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TWEET REPORTS

I could only manage to capture the last 100 tweets of the chat, even though the page generated at TwitterReports showed over 600 tweets. When I created the html doc, it would only do the first page, and there was no Next button to move to the next page. If anyone knows how to capture the complete chat, please share with the rest of the Twitter crew!

Freelance Friday #EFACHat: Friday, April 26: Time management Best Practices: Your favorite tools and software

- Statistics: 85 participants, 146 retweets, 378 @replies, and 0 links
- We had a lot of suggestions for different apps and software to help with time management. I can't wait to try them!
- Suggested topics for next month:
 - How to get someone *else* to manage your finances and find work for you
 - How to decide when it's time to subcontract and/or hire someone to train
 - How we can better mentor newbies
 - Finding direct clients
 - How to handle "Clients from Heck"

Ruth Thaler-Carter @WriterRuth5h

#EFACHat A5: Only "app" I know of 2 stay off the Internet is onself. Hv 2 turn off/step away from the 'puter, or develop great discipline.

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM5h

@ebrenner Pretty sure that makes you hipster, not old school. (Trying out the cool kid terms. #efachat

@ebrenner5h

@scieditorIM @AWingfieldSvcs I start work before the kids get up and when they're not home. Summers are brutal! #EFACHat

@ebrenner5h

@scieditorIM @AWingfieldSvcs We're all in bed by 8:30, 9:00 the latest. #EFACHat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner5h

@scieditorIM I'm going to put that in my Twitter bio: badass hipster. #EFACHat

Carol Terry @Carolcdt5h

#EFACHat A6: Use Excel to track things. Also use different slim notebook [reporter's notebook] for each project.

Shawn Wilson @shawnvw5h

A5: Keep off the internet? It's hard to work without it! #EFACHat

April Michelle Davis @EInspirations5h

@AWingfieldSvcs My son is on a strict schedule, which gives me my two working blocks each day. #EFACHat

@wirfy5h

When I do have paper, I use #Levenger #Circa system. 3-ring binders remind me of teaching days... #efachat

@AWingfieldSvcs5h

@ebrenner @scieditorIM: I'm NOT a morning person, so working after his bedtime is best. Even done some all-nighters. <yawn> #efachat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner5h

I do use Excel to track what's in, what's out, income (due, received, estimated using highlight colors. #EFACHat

James Fraleigh @jamesfraleigh5h

A5:At 1 job where I proof paper in the client's office, sans Net, I am ridiculously productive. #EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers5h

@shawnvw The Chrome plugin I use let's you ID specific sites (like FB to keep you off of. I need to start using it again! #EFACHat

Lisa L. Owens @LisaLOwens5h

@WriterRuth A5:I keep myself off when need be, too. But just remembering my Freedom app helps! #EFACHat

James Fraleigh @jamesfraleigh5h

A5:What I have done is to put my laptop in the kitchen, across the apt., & I check mail, social etc. during Pomodoro breaks.#EFAchat

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy5h

@Shawnvw: exactly...I need to be on the internet to do almost all of my work. Closing email and social media tabs helps. #efachat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM5h

A5: I don't use an app to prevent wasting time online, but I did name that folder of bookmarks "wasted" to make me think twice. #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner5h

Part of my job @Copyediting is social media. I try to use soc med time as breaks between projects. 10-15 min at a time. #EFACHat

Shawn Wilson @shawnvw5h

EFA: Let me know what that's called (although staying off of Facebook comes very naturally to me! #EFACHat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h

A5: Social media links are not in my "wasted" bookmarks list. Those are marked "networking" #efachat

@AWingfieldSvcs4h

@ebrenner @scieditorIM: Son & I visit relatives for sev. wks each summer, so they help out when I have to work. #thankful #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

But I'm not always successful, I admit. Though I track all that time! #EFACHat

Carol Terry @Carolcdt4h

#EFACHat A5: I use Marine Bells app on phone to prompt me to get up or allow a email/twitter break, which must end by the next bell :

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h

@ebrenner I use social media for breaks, too. But I wish I could remember to step outside now and again. #efachat

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h

Six kids grown and gone! 2 dogs, tho. I'm a VERY early riser. Dogs look at me and roll back over. LOVE early am. #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

@AWingfieldSvcs Sweet! Hubby works from home 3 days, which helps. As do summer camps, now that boys are older. #EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h

@shawnvw I will! Maybe I'll post to the yahoo list #EFACHat

Lisa L. Owens @LisaLOwens4h

@scieditorIM My dog helps me get outside, rain or shine! #EFACHat

Christine Hunt @ReasonableHope4h

@Carolcdt Marine Bells? What's that and where'd you get them? #EFACHat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

@scieditorIM It's about the time of year that I'll work on the deck part of the day. #EFACHat

James Fraleigh @jamesfraleigh4h

@ebrenner The apt. bldg. next door takes just about 5 min for me to walk around; perfect for a break in the big outdoors. #EFAChat

Amber Wingfield @AWingfieldSvcs4h

@ebrenner: Son will be doing 1 1-wk sports camp and 1 1-wk Lego camp this yr to help out. #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

I'd like to have larger breaks during the day, to take walks and the like, but I'd rather save my time for the kids.#EFAChat

Lisa L. Owens @LisaLOwens4h

@wirfy Love the early time, too. #EFAChat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h

Q7: Any suggestions for future chat topics? #EFAChat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

@ebrenner I wish I could work on the deck; hard to give up the multi-monitor setup! #EFAChat

Kate McCaffery @KateMcCaffery4h

Me too. RT @efafreelancers: Q5: So anyone with a good app for keeping off the internet? I'm weak... #EFAChat

Ruth Thaler-Carter @WriterRuth4h

#EFAchat A1: Tracking time even when not being pd by the hour is smart, cuz eventually you'll hv 2 assess how fast u work 4 other projects.

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h

A7: How to handle "Clients from Heck"... #efachat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h

@ebrenner I'm saving time for my kid now, while he still wants to spend time with me. I'll have all the time I want in 3 yrs. #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

@AWingfieldSvcs Older son will do a Lego camp, bible camp, & Boy Scout camp. Younger will do bible camp & Cub Scout camp. #EFAChat

Amber Wingfield @AWingfieldSvcs4h

A7: Finding direct clients. #efachat

Shawn Wilson @shawnvw4h

A7: How to get manager your finances and find work for you? Some of us don't *like* being their own boss #EFAChat

Carol Terry @Carolcddt4h

@ReasonableHope Bells used on board ships to note time/shifts passing. App on phone--will send link. "8 bells & all is well" #EFAChat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

A7: How to decide when it's time to subcontract and/or hire someone to train. #EFAChat

Christine Hunt @ReasonableHope4h

@scieditorIM "saving time ... all the time I want in 3 yrs" -- So very, very true.n #EFAChat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h

@KEbertWagner Oh, me too! I tried working outside last year: loved the sun & crickets, but missed my sick setup. #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

A7 How we can better mentor newbies? It's so important to growth. #EFAChat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

Yes! RT @KEbertWagner: A7: How to decide when its time to subcontract and/or hire someone to train.
#EFACHat ed by Erin Brenner

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h

A7: @AWingfieldSvcS What's a "direct client"? #efachat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

@scieditorIM "sick setup"--love it! #EFACHat

Ruth Thaler-Carter @WriterRuth4h

#EFAchat Good to know that colleagues use similar methods for tracking and organizing time!

Shawn Wilson @shawnvw4h

Sorry, typo: A7: How to get someone *else* to manage your finances and find work for you? Some of us dont' like being our own boss #EFACHat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h

MT @WriterRuth A1: Tracking time even when not pd/hour is smart, cuz eventually you hv 2 assess how fast u work 4 other projects. #efachat

Christine Hunt @ReasonableHope4h

@ebrenner These are some excellent suggestions in response of Q7. Thanks! #EFACHat

Amber Wingfield @AWingfieldSvcS4h

@Wirfy: Client you work for that does not come to you through an agency. #efachat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

@ebrenner This is so important! #EFACHat

@ebrenner4h

@scieditorIM @KEbertWagner I'll work part of the day outside, focusing on tasks that don't require as much equipment. #EFACHat

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h

@Shawnvw: there are plenty of part-time VAs you can hire... #efachat

Amber Wingfield @AWingfieldSvcS4h

@Wirfy: Sorry, it's probably used more in translation than editing/writing. #efachat

Lisa L. Owens @LisaLOWens4h

@ebrenner Love that topic idea. #EFACHat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

@ebrenner Working outside part of the day is a great idea. I'm going to try it; could be refreshing change.
#EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h

Nice ideas for next topic! Thanks! #EFACHat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h

@KEbertWagner I'm practising slang so I can talk to slash embarrass the heck out of teens I now. #efachat

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h

@AWingfieldSvcS: Thanks. I get all of my own clients--most via referrals and social media now. #efachat

@ebrenner4h

@LisaLOWens I get a lot of requests @Copyediting, and I know ACES does too. #EFACHat

Shawn Wilson @shawnvw4h

wirfy: Can a VA do my networking and social media for me?n #EFACHat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h

@scieditorIM "practising slang so I can talk to slash embarrass the heck out of teens": a lofty goal! :
#EFACHat

@LisaLOWens4h
@ebrenner I do, too, through our Seattle @EFAFreelancers chapter. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers4h
Thanks so much for joining us today for our Freelance Friday virtual #watercooler! #EFACHat

Amber Wingfield @AWingfieldSvcs4h
@ebrenner: I <3 copyediting. :-D #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h
@shawnvw Some will. I've looked at VAs but haven't taken the plunge. #EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h
So many great ideas! Can't wait to try them #EFACHat

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h
@shawnvw Yes. A VA does what you hire them to do. #efachat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h
@AWingfieldSvcs Thank you! #EFACHat

Kristen Ebert-Wagner @KEbertWagner4h
@EFAFreelancers Thank you, everyone! #EFACHat

Amber Wingfield @AWingfieldSvcs4h
@ebrenner: I <3 copyediting. :-D #EFACHat ed by Lisa L. Owens

Christine Hunt @ReasonableHope4h
@EFAFreelancers Thanks for moderating, Monica! #EFACHat

Shawn Wilson @shawnvw4h
@ebrenner If you're looking to mentor someone, I'm available! #EFACHat

Pam Hilliard Owens @wirfy4h
@EFAFreelancers: Thanks all! Talk to you next month! It's been great! #efachat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h
We hope that you all come away with helpful tips and ideas for improving your businesses. #EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h
A transcript of today's chat will be available on the EFA website. #EFACHat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h
@LisaLOWens Thanks, Lisa! #EFACHat

Adrienne Montgomerie @scieditorIM4h
Nice chatting with you all again. Thanks for letting me in. ; See you around the interwebs. Happy spring!
#efachat

Lisa L. Owens @LisaLOWens4h
Thanks for facilitating, @EFAFreelancers. Always a useful hour. #EFACHat

@TrnsformEditing4h
@AWingfieldSvcs @EFAFreelancers Another vote for this one. #EFACHat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h
@shawnvw More like I have people who would love mentors. I've got all I can handle right now. Sorry. :-(
#EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h
You're welcome everyone! Hope everybody enjoyed! #EFACHat

Erin Brenner @ebrenner4h

Glad I made it to one of these chats. They're full of great ideas. Thanks, all! #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers4h

It's 4:00 and time to wind down today's #EFACHat. Thank you to all of today's participants for sharing some great insights. #EFACHat

Christine Hunt @ReasonableHope4h

See you next month. Happy spring (finally arriving in the Midwest! #EFACHat

EFA International @EFAFreelancers4h

@ebrenner Glad it helped! #EFACHat

Lisa L. Owens @LisaLOwens4h

For those of you also on FB (I'm the admin, you can find EFA's page at <http://t.co/eFBQsTO6JR>. #EFACHat

@EFAFreelancers4h

Feel free to keep chatting with the #EFACHat hashtag, however the transcript of today's chat will be ending here. #EFACHat

Carol Terry @Carolc4h

@EFAFreelancers #EFACHat Thanks!

Carol Terry @Carolc4h

@ReasonableHope <https://t.co/J3Y6RZA1Do> Ships bells used for centuries to track duty shifts. You can get the hang of it quickly :#EFACHat

Christine Hunt @ReasonableHope4h

@Carolc4h Thanks! I'll check it out. #EFACHat

Maria M. Boyer @mmb0643h

Crud. I worked right through the #EFACHat. Will look forward to the transcript. Happy weekends, my fellow EFAers!

Joanne Haskins @joeditweet3h

Clever! MT @scieditorIM: I keep a to-do list at the top of the live file. Can't forget it when it's the 1st thing I see every time. #efachat