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What Conduit is for

A profile is a user's basic information together with the user's authored or favorited articles.

Conduit lets you browse articles, follow users, and join article conversations through comments. The home page brings together tags and articles.

If you need to...	Go to
Browse the full article list	Find articles in feeds
Browse articles by a subject tag	Browse articles by tag
Open a user's information and article lists	View a profile
Review a user's authored or favorited articles	View my posts and favorited posts
Follow a user	Follow a user
Read an article	Read an article
Add a comment	Comment on an article
Mark an article as a favorite	Favorite articles

Before you start

Your account determines which feed and profile actions are available. **Your Feed** appears for an authenticated user. A profile's information and profile actions appear when the profile is available.

Before you start, use this checklist:

Check	What to have ready
Account	Sign in if you need Your Feed .
Content	Know whether you want the full article list, a tag-filtered list, or a user's profile.
Profile	Be ready to select an author's name beside an article.

Find people and content

Use the home screen to choose a feed or a tag, or select an author's name beside an article to open that author's profile. The home page lists articles pulled from the following feed, the global feed, or a tag.

Prerequisites

- You know whether you want all articles, articles from followed users, or articles under a tag.
- You can select an author's name beside an article to open the profile you want.

Steps

1. Select one destination from the table.

If you want to...	Select
Browse all articles	Global Feed
Browse articles from users you follow	Your Feed
Browse articles under a subject	the tag you need from the list beneath Popular Tags
Inspect an author's profile	the author's name beside the article you want to inspect

Result: The selected feed, tag list, or profile opens.

Understand the feed and profile surfaces

The feed surface combines feed choices, subject tags, and the article list. The profile surface

combines basic user information with two article-list choices: **My Posts** and **Favorited Posts**.

Surface	What you use it for
Popular Tags	Choose a subject tag for the article list.
Profile image	Recognize the displayed profile.
Username	Identify whose profile is open.
Bio	Read the displayed user's short description.
My Posts	Open the displayed user's authored article list.
Favorited Posts	Open the displayed user's favorited article list.
Error area	Read profile-loading errors when they appear.

Choose what to do with a profile

A profile gives you two article lists, and your own profile also offers **Edit Profile Settings**.

Prerequisites

- A profile is open and its information is available.

Steps

1. Select one profile destination from the table.

If you need to...	Select
Review the displayed user's authored articles	My Posts
Review the displayed user's favorited articles	Favorited Posts
Change your own profile information	Edit Profile Settings

To follow another user, continue to [Follow a user](#).

Result: The selected profile list or profile settings destination opens.

Choose the next content activity

The feed you choose answers a different reading need: the global list shows all available articles, the following list focuses on users you follow, and a tag list narrows articles to a subject.

Prerequisites

- You have opened the home feed or a profile article list.

Steps

1. Choose the content path that matches your goal.

If you need to...	Continue with
Read an article	Read an article
Discuss an article	Comment on an article
Mark an article as a favorite	Favorite articles
Follow the article's author	Follow a user

Result: The dedicated article or profile task is ready to continue.

When content is unavailable

The home screen has two tag-list states: it can show `Loading tags...` while tags are loading, or

`No tags are here... yet.` when the loaded list is empty. A profile also has an error area that appears when profile errors are present.

What you see	What to do
<code>Loading tags...</code>	Wait for the tag list to finish loading.
<code>No tags are here... yet.</code>	Continue with Global Feed or Your Feed , or open a profile.
The profile error area	Read the message shown there before trying the profile again.

Continue with the selected activity

After choosing a feed or profile list, continue with the page that owns the next activity:

Next activity	Continue with
Find articles in a feed	Find articles in feeds
Browse a subject tag	Browse articles by tag
Read article content	Read an article
Add a comment	Comment on an article
Favorite an article	Favorite articles

Next activity	Continue with
Follow a user	Follow a user
Review profile article lists	View my posts and favorited posts

The article list beneath a feed or profile leads to the relevant article or profile-list activity.