

Use HTTPS encryption connection when browsing the web

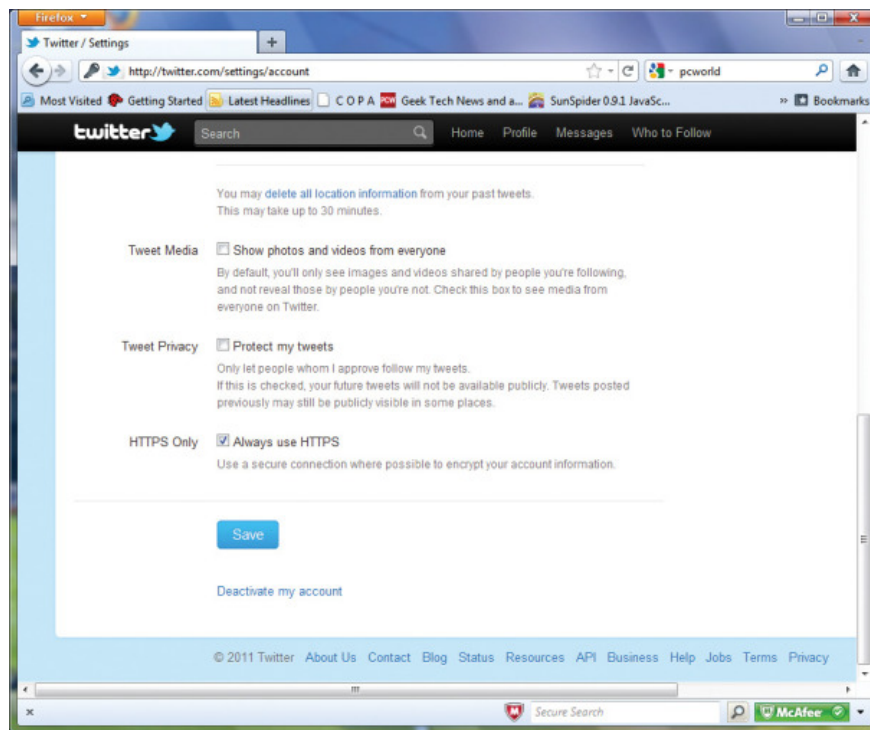
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When browsing the web, protect yourself by using HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) whenever possible. HTTPS will encrypt the connection between the computer and the websites you visit. Although HTTPS does not guarantee that a website is secure, it can prevent bad guys from attacking the network and increasing access to your accounts.

Many websites now use HTTPS by default: such as when buying a product online or logging in to an online bank, your browser will automatically connect to the website via HTTPS. However, you can also take one extra step of security for yourself by using HTTPS on other sites like Facebook, Twitter and Gmail.

To use Facebook's HTTPS feature, log in to Facebook and click *Account* in the upper right corner of the screen. Select *Account Settings* from the drop-down menu, search for 'Account Security' in the results page. Under 'Account Security', click *Change* , check the box next to *Browse Facebook on a secure connection (https) whenever possible* and click *Save* .



You can easily enable HTTPS on other sites like Twitter and Facebook and on services like Gmail to provide an extra level of security.

With Twitter, you first need to log in to your account. If you're using the new Twitter interface, click on your account name at the top right of the screen, then select *settings* . (If you still use the old interface, click the *Settings* link in the upper right corner of the window). From here, scroll down to the bottom of the page and check the box next to *Always use HTTPS* , then click *Save* .

To enable HTTPS on Gmail, log in to your account, click the device icon in the upper right corner, select *Mail Settings* from the drop-down menu. Next, under *Browser Connection*, select the button labeled *Always use https* . Once set up, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click *Save Changes* . In addition, to be able to learn more about Gmail security, you can see the Gmail Security Checklist of Google.

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