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What a profile contains

A profile is a public view of a user's basic information and the articles that user has created or favorited. Open it when you need to identify the user behind an article or review that user's article lists.

If you need to...	Go to
Find a profile from another part of the application	Navigation basics
Review the user's authored or favorited articles	View My Posts and Favorited Posts
Follow another user	Follow a user
Edit your own profile information	Update settings
Understand this profile screen	Understand the profile screen
Open one of the profile's article lists	Review a profile's article lists

Before you start

The profile page uses a username in its destination to load the corresponding profile. You need a profile link or another in-app route to the profile before you begin; do not replace the username with a value from a different profile.

Prerequisites

- You have an in-app link to the profile you want to open.
- You know whether you are reviewing your own profile or another user's profile, because the profile header offers different controls in those two cases.

Find and open a profile

An in-app profile destination opens the profile for the username carried by that destination.

Use this route when you need to review an existing user's information rather than enter new profile data.

Steps

1. In an article's byline, select the link that displays the author's username.
2. Confirm that the profile information appears.

Result: The Profile screen opens for the selected username.

Understand the profile screen

The profile screen identifies a user at the top and places that user's article list below the profile header. It provides the user's profile image, username, and bio, followed by the article list tabs **My Posts** and **Favorited Posts**.

The profile image appears above the username. The bio appears below the username; when no bio is available, the profile shows an empty bio paragraph. The article list appears below the tabs.

Area	What you use it for
Profile image	Recognize the profile visually.
Username	Confirm whose profile is open.
Bio	Read the user's short profile description.
Error area	Read a profile-load message when the profile cannot be loaded.
My Posts	Open articles created by the user whose profile is open.
Favorited Posts	Open articles favorited by the user whose profile is open.
Article list	Review the articles for the selected tab.

The profile view displays profile information and article lists. Profile editing belongs in [Update settings](#), rather than in the profile information area.

Review a profile's article lists

The profile's article lists let you switch between articles created by the user whose profile is open and articles that user has favorited.

Prerequisites

- The Profile screen is open.

Steps

1. Select the tab that matches what you want to review:

If you want to...	Select
Review articles created by the user whose profile is open	My Posts
Review articles favorited by the user whose profile is open	Favorited Posts

2. Review the article list below the tabs.

Result: The selected article list is displayed for the profile you opened.

Profile variations

The profile header changes according to whether the open profile belongs to you or to another user. This determines whether the header offers profile settings or a follow relationship control.

Profile you opened	Header option
Your own profile	Edit Profile Settings opens the settings page.
Another user's profile	A follow relationship control appears in the header.

On another user's profile, the control displays a follow or unfollow action according to the current relationship. Follow the dedicated [Follow a user](#) procedure for that task. On your own profile, use [Update settings](#) to edit your profile information.

When the profile cannot load

The profile page displays its error area above the profile information when loading fails.

What you see	What it means	What to do
Failed to load profile	The profile information did not load.	Return to the profile link and try opening the profile again.

What to do next

After reviewing the profile header, choose the next task from the profile's available destinations:

Condition	Next action or destination
You want to review articles created by the user whose profile is open	Select My Posts .
You want to review articles favorited by the user whose profile is open	Select Favorited Posts .
The profile belongs to you and you want to edit your profile information	Select Edit Profile Settings to continue in settings.
The profile belongs to another user and you want to manage the follow relationship	Continue with Follow a user .

For the two profile article-list destinations, see [View My Posts and Favorited Posts](#).

Result: You have a clear next destination for the profile task you want to complete.