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Conduit is a social blogging site where you can create, read, and manage articles; write and remove comments; favorite articles; and follow other users. Profiles show basic user information and lists of articles created by or favorited by the profile owner.

A feed is a list of articles gathered from the global list, the people you follow, or a tag. Comments add discussion to an article, favoriting selects an article for your favorited list, and following lets you use the following feed.

If you need to...	Go to
Choose a feed or browse tags	Find feeds, articles, and profiles
Enter, publish, edit, or remove an article	Create, edit, and remove articles
Choose the right article or profile path	Use the available article and profile paths
Understand the fields and areas on the main surfaces	Understand the main surfaces
Read an article	Read an article
Add a comment	Comment on an article
Favorite an article	Favorite articles
Follow another user	Follow a user
View a profile's article lists	View My Posts and Favorited Posts

Before you start

Authentication determines which paths and controls are available. The following-feed path requires authentication, and the article-writing route is protected. Article owner actions

appear only when the article belongs to the current user. Profile actions also change according to whether the profile belongs to the current user.

Prerequisites

- Know whether you need your following feed or the global feed.
- Sign in before using **Your Feed**, the Editor, or the signed-in comment form.
- To edit or delete an article, open an article that belongs to you.
- To edit your profile, open your own profile.

Find feeds, articles, and profiles

The Home surface is the starting point for article discovery. It offers **Global Feed**, the authenticated **Your Feed**, and **Popular Tags**.

Prerequisites

- Open Home at [/](#).

Steps

1. Choose the feed or discovery route that matches your goal.

If you need to...	Select or use...
Read the global article list	Global Feed
Read articles from people you follow	Your Feed
Filter the article list by a displayed tag	a tag under Popular Tags

2. Use the article list and its pagination to continue through the available articles.

Result: The Home surface shows the feed or tag-filtered article list you selected.

Understand the main surfaces

Conduit separates discovery, article writing, article reading, and profile work across four main surfaces. Home is the article-discovery surface. Editor is where you enter article content and tags. Article is where you read an article and use its owner or visitor actions. Profile contains user information, profile actions, and the **My Posts** and **Favorited Posts** tabs.

Surface	Use it for	Reader-facing fields or controls
Home	Find articles	Your Feed, Global Feed, Popular Tags

Surface	Use it for	Reader-facing fields or controls
Editor	Create or edit an article	Article Title , What's this article about? , Write your article (in markdown) , Enter tags , Publish Article
Article	Read an article and manage its available actions	Edit Article , Delete Article , Write a comment... , Post Comment
Profile	View profile information and article lists	Edit Profile Settings , My Posts , Favorited Posts

The Article and Profile surfaces also contain controls whose availability depends on ownership or authentication. The Home surface includes the article list as an embedded area rather than as a separate grid.

Create, edit, and remove articles

An article is the content you publish for other people to read. Use the Editor to enter its title, description, body, and tags; use the Article surface to edit or remove an article you own.

Publish or update an article

Prerequisites

- Sign in.
- For an update, open an article that belongs to you.

Steps

1. Choose the article task.

If you need to...	Select or open...
Create an article	the Editor at <code>/editor</code>
Update an article	Edit Article on an article you own

2. Enter the article title in **Article Title**.
3. Enter the article description in **What's this article about?**.
4. Enter the article body in **Write your article (in markdown)**.
5. Enter a tag in **Enter tags**.
6. Press Enter to add the tag.

7. Select **Publish Article**.

Result: The article is created or updated, and the app navigates to its Article surface.

Remove an article

Prerequisites

- Open an article that belongs to you.

Steps

1. Select **Delete Article**.

Result: The article is deleted and the app navigates to Home.

Use the available article and profile paths

The Article surface changes according to who owns the article and whether you are signed in. The Profile surface changes according to whether you are viewing your own profile or another user's profile.

Add a comment or reach the sign-in path

Prerequisites

- Open an Article surface.

Steps

1. Choose the path that matches your access.

If you are...	Use this path
Signed in and adding a comment	Enter text in Write a comment... , then select Post Comment
Signed out and want to comment	Select Sign in or sign up
The article owner	Use Edit Article or Delete Article
Viewing another user's article	Continue with Follow a user or Favorite articles

Result: The Article surface either provides the comment form, takes you to an authentication path, or provides the owner or visitor actions that apply to the article.

Open a profile list

Prerequisites

- Open a Profile surface.

Steps

1. Choose the action that matches your goal.

If you need to...	Select...
View the profile's created-article list	My Posts
View the profile's favorited-article list	Favorited Posts
Open Settings for your own profile	Edit Profile Settings

Result: The selected profile list opens, or Settings opens for your own profile.

When loading or submission fails

The Article and Profile surfaces have an error area for messages returned while loading

or submitting. The app provides these literal load fallbacks:

What you see	Meaning	Next step
Failed to load article	The Article load path returned an error without another message.	Return to the article path from the relevant focused article page.
Failed to load profile	The Profile load path returned an error without another message.	Return to the profile path from the relevant focused profile page.

Errors returned by the Article comment form are displayed in the same error area. The Editor also displays its returned errors above the form. Continue with [General error messages](#) when you need the application's broader error reference.

Continue with a focused task

Use the focused page that matches the next job:

Next job	Page
Sign in or create an account	Sign in or Create an account
Understand authentication and loading messages	Authentication and loading messages
Find articles in a feed	Find articles in Your Feed and Global Feed
Browse by tag	Browse articles by tag
Read or orient yourself on an article	Read an article or Article workspace
Create or edit an article	Create and edit an article
Comment, favorite, or use article actions	Comment on an article , Favorite articles , or Article actions reference
View or manage a profile	View a profile , View My Posts and Favorited Posts , or Follow a user
Update profile settings	Update settings
Handle loading or general errors	Loading and unavailable states , General error messages , or Common issues and solutions