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Use the home feed to choose a feed or tag, open an article, and reach a person's article lists. From those destinations, continue to article and profile tasks.

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Navigation connects the home page to **Your Feed**, **Global Feed**, tag links, article pages, and profile pages. The home route and the tag route open the home page; an article route opens the article page; and profile child routes display article lists.

If you need to...	Go to
Read articles from the feeds	Choose a feed or browse by tag
Filter the article list by a tag	Choose a feed or browse by tag or Browse articles by tag
Read an article	Open an article and choose an article task or Read an article
View a profile	Open a profile and switch profile lists or View a profile
Work with a profile's posts or favorites	View My Posts and Favorited Posts

Before you start

Prerequisites

- Know whether you are signed in. **Your Feed** appears for authenticated users.
- Have the tag, article, or profile destination you want to open. These destinations carry a tag, article slug, or username in their route.
- To add a comment from an article, use the authenticated comment form. When you are signed

out, the article offers **Sign in** or **sign up** instead.

Steps

1. Open the home feed.
2. Decide whether you need a feed, tag, article, or profile destination.

Result: You are on the home feed and know whether to choose a feed, tag, article, or profile destination.

Choose a feed or browse by tag

A feed is an article list selected by the feed tab; a tag is a link that takes you to an article list filtered by that tag.

Prerequisites

- Start on the home feed.
- To use **Your Feed**, be signed in.

Steps

1. Select one of these options:

If you need to...	Select
Read articles from users you follow	Your Feed
Read the global article list	Global Feed
Read articles grouped under a topic	A tag under Popular Tags

2. Confirm that the article list has loaded.
3. If you selected a tag, confirm that the tag appears as the active tab.

The home feed can show `Loading tags...` while tags load and `No tags are here... yet.` when

the loaded tag list is empty. The article list can show `Loading articles...` while articles load. An empty following list shows `Your feed is empty. Follow some users to see their articles here, or check out the Global Feed!` ; an empty article list shows `No articles are here... yet.`

Result: The selected feed or tag article list is on screen and ready for the next destination.

Open an article and choose an article task

An article destination is the page for reading an article and continuing to article tasks. It contains the article title, body, tags, comments, and article actions.

Prerequisites

- Start from an article list or another article link.
- To comment, be signed in; the signed-out article offers **Sign in** and **sign up**.

Steps

1. Select an article from the article list.
2. Choose the article task you need:

If you need to...	Select
Edit the article	Edit Article
Delete the article	Delete Article
Save or remove the article from your favorites	Favorite Article or Unfavorite Article
Write a comment	Write a comment...
Add the comment	Post Comment

3. If the article cannot load, look for `Failed to load article`.

Result: The article destination is on screen, or the selected article task has been opened.

Open a profile and switch profile lists

A profile destination displays a person's profile information and the article list associated with that profile.

Prerequisites

- Start from a profile link or a profile route.
- Have the username for the profile destination.

Steps

1. Open the profile destination.
2. Select one of these tabs:

If you need to...	Select
Read the profile's posts	My Posts
Read the profile's favorited posts	Favorited Posts

3. Confirm that the selected article list is displayed.

Result: The selected profile article list is on screen for the next navigation choice.

Choose the available navigation branch

Authentication and ownership determine which navigation controls appear on the home, article, and profile surfaces.

Prerequisites

- Know whether you are signed in.
- On an article or profile, know whether the displayed record belongs to you.

Steps

1. Select the control shown for your situation:

If you are...	Select
Signed in on the home feed	Your Feed
The article owner	Edit Article or Delete Article
Reading another person's article	Follow or Unfollow ; Favorite Article or Unfavorite Article
Signed in on an article	Write a comment... and Post Comment
Signed out on an article	Sign in or sign up
Viewing your own profile	Edit Profile Settings
Viewing another person's profile	Follow or Unfollow

Result: The controls for your authentication and ownership situation are on screen, and you can continue with the task that matches your situation.

When navigation content is missing or loading

Loading and empty messages tell you whether a list is still loading or has no items. An article-load message identifies an article that did not load.

Message	Meaning
Loading tags...	Tags are loading.
No tags are here... yet.	The loaded tag list is empty.
Loading articles...	Articles are loading.
Your feed is empty. Follow some users to see their articles here, or check out the Global Feed!	The following feed has no articles.
No articles are here... yet.	The article list has no articles.
Failed to load article	The article did not load.

Continue from the destination

Use the destination as the hand-off point to the task you want to complete.

After you reach...	Continue with...
A feed	Find articles in Your Feed and Global Feed
A tag list	Browse articles by tag
An article	Read an article , Comment on an article , or Favorite articles
Article actions	Article actions reference
An article workspace	Article workspace
A profile	View a profile , View My Posts and Favorited Posts , or Follow a user
A sign-in prompt	Sign in
A loading or unavailable message	Loading and unavailable states