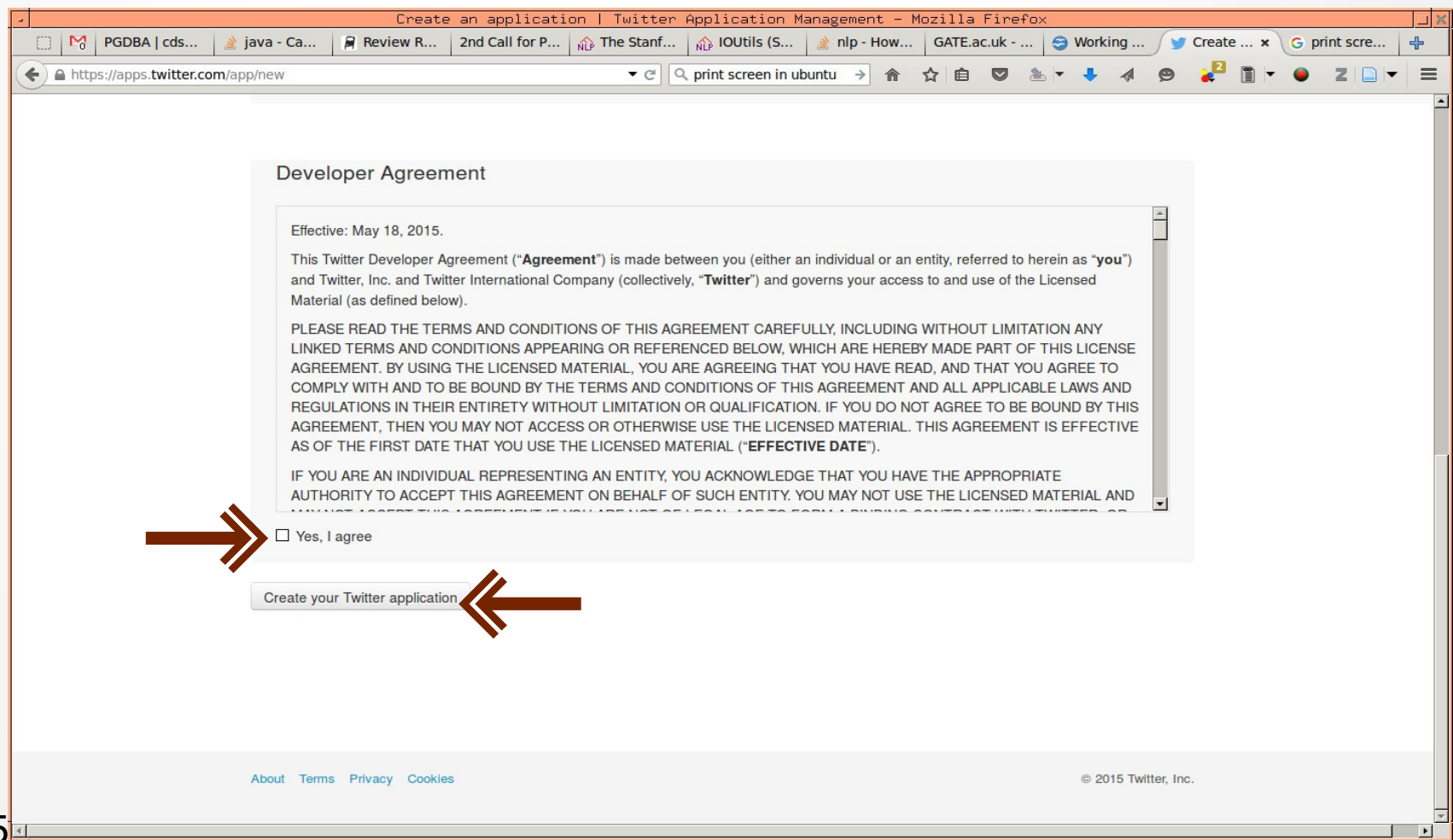
Your application's publicly accessible home page, where users can go to download, make use of, or find out more information about your application. This fully-qualified URL is used in the source attribution for tweets created by your application and will be shown in user-facing authorization screens.
(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.

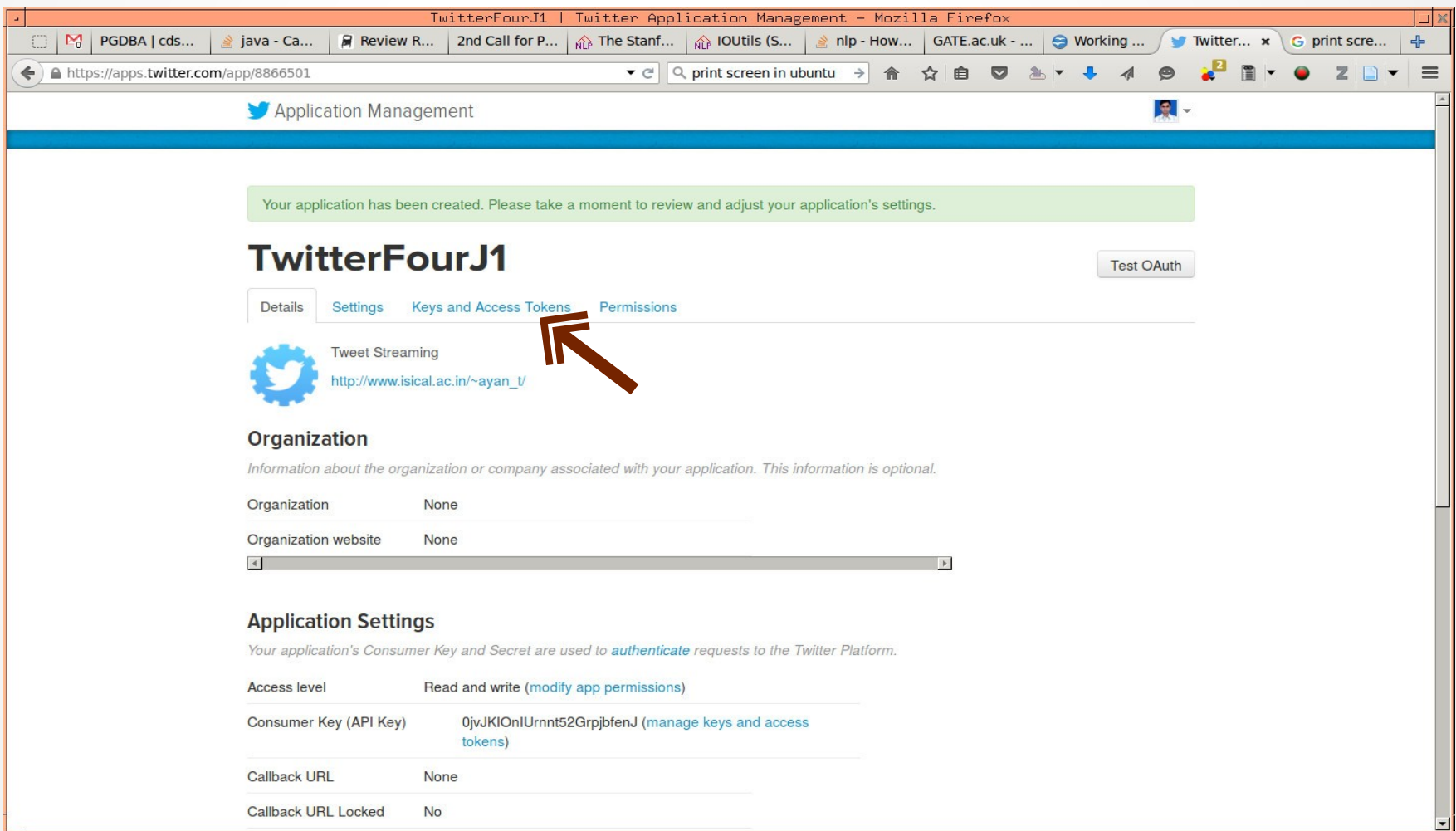
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- Agree to the license agreement and then Click “Create your Twitter Application” Button



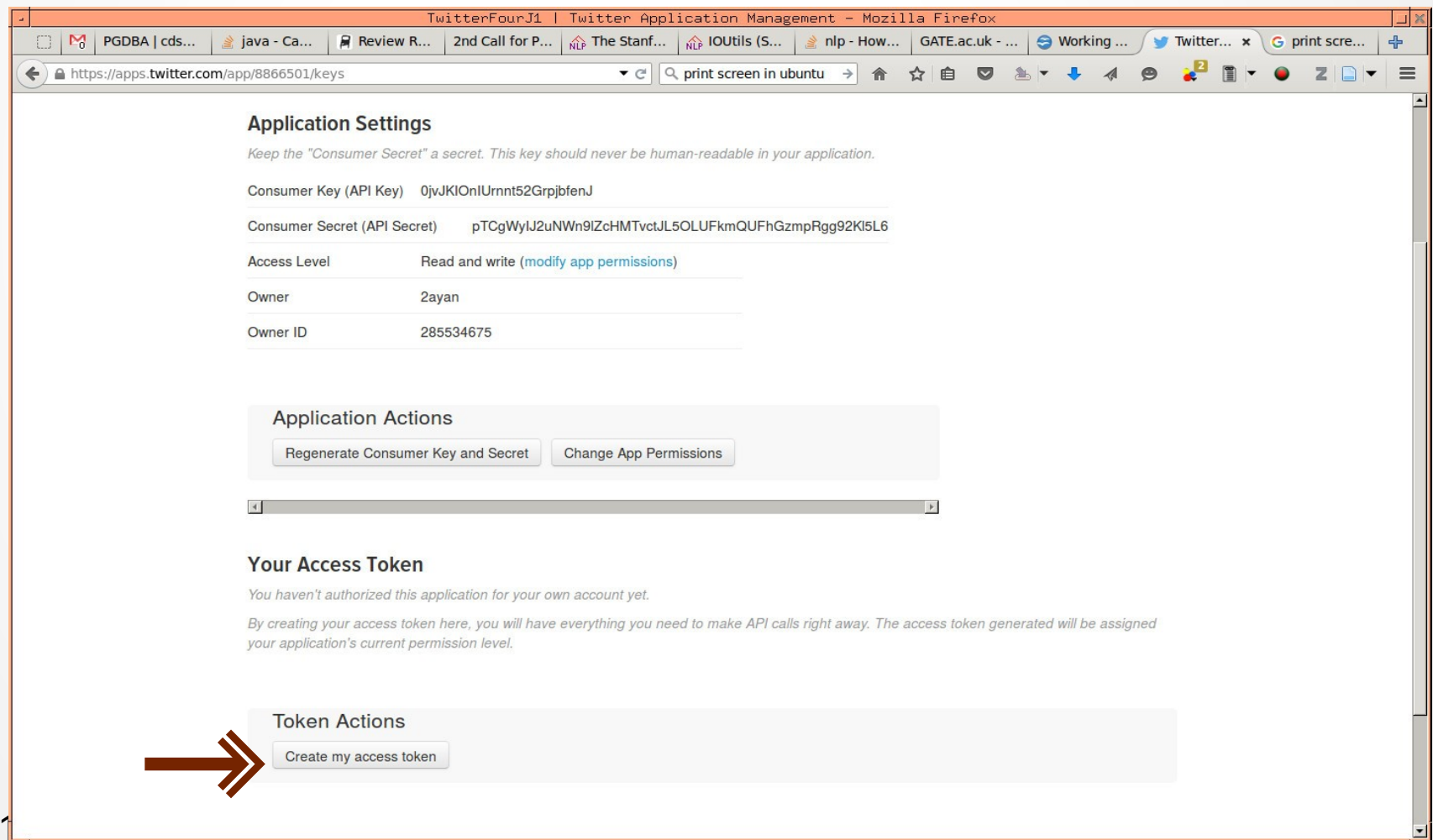
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- Click “Keys and Access Token” tab



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- Scroll down and Click on the “Create my Access Token” button



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- Finally you got the tokens.

The screenshot shows the Twitter Application Management interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The address bar displays `https://apps.twitter.com/app/8866501/keys`. The page is titled 'Application Settings' and includes a warning: 'Keep the "Consumer Secret" a secret. This key should never be human-readable in your application.'

Application Settings

Consumer Key (API Key)	0jvJKlOnlUrrnt52GrpjbfnJ
Consumer Secret (API Secret)	pTCgWylJ2uNWn9lZcHMTvctJL5OLUFkmQUFhGzmpRgg92KI5L6
Access Level	Read and write (modify app permissions)
Owner	2ayan
Owner ID	285534675

Application Actions

[Regenerate Consumer Key and Secret](#) [Change App Permissions](#)

Your Access Token

This access token can be used to make API requests on your own account's behalf. Do not share your access token secret with anyone.

Access Token	285534675- Glk47MPxTahFt9lpUeJKmU6wxzNASHXVQRZ4UMkS
Access Token Secret	X16NSSdLAK1VinP9DiBbn3voU7h73XFjQXSIW3zXcu8a
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- Save these Access tokens in the `init.properties` file
 - Create a file `init.properties` and save tokens in against the following four variables

`consumerKey=`

`consumerSecret=`

`accessToken=`

`accessSecret=`

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- Write Java code
 - Use methods, objects from the 2 Twitter4j jar files, + saved access tokens in your Java code

Downloading Tweet Streams

- You can use this project
 - Download zipped project from <https://goo.gl/2DPXXs>
 - Extract the project
 - `cd <Where_project_was_downloaded>`
 - `unzip TweetStream.zip`
 - If you want to use any integrated development environment (IDE)
 - Import project into IDE.
 - Add jar file into the project.

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- Import libraries and declare variables
- Read Access tokens from `init.properties`
- Configure Access tokens using `ConfigurationBuilder` object
- Configure `StatusListener` object
- Configure `TwitterStream` object
- Write the `main()` function
- Most frequent/possible problems

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- Import libraries and declare variables

```
import twitter4j.*;
```

```
import twitter4j.conf.*;
```

```
import java.io.*;
```

```
import java.util.*;
```

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- Declare four Access token variables. These variables will store access tokens

`String consumerKey;`

`String consumerSecret;`

`String accessToken;`

`String accessSecret;`

- And need to declare three more objects

`ConfigurationBuilder cb;`

`StatusListener listener;`

`TwitterStream twitterStream;`

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```
public void getValuesfromPropFile(String propFile) throws IOException {  
    prop = new Properties();  
    prop.load(new FileReader(propFile));  
  
    consumerKey = prop.getProperty("consumerKey");  
    consumerSecret = prop.getProperty("consumerSecret");  
    accessToken = prop.getProperty("accessToken");  
    accessSecret = prop.getProperty("accessSecret");  
}
```

`propFile` is the path to the `init.properties` file (e.g.).

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- Import libraries and declare variables ✓
- Read Access tokens from `init.properties` using java project ✓
- Configure Access tokens by `ConfigurationBuilder` object

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```
public void ConfigurationBuild() throws Exception {  
    cb = new ConfigurationBuilder();  
  
    cb.setDebugEnabled(true); //optional  
    cb.setJSONStoreEnabled(true);  
  
    cb.setOAuthConsumerKey(consumerKey);  
    cb.setOAuthConsumerSecret(consumerSecret);  
    cb.setOAuthAccessToken(accessToken);  
    cb.setOAuthAccessTokenSecret(accessSecret);  
}
```

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```
public void StatusListenerConfigure() {  
    listener = new StatusListener() {  
  
        @Override  
        public void onException(Exception arg0) {  
            // TODO Auto-generated method stub  
        }  
  
        @Override  
        public void  
onDeletionNotice(StatusDeletionNotice arg0) {  
            // TODO Auto-generated method stub  
  
        }  
  
        @Override  
        public void onStallWarning(StallWarning  
warning) {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
@Override  
    public void onScrubGeo(long arg0, long arg1)  
{  
        // TODO Auto-generated method stub  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void onTrackLimitationNotice(int arg0) {  
        // TODO Auto-generated method stub  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void onStatus(Status status) {  
        printStatus(status);  
    }  
  
};  
}
```

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```
private void printStatus(Status status) {  
    // to print Json format output.  
    System.err.println(TwitterObjectFactory.getRawJSON(status));  
}
```

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```
void listenToStream() throws Exception {
```

```
    myTwitterStream = new TwitterStreamFactory(cb.build()).getInstance();
```

```
    myTwitterStream.addListener(myListener);
```

// sample() method internally creates a thread which monitors myTwitterStream and calls the registered listener methods (myListener in this case) whenever a Tweet is received.

```
    myTwitterStream.sample();
```

```
}
```


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`main()` function is like ..

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    try {  
        TweetStream TS = new TweetStream();  
  
        TS.getValuesfromPropFile("/c/TwitterStream/etc/init.properties");  
        TS.ConfigurationBuild();  
        TS.StatusListenerConfigure();  
        TS.listenToStream();  
  
    } catch (Exception ex) {  
        ex.printStackTrace();  
    }  
}
```

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- Access token problem/tokens not valid

Try creating another set of access tokens

- Time out problem

Due to Internet speed and availability time out occurs.

In this case you have to do nothing but wait.

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- What is **JSON** format?
 - **JSON**, or **JavaScript Object Notation**, is a minimal, readable format for structuring data.
 - used primarily to transmit data between a server and web application.
 - alternative to XML.

Tweet Parsing (JSON format)

- Structure of JSON is represented as
 - **Key/Value Pair:** A key value pair follows a specific syntax, with the key followed by a colon followed by the value. Key/value pairs are comma separated.
 - **Key:** A key is always a string enclosed in quotation marks.
 - **Value:** A value can be a string, number, boolean expression, array, or object.
 - **Starts With:** "{"
 - **Ends With:** "}"
- Example

```
    {"collection" : {  
      "title" : "Blog",  
      "categories" : [ "Category-1", "Category-2" ]  
    }}
```

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- Sample JSON format tweet

```
{"in_reply_to_status_id_str":null,"in_reply_to_status_id":null,"created_at":"Wed Sep 30 09:47:45 +0000 2015","in_reply_to_user_id_str":null,  
.....  
"location":null,"profile_sidebar_fill_color":"DDEEF6","notifications":null}
```

Tweet Parsing (JSON format)

```
import twitter4j.JSONException;  
  
import twitter4j.JSONObject;  
  
public String parseJSON(String JSONstring2parse, String tag2search)  
throws JSONException  
{  
    JSONObject myJObject=new JSONObject(JSONstring2parse);  
    return myJObject.getString(tag2search);  
}
```

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