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Settings is where you maintain your account details. A Profile is your personal page for information and articles; your own Profile provides access to Settings. Conduit is a social blogging site.

If you need to...	Go to
Find your personal fields and submit a change	Update settings
Decide whether to change personal details or a password	Change your password
Leave the account	Sign out
View a profile and its posts	View a profile

Before you start

You must be signed in to open Settings. The route redirects an unauthenticated visitor to `/login`.

Prerequisites

- Have the account whose personal details you want to maintain.
- Be signed in before opening Settings.
- To use **Edit Profile Settings**, open the profile that belongs to the signed-in account.
- To change a password, use the **New Password** field on Settings.

Find Settings and your profile

Open your own Profile when you need the editing route.

Prerequisites

- Be signed in.

Steps

1. Open `/settings` to go directly to Settings.
2. Open your profile from the account link in the header.
3. Select **Edit Profile Settings** on your own profile.

The **Edit Profile Settings** link appears when the loaded profile belongs to the current user. A profile that belongs to someone else shows **Follow** instead.

Result: You are on Settings, ready to review or change your personal details.

Understand the Settings screen

The Settings screen contains five personal fields for your profile picture, username, biography, email address, and new password. **New Password** has a required validator in the form configuration; the other four controls have no configured validator.

Field	What to enter
URL of profile picture	The URL for your profile picture
Username	Your username
Short bio about you	Your short biography
Email	Your email address
New Password	A new password

Select **Update Settings** to submit the form. Select **Or click here to logout.** to leave the account.

Result: You can identify each personal field and the action that submits or ends the session.

Update your personal settings

Updating personal settings changes the account details used by your Profile. The form starts

with the current user's data when that data is available.

Prerequisites

- Be signed in and on Settings.
- Have the new profile details ready.

Steps

1. Enter the profile-picture address in **URL of profile picture**.
2. Enter the account name in **Username**.
3. Enter the biography in **Short bio about you**.
4. Enter the email address in **Email**.
5. Enter a new password in **New Password** when you are changing it.
6. Select **Update Settings**.

When you leave **New Password** empty, the update request omits that value. While the update is being submitted, the form fields are disabled.

Result: After a successful update, the app opens the updated user's Profile.

Choose the personal change you need

Use Settings for changes to your own account. Use a Profile to view personal information;

Edit Profile Settings is available when the profile is yours.

Prerequisites

- Be signed in.
- Know whether you are changing profile details, changing a password, or viewing another profile.

Steps

1. Choose the route that matches your task:

If you need to...	Use this route
Change your picture, username, biography, or email	Settings
Change your password	New Password on Settings
View another person's personal information	Their Profile

If you need to...	Use this route
Edit your own profile	Edit Profile Settings

Result: You are using the personal surface that matches the change you want to make.

When an update goes wrong

The shared error area lists returned errors. Each entry is displayed as a key followed by its value, using the form `key value`.

What you see	What it means	What to do
<code>key value</code>	The page received an error entry from the operation.	Read the key and value, correct the related field, and submit Update Settings again.
<code>Failed to load profile</code>	The Profile request failed without an <code>errors</code> payload.	Return to the Profile route and try again.

`Failed to load profile` is used when profile loading fails without an `errors` payload.

Result: You know where the error appears and which action to try next.

Know what to do next

After you finish a personal-settings task, continue from the destination or choose the page for the next account task.

Steps

1. Choose your next action:

If you need to...	Choose
Continue after a successful update	Open the updated user's Profile
Complete the settings procedure	Open Update settings
Change only the password	Open Change your password
Leave the account	Select Or click here to logout. or open Sign out

Result: You are either on the updated Profile or at the dedicated page for your next account task.

