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Location-aware Twitter for the iPhone: Twinkle

I revived my twitter account a few days ago, when I discovered, that my preferred feedreader (Netnewswire) is capable of sending URLs to twitter with a single command. So I use twitter as a public clipboard again for links I do not want to put on del.icio.us. Yesterday I've found yet another really neat tool for my iPhone: Twinkle. Twinkle is a Twitter-client for the iPhone, but with a spin. You can add location information to your tweets (the messages in twitter). Resulting from this information you can query for tweets that were published by people near of you:

In the message entry dialog you can upload images and it let you choose if you want to add the location. As the iPhone has no GPS, I assume that the location is derived from the WLAN and GSM footprint at your location.

Okay, you can argue about the sense of Twitter, but given enough computing power and a good user interface at a mobile, services start to converge in an interesting manner, and Twinkle is an interesting example. You can download on your phone via Installer.app

PS: And think about that: 1995 - 13 years ago -nobody forecasted that sending 140 chars long messages in the GSM control channel would be such an roaring success.

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