

# Basic terminology

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### What these terms mean

Conduit uses these terms for the main places where you browse, publish, and manage your account.

| Term      | What you use it for                                           |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feed      | The article list on Home                                      |
| Article   | Published content that you read, edit, comment on, and remove |
| Profile   | A person's posts and account identity                         |
| Favorites | Articles saved to a profile's favorites list                  |
| Editor    | The form where you enter or revise an Article                 |
| Settings  | The account form for profile details                          |
| Login     | The form for using an existing account                        |
| Register  | The form for creating an account                              |

| If you need to...                     | Go to                                                 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Choose your account branch            | <a href="#">Before you start</a>                      |
| Recognize a feed or tag state         | <a href="#">Find and recognize the feeds</a>          |
| Understand an Article or Editor       | <a href="#">Understand Article and Editor screens</a> |
| Use a Profile, Favorites, or Settings | <a href="#">Use Profile, Favorites, and Settings</a>  |
| Read an error message                 | <a href="#">When a message appears</a>                |
| See articles from everyone            | <a href="#">Find articles in feeds</a>                |
| See articles from followed profiles   | <a href="#">Find articles in feeds</a>                |
| Open an article by its tag            | <a href="#">Browse articles by tag</a>                |

| If you need to...                 | Go to                                             |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Write or revise an article        | <a href="#">Create and edit an article</a>        |
| Read an article and its comments  | <a href="#">Read an article</a>                   |
| Add a comment                     | <a href="#">Comment on an article</a>             |
| Save an article to your favorites | <a href="#">Favorite articles</a>                 |
| View a profile                    | <a href="#">View a profile</a>                    |
| See your posts or favorited posts | <a href="#">View my posts and favorited posts</a> |
| Change profile or account details | <a href="#">Update settings</a>                   |
| Leave the account                 | <a href="#">Sign out</a>                          |

Start with [Before you start](#) to choose the account branch that applies to you.

## Before you start

### Prerequisites

- Know whether you are signing in to an existing account or registering a new one.
- For Login, have the account's **Email** and **Password** ready.
- For Register, have a **Username**, **Email**, and **Password** ready.
- To use **Your Feed**, be signed in.
- To open Settings, be signed in.

The account form uses **Email** and **Password** on both Login and Register. **Username** appears

on Register. A form submission control is disabled while its form is invalid.

After you know the account branch, continue to Home to identify the feed you need.

## Find and recognize the feeds

### Prerequisites

- Open Home.

### Steps

1. Select **Global Feed** to browse the general article list.
2. If you are signed in, select **Your Feed** to browse the feed for profiles you follow.

3. Look under **Popular Tags** for links that open articles filtered by a tag.
4. While tags are loading, look for Loading tags... .
5. If loading finishes without tags, look for No tags are here... yet. .

**Result:** Home displays the selected feed, and the sidebar identifies the tag-list state.

From a feed, open an Article when you need to read or act on its content.

## Understand Article and Editor screens

The Editor contains these fields:

| You are entering...   | Use                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| The article heading   | <b>Article Title</b>                    |
| The short description | <b>What's this article about?</b>       |
| The article body      | <b>Write your article (in markdown)</b> |
| Tags for the article  | <b>Enter tags</b>                       |

### Prerequisites

- Open the Editor to create an article, or open an article you can modify to revise it.
- To comment, open an Article while signed in.

### Steps

1. Enter the article heading in **Article Title**.
2. Enter its short description in **What's this article about?**.
3. Enter the content in **Write your article (in markdown)**.
4. Enter a tag in **Enter tags**.
5. Press Enter in **Enter tags** to add the tag to the tag list.
6. Select the close icon next to a tag to remove that tag.
7. Select **Publish Article** to create or update the Article.
8. On an Article you can modify, select **Edit Article** to open its Editor.
9. On an Article you can modify, select **Delete Article** to remove it.
10. In the signed-in comment form, enter text in **Write a comment....**
11. Select **Post Comment** to add the comment.

**Result:** The Editor sends the article data, and a successful save opens the Article route.

The Article page shows the owner actions when you can modify that Article; other viewers receive follow and favorite controls instead.

## Sign in or register

### Prerequisites

- Open **Login** for an existing account or **Register** for a new account.

### Steps

1. Choose the form that matches your task:

| If you need to...       | Choose                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Use an existing account | <a href="#">Login</a>    |
| Create an account       | <a href="#">Register</a> |

2. Complete the fields and submit the selected form:

| Form     | Fields                                               | Submit         |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Login    | <b>Email</b> and <b>Password</b>                     | <b>Sign in</b> |
| Register | <b>Username</b> , <b>Email</b> , and <b>Password</b> | <b>Sign up</b> |

3. Switch forms when your task changes:

| If you are on... | Select                  |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Register         | <b>Have an account?</b> |
| Login            | <b>Need an account?</b> |

**Result:** The selected account form submits only when its required fields are valid.

## Use Profile, Favorites, and Settings

### Prerequisites

- Open a Profile.
- To change profile details, open the signed-in profile.

### Steps

1. Select **My Posts** to view the profile's articles.

2. Select **Favorited Posts** to view the profile's favorites.
3. On your own profile, select **Edit Profile Settings**.
4. Enter a profile-picture address in **URL of profile picture**.
5. Enter the account name in **Username**.
6. Enter a short biography in **Short bio about you**.
7. Enter the account email in **Email**.
8. Enter a new password in **New Password** when you are changing it.
9. Select **Update Settings**.
10. Select **Or click here to logout**. when you need to leave the account.

**Result:** Settings sends the profile form; after a successful update, the application opens the updated profile. Logging out uses the account's logout action.

## When a message appears

The application displays returned error entries in the error area for the screen. Each entry uses the returned key followed by its value.

Error text is rendered as `<key> <value>` for each returned error entry.

| What you see                           | What it concerns                 | What to do                                      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Failed to load article                 | The Article could not be loaded. | Return to the Article route later.              |
| Failed to load profile                 | The Profile could not be loaded. | Return to the Profile route later.              |
| <code>&lt;key&gt; &lt;value&gt;</code> | A returned error entry.          | Read the key and value shown in the error area. |

## Continue with a related task

Use [What is Conduit](#) for orientation, [Who uses Conduit](#) for audience information, and [What can you do with Conduit](#) for the product's capabilities. Use [System requirements](#) before access setup and [Getting help](#) when you need assistance.

For navigation and setup, continue with [Understanding the interface](#), [Navigation basics](#), [Personalizing your workspace](#),

or [Your first day](#). For loading and error handling, use [Authentication and loading messages](#), [Loading and unavailable states](#), [FAQ](#), [General error messages](#), or [Common issues and solutions](#).